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Call for Presentations – Deadline April 15, 2016

37th Annual Indiana Water Resources Association Symposium

“Evaluating the Restoration of Indiana’s Water Resources”

June 8-10, 2016

Pokagon State Park, Angola, Indiana

Symposium Overview

The 37th Annual IWRA Spring Symposium will be held June 8-10 at the Potawatomi Inn in Angola. The theme of this year’s symposium is *“Evaluating the Restoration of Indiana’s Water Resources.”* The primary focus will be on assessing improvements to water quality and ecosystem health that have resulted from changes in land or water management. Related topics include water-quality assessments; trend-analysis methods and studies; research on the implementation and efficacy of agricultural best management practices; and improvements in the monitoring and assessment of water resources.

IWRA is particularly effective in bringing together professionals and students from a variety of water resources and related disciplines and provides a relaxed forum for presentation and discussion. To that end, **presentations on any topic concerning water resources research, assessment, planning, management, protection, development, or education are solicited.** Student poster presentations are particularly encouraged and students receive financial support to present (see Student Scholarships). **We plan to select one of our student presenters to present at the AWRA National Conference in Orlando, Florida, November 13-17, 2016.** The cost of presenting will be covered by the IWRA Student Scholarship Fund. Presentations are not required to be original material, and we welcome presentations given previously to other organizations.

Abstract Submission

Abstracts for both oral presentations and posters are encouraged. Abstracts should be submitted via email to Joe Schmees (jschmees@idem.IN.gov) and Jeff Martin (jdmartin@usgs.gov). Please use the subject line “2016 IWRA Abstract.” Abstracts should be in Microsoft Word or Adobe Portable Document formats, should not exceed one page, and should include:

- A description of the issue or problem, the methods or approach, results, and implications for water-resources research or management.

- The title, author(s), and affiliations. Please include contact information (email and telephone) for the presenting author. Please indicate if the presenting author is a student.

Your transmittal email should indicate if the abstract is for an oral presentation or a student poster.

The deadline for submitting an abstract is April 15, 2016.

Symposium Registration Fees

All non-student presenters are expected to pay the symposium registration fee. If your employing organization cannot or will not pay the registration fee please contact Joe or Jeff and we'll try to work something out. Registration fees have not yet been determined but are expected to be approximately \$100 and include one or more meals. Information on registration fees, lodging, and other details will be provided in early May in the symposium announcement and at the IWRA web site <http://iwra.info>. Students are eligible for a reduced registration fee. Student presenters will have their registration fees paid by IWRA.

Student Scholarships:

IWRA especially values student presentations and sponsors a Student Scholarship Fund designed to cover all reasonable student expenses for attending and presenting a poster at the Spring Symposium. All student-submitted abstracts will be considered for a scholarship. Please contact Kathleen Fowler 317-290-3333 ext. 137 or kkfowler@usgs.gov if you have questions concerning student scholarships.

Schedule for Abstract Submission, Acceptance, and Presentations

- April 15, 2016 - Deadline for abstract submissions
- April 22, 2016 - Notification of abstract acceptance
- June 8-10, 2016 - 37th IWRA Symposium

The Indiana Water Resources Association

The Indiana Water Resources Association (IWRA) was founded in 1979 as a state section of the American Water Resources Association (AWRA, <http://www.awra.org/>) to promote water resources research, education, and communication in Indiana. The IWRA is an organization of several hundred professionals and students working in all aspects of water resources. Its members include scientists, engineers, technicians, environmental health specialists, regulators, educators, lawyers, policy makers, and students from government, universities, industry, consulting firms, and other water-related groups. One of the main goals of IWRA is to facilitate communication and the exchange of information within the water-resources community of Indiana. **Please view our conferences as an opportunity to present your work, in a relatively informal atmosphere, to Indiana's water-resource professionals.** Because many of our members do not regularly attend national meetings, we encourage you to present papers that you may have given previously at national or regional professional meetings.

Further Information:

For further information about the IWRA 2016 Water Resources Symposium please contact IWRA President Joe Schmees, jschmees@idem.IN.gov, 317-308-3194. Additional information concerning IWRA is located at the Indiana Water Resources Association website: <http://iwra.info>