



Call for Papers & Posters

Guidelines

Non-Plenary oral presentations may not exceed 15 minutes, with 5 additional minutes for questions. Posters may not exceed 46" x 46" (120 cm x 120 cm). Submission of abstracts for all sessions of AMS 2004 will be received by **e-mail only** as attached MS Word files.

Instructions

1. The abstract may not exceed 250 words or contain figures or literature citations.
2. Compose your abstract in MS Word using the Times New Roman 10 pt. font. Employ a 1 inch (2.5 cm) margin on the left and a 3 inch (7.5 cm) margin on the right. The title should be in **bold**, and scientific names should be *italicized*. The title, authors, and affiliations should be centered, and the body of the abstract fully justified. Do not indent anywhere. In cases of multiple authorship, include an e-mail address for the corresponding author only. **The file name should be the surname of the submitting author.** An example is given below.
3. Compose an e-mail to shell@shellmuseum.org and cc it to tina@shellmuseum.org. If you wish to be considered for the student competition (see below for details), you should also cc the message to Roland.Anderson@ci.seattle.wa.us. If your paper is intended for one of the symposia or special sessions, please cc the message to the appropriate organizer (see meeting web page www.shellmuseum.org/AMS/symposium.htm for details). In the text of the e-mail message, please answer these following questions:
 - Which type of presentation (oral or poster)?
 - Would you be willing to chair a session?
 - Do you wish to be considered for a student award (see restrictions below)?
 - If so, are you an undergraduate, M.Sc. student or Ph.D. student?

Oral Presentations Only

- Is this a contributed (general session) paper or a symposium/special session paper?
 - What audio-visual resources will you require?
 - Do you have a preference for a particular day/time. If so, please justify.
4. Attach the MS Word file of your abstract to the e-mail message
 5. Send the e-mail prior to the **April 15th** deadline. You should receive a confirmatory response within 1-2 days.

Special Note to Students

To be eligible for a student award, you must be the sole author of your paper or poster. If this issue is problematic, contact me (jleal@shellmuseum.org) and I will be glad to discuss this prerequisite at length with your academic advisor. You must be a student AMS member in good standing, and either currently enrolled in a degree-granting academic program, or a 2004 graduate.

Example Abstract

Invasion of the Clonal Clams: *Corbicula* in the New World

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Unknown In the New World prior to 1924, the exotic bivalve *Corbicula* now ranges from Michigan to Patagonia and is one of the most common freshwater mollusks in the Americas. Michigan populations are composed of a triploid lineage which shares a distinct shell morphotype, mitochondrial (mt) haplotype and nuclear ribosomal genotype with New World populations spanning a remarkable 85° of latitude and incorporating temperate, subtropical and tropical watersheds. Two additional mt and nuclear ribosomal *Corbicula* lineages were detected in a minority of New World populations and all three exotics produce biflagellate sperm, a morphological marker for clonality in this clam taxon. *Corbicula* is but one of hundreds of recent New World freshwater exotics and its extraordinarily rapid bicontinental spread may well be a portent of things to come. We anticipate that over the next decades, many other New World freshwater exotics will gradually attain extensive bicontinental distributions.