

First Circular, 51st NEAS Symposium

Greetings! The 51st Annual Northeast Algal Society Symposium will convene April 20-22, 2012 at SERC Institute at Schoodic Point, Acadia National Park, ME. Your co-conveners Jessie Muhlin and Karen Pelletreau are busy planning an exciting meeting and look forward to hosting a fun and memorable symposium.

The NEAS symposium will include a wide range of oral and poster presentations from many aspects of phycology. As always, the 2012 meeting will provide a relaxed and informal environment for students and professionals alike to meet with colleagues, exchange ideas and make new friends. Awards will be presented for outstanding posters and oral presentations prepared by undergraduate and graduate students. NEAS members take great pride in their commitment to student advancement, and extend an especially warm welcome to all students.

**Important Date!
Meeting registration,
abstracts, and book
awards submission are all
due
MARCH 9, 2012**

This year's theme is "**Getting the Message Out**": **gathering resources, exploring techniques and learning how to deliver scientific messages to broader audiences.** We are delighted to have **Dr. Nancy Knowlton, Sant Chair for Marine Science at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History (USA)** as our keynote speaker. We plan to provide a variety of activities and resources towards this theme and look forward to your contributions and participation. Check back soon for more details!

Venue Information



SERC Institute (<http://www.sercinstitute.org/>) offers an intimate and relaxed setting for our meeting, and provides participants with easy access to all meeting activities in nearby buildings. Presentations will be in the new Moore Auditorium. There is ample parking and housing on site and all meals, receptions, poster session, banquet and auction will take place on campus. Schoodic Point and the Schoodic National Scenic Byway provide plenty of sight-seeing and recreational opportunities for accompanying family members as well as convenient access to Acadia National Park on Mount Desert Island, ME.

Annual NEAS Auction

We encourage you to bring items to donate for the Society auctions (live and silent). These may include books, important reprints, phyco-art and other things phycological, as well as non-phycological items of value that will help raise funds for the students in our Society. Compromising photographs of fellow phycologists are particularly sought by the auctioneer! So now is the time to start thinking about such items. If you already know of items you'll be bringing, please send a list (and possible value for tax purposes) to NEAS auctioneer extraordinaire, Glen Thursby <Thursby.Glen@epamail.epa.gov>. Please bring your items to the development desk on Friday night (or early Saturday morning) of the NEAS weekend.

Student Book Awards

Students and post-docs will be able to compete for awards of a professional book pertinent to their program of phycological study. The 2nd circular will provide more details and application form. Information is also posted on the NEAS website <<http://www.e-neas.org/>>.

2nd Circular

The 2nd circular, with a call for abstracts and registration forms, will be sent in mid- January. It will include details for registration, abstract submission, room reservations, and information on prizes. Early questions about lodging or other aspects of the meeting should be addressed to **Jessie Muhlin** <jessica.muhlin@mma.edu> or **Karen Pelletreau** <karen.pelletreau@umit.maine.edu>.

See you soon!