

Second Circular



2016

Westfield State University, Westfield, MA.

The 55th Northeast Algal Symposium will convene April 22- 24th, 2016 at **Westfield State University, Westfield, MA** and will be hosted by Carl Grobe (Cgrobe@westfield.ma.edu) and Dale Holen (dah13@psu.edu). We look forward to another phylogenetically-filled series of talks, posters and informal conversations. We encourage all members and especially students to attend as it provides a great opportunity to converse with your friends and colleagues in a relaxed atmosphere. Awards will be presented for undergraduate and graduate posters and oral presentations. (See details below.)

Alternative Nutritional Strategies is this year's theme and we are honored to have Dr. Diane Stoecker (University of Maryland, Horn Point Laboratory) as our plenary speaker.

Registration Information:

Registration will be \$50.00 for students and retired members, and \$155.00 for professionals. The registration fee includes NEAS membership dues (\$30.00 for professionals and \$15.00 for students/retirees), the Friday evening reception, the Saturday banquet, symposium breaks and lunches on Saturday and Sunday. Extra banquet tickets for accompanying guests are available at the time of registration for \$25.00. For those who wish to register online please submit the online registration forms and payment at: www.e-neas.org (payment and registration must be made together online). For those who wish to register by mail please send the registration form and a check to:

Dale Holen
Penn State University
120 Ridge View Dr.
Dunmore, PA 18512 – 1699

Check should be made out to *North East Algal Society* with "NEAS 2016" noted on the memo line.

Abstract submission:

Abstracts for posters and oral presentations will be due **Friday March 25, 2016**. They should be typed in MS Word (Mac or PC), single-spaced, using 12 point Times font, with 1" margins on top and sides and must be **no longer than 325 words including the title, authors and affiliations**. For multi-author talks, please underline the presenting author.

Abstracts and submission form should be submitted as MS Word files **attached** to an email sent to northeastalgae@gmail.com with words "NEAS Abstract" in the subject line. All abstracts will have editorial review.

Example abstract:

STUDYING TROPICAL ALGAE TO JUSTIFY TRAVEL TO NICE LOCATIONS FOR RESEARCH. Craig Schneider¹ & Gary Saunders². ¹Biology, Trinity College, Hartford, CT, 06106, U.S.A.; ²Centre for Environmental & Molecular Algal Research, Biology, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB E3B 5A3, Canada.

A recent survey of aging faculty revealed a stunning trend, suggesting that those studying tropical algae were more excited about fieldwork than those working in polar regions...

Oral & Poster Presentations:

Oral presentations are scheduled for 12 minutes with 3 minutes of Q&A. Please be certain that your talk is properly timed so that the program can stay on schedule. Moderators will be asked to cut your question period short should the talk exceed 12 minutes. A pc computer will be provided to run MS PowerPoint presentations. It will also contain Adobe Acrobat if needed. Bring your file on a USB drive and present it to the session moderator for loading prior to the session in which you will be speaking. No personal computers may be used for presentations. Posters should be no larger than 40" high x 34" wide. NEAS will supply the poster mounts and pins to affix them.

Undergraduate & Graduate Presentation Awards:

Undergraduate students can compete for the NEAS President's Award for the best oral presentation or poster, and graduate students for the Robert T. Wilce (oral) and Francis R. Trainor (poster) Awards for presentation and poster. The students will be evaluated by at least three judges for their clarity of presentation, originality of research, experimental design and methods, data presentation and interpretation. Please check (✓) on the abstract form (following) if you intend to compete for an award.

Housing information:

Blocks of rooms are available at the Holiday Inn Express in Westfield and the Hampton Inn in West Springfield. Rates are \$99 per night at the Holiday Inn Express, and \$109 per night at the Hampton Inn (plus tax). Reservations should be made by contacting the Holiday Inn Express (413-564-6900; fax 413-564-6904) or Hampton Inn (413-732-1300; fax 413-732-9883) and indicating that you are attending NEAS. Both hotels offer complimentary continental breakfast and free parking. The Holiday Inn Express is approximately 4.5 miles (estimated 16 min drive) from the meeting venue. The Hampton Inn is approximately 12 miles (22-28 min drive, depending on your route) from the meeting venue

Venue Information:

The meeting will take place in the Scanlon Banquet Hall on the campus of Westfield State University (Westfield, MA). Parking on campus is unrestricted during evenings and on weekends. Westfield is easily accessible from I-90 (from the E or W) or I-91 (from the N or S). Bradley International Airport (in Windsor Locks, CT) is the closest commercial airport, and approximately a 45 min drive from the campus.

Student Book Awards:

Students and post-docs are encouraged to apply for the annual society book awards for books in their field of phylogenetic study. The application procedure (or details) can be found in the attached document or on the NEAS website. Applications are due March 1st.

