



A Conference Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Natural Reserve System



October 2, 2015

University of California Santa Barbara

Call for Contributed Posters

Call Open: August 10, 2015 – September 13, 2015

We invite submission of abstracts for contributed poster presentations at the half-day conference in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Natural Reserve System to be held October 2, 2013 at the Bren School, University of California, Santa Barbara.

The goal of this Conference is to showcase the rich activities at UCSB Natural Reserves, and in doing so to educate about the NRS broadly across the UCSB campus, the NRS, and the wider community of NRS friends, donors, and affiliates. We envision that researchers already working at the Reserves, researchers considering the Reserves as study sites, newcomers to the NRS and the general public will have the opportunity to discover the richness of the NRS across its roles in research, education, and outreach.

We welcome submissions from researchers who are currently conducting or have conducted research projects at one of the seven UCSB natural reserves, and particularly encourage graduate and undergraduate students to submit. We also welcome submissions from agencies, non-profits and other affiliates working on research, conservation and/or education projects that impact reserves or are associated with joint management activities on or adjacent to reserve sites.

The Conference program will be held October 2, 2015 from 1:30 pm to 5pm with a reception from 5 pm to 6 pm. The program will start with an invited talk followed by a 1 ½ hr. poster session and a final invited talk.

Submission Information

The deadline for submissions is September 13, 2015.

To encourage broad participation, each person is allowed to submit only one abstract where they are listed as presenting author. A person may serve as a non-presenting coauthor on several abstracts.

A. Guidelines for Poster Presentations

- Posters will be displayed from 1:30 pm to 6 pm in the Bren school courtyard and an adjacent lecture room.
- The formal poster session will from 2:30 pm to 4 pm. Presenting authors should remain by their posters for discussions during this session.

- **The maximum dimensions of the poster boards are 5 ft. wide x 3 1/2 feet tall.** These are maximum dimensions for each poster; there is no width x height requirement except that the poster fits on the board.
- Pushpins will be supplied and are the only method for attaching the poster to the board.
- Poster presenters may not use audio-visual equipment.

B. Abstract Submission Guidelines

- Email abstracts to Sue Swarbrick (nrs-director@ucsb.edu) by September 13, 2015.
- Email must include name, affiliation (if UCSB include Department), day-time phone number and email address of submitting author. This information is required for the NRS to respond to your submission. The abstract must be attached to the email containing the above information.
- Abstracts must be submitted in a Word document (.doc or .docx).
- Abstracts must be named: **Poster_LastName_FirstName.doc**
- Please format your abstract exactly like the following example:

Abstract format:

TITLE OF POSTER

Smith, A.B.^{1*}, Jones C.D.², and Black, H.R.³

1. University of California Santa Barbara, 2. The Nature Conservancy, 3. U.S. Geographical Survey

Text of abstract – word limit is **250 words or less**. The abstract should include information on background, questions, methods, results and conclusions of your project.

Formatting guidelines:

TITLE: your title should be ALL CAPS and **bold** text with 130 characters maximum, including spaces.

Author names: Last name, First and Middle Initial. Include a number (in superscript) following each author's name to identify their affiliation. Include an asterisk next to the name of the author that will be presenting the poster at the conference.

Affiliations: Italicize the affiliations and include numbers in front of each to identify the affiliation of each author.

C. Abstract Notifications:

- Be sure to double-check your email address for typos when submitting your abstract. Your email address will be the only way we can notify you about your submission.
- Notification of Acceptance: You will be notified of acceptance or rejection of your abstract via e-mail by September 15, 2015.
- Accepted abstracts will be posted on line on the UCSB NRS website (www.nrs.ucsb.edu).