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Call for Presentations – Deadline May 17, 2017

38th Annual Indiana Water Resources Association Symposium

“Threats To and From Indiana’s Water Resources”

June 28-30, 2017

Turkey Run State Park, Marshall, Indiana

Symposium Overview

The 38th Annual IWRA Spring Symposium will be held June 28-30 at the Turkey Run Inn in Marshall. The theme of the symposium is *“Threats To and From Indiana’s Water Resources.”*

The 2017 symposium committee is seeking oral presentations on a wide range of topics including: **Infrastructure:** Public water supply, treatment, distribution, sewage treatment, CSO's, lead pipes, and lead in domestic drinking water (Flint issues). **Public Health and Safety:** Floods, dams and levees, infrastructure failures, toxic algae blooms, arsenic, mercury, and other water contaminants. **Water Supply:** Droughts, status of surface-water and groundwater resources, spills, contamination, and other threats. **Energy Production:** Fracking, mining, emissions, mercury. **Ecosystem Health:** Invasive or endangered species, sedimentation, pollution. **Climate Change:** Effects on agriculture, floods, droughts, water supply, public health, and research needs.

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 presentations are particularly encouraged, and students receive financial support to present (see Student Scholarships). 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 previously given to other organizations.**

Abstract Submission

Abstracts should be submitted via email to Jeff Martin (jdmartin@usgs.gov). **Please use the subject line “2017 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.

The deadline for submitting an abstract is **May 17, 2017**.

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 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 website <http://iwra.info>. Students are eligible for a reduced registration fee. Student presenters will have their travel, lodging, and registration fees paid by IWRA.

Student Scholarships

IWRA especially values student presentations and sponsors a Student Scholarship Fund designed to cover student expenses for attending and presenting at the Spring Symposium. Please contact Jeff Martin, jdmartin@usgs.gov, 317-600-2748 if you have questions concerning student scholarships.

Schedule for Abstract Submission, Acceptance, and Presentations

- May 17, 2017 - Deadline for abstract submissions
- May 24, 2017 - Notification of abstract acceptance
- June 28-30, 2017 - 38th 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 2017 IWRA Symposium, please contact IWRA President Jeff Martin, jdmartin@usgs.gov, 317-600-2748. Additional information concerning IWRA is located at the Indiana Water Resources Association website: <http://iwra.info>