Student Travel Awards:

Students are encouraged to apply for a student travel award of up to \$100.00 offered by the NEAS Student Development Fund. A maximum of 25 awards will be given to offset the travel and registration costs of attending this meeting. The application procedure (or details) can be found in the attached document or on the NEAS website. Applications are due by March 10th.

Student Research Grants:

The Northeast Algal Society Development Committee is pleased to announce its small grants program to facilitate undergraduate and graduate student research, recognizing that small amounts of support can be critical to the success of a project. Funding in the amount of up to \$500 per grant is provided through monies raised by the Development Committee and through the establishment of the Ron Hoham NEAS Undergraduate Research Grant. Application for funding to support both undergraduate and graduate student research can be made through a unified application attached to this circular or visit the NEAS website. The deadline for all materials is March 18, 2016

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 phylogenetic, as well as non-phylogenetic items of value that will help raise funds for the students in our Society. Compromising photographs of fellow phylogenists are particularly sought by the auctioneer! So now is the time to start thinking about such items. If you already know of some items you'll be bringing, please send a list (and possible value for tax purposes) to northeastalgae@gmail.com. We will ask you to bring your items to the registration desk on Friday night (or early Saturday morning) of the NEAS weekend.

Call for nominations: The following NEAS Officer positions will become vacant in 2016 and need to be filled by election during the NEAS meeting, April 22th -24th, 2016.

- Secretary: 2016-2020
- Chair Elect for Nominations Committee 2016-2018
- Member at Large 2016-2018

Please submit nominations to Sarah Redmond (sarah.redmond@maine.edu) or Molly Letsch (letschmr@lemoyne.edu) with "NEAS nomination" in the subject line.

NEAS REGISTRATION FORM

For those who wish to register by mail please send this registration form and a check to:

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 Penn State University
 120 Ridge View Dr.
 Dunmore, PA 18512-1699

Please fill in the information below as you wish for it to appear in the membership directory.

Name*	
Institution	
City	
State/Province	
Country	
E-mail	
Phone #	
Status	Student <input type="checkbox"/> Retiree <input type="checkbox"/> Professional <input type="checkbox"/> Vendor <input type="checkbox"/>

**as you would like it to appear on your name badge*

Meeting Registration: (\$50 student / \$50 emeritus / \$155 professional)..... \$ _____

Includes membership dues, attendance at welcome reception, all sessions PLUS meals, Saturday mixer, breaks, and banquet

NEAS Companion Ticket: (\$35)..... \$ _____

Includes attendance at welcome reception, all meals and the Saturday Banquet.

Extra Banquet Ticket (no regular meals): (\$25.00)..... \$ _____

Donation to the Barry Colt Student Development Fund.....\$ _____

T-shirt Costs (\$12 each): (see details below)..... \$ _____

Coffee Mug Costs (\$10 each): (see details below)..... \$ _____

Total Amount Due: \$ _____

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Online Registration: *To register online please use the link on our website (www.e-neas.org/). If you are registering online you must pay by PayPal or Credit card.*

The Saturday evening dinner will be buffet-style. A vegetarian and vegan entrée will be available. Please indicate any dietary restrictions/allergies:

Gluten Free Dairy Free

Other (please describe):

Presentations and Judging: Please indicate if you are willing to judge in the following categories.

Poster Presentation Oral Presentation No Preference

Moderators: Are you willing to be a moderator for any of the sessions at NEAS-2106?

Meeting T-shirts: This year's NEAS logo will be available on short-sleeve shirts, **Men's and women's style are available.**

Item	Indicate Quantity					Total # Shirts	Total Cost
	S	M	L	XL	XXL		
Men's Short Sleeve T-Shirt (\$12 each)							
Women's Short Sleeve T-Shirt (\$12 each)							

Meeting Coffee Mugs: This year's NEAS logo, will be available on a limited amount of Coffee Mugs and **MUST** be pre-ordered here.

Item	Total # Mugs	Total Cost
Coffee Mug (\$10 each)		

NEAS ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM

Due Date: Friday, March 25, 2016

Submit to: northeastalgae@gmail.com

Presenter's Name: _____

Institution: _____

Department: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Country: _____ Phone #: _____ Email: _____

- Preferred presentation category: Oral _____ Poster _____
- Are you willing to prepare a poster if all the oral slots are filled? Y _____ N _____

Oral presentations will be delivered using PowerPoint. Bring your (.pptx or .ppt formatted) file on a USB drive and present it to the moderator for loading prior to the session in which you speak. Personal computers cannot be used for presentations.

For students only:

a) Would you like to compete for one of the awards listed below?

_____ The NEAS President's Award (undergraduate poster or oral presentation)

_____ The Robert T. Wilce Student Paper Award (graduate oral presentation)

_____ The Francis R. Trainor Poster Award (graduate poster)

b) If yes, list the name of your major professor: _____

For multi-author talks, please underline the presenting author. All abstracts will have editorial review and should be limited to 325 words or less.

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