

Student Activities at the AFS 2010 Meeting

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Welcome

In staying true to the AFS 2010 theme of “Merging our Deeper Currents” and Pittsburgh’s rich history as the “melting pot” of the Nation, we welcome students to a week mixed full of professional interaction, academia, fun, and opportunity. Exactly what we feel a conference should be! This year’s conference aims to encourage student/professional mentoring and interaction throughout the week commencing with our “Student-Mentor Happy Hour” which will be held Monday night during the Trade Show Social. Tuesday will be a day dedicated to student development and involvement. Tuesday afternoon will consist of the Student Colloquium and Career Fair. The Student Colloquium offers students the opportunity to attend and engage in interactive presentations and discussions with fisheries professionals. To put all of the professional development to



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the test after colloquium, students will have an opportunity to attend a career fair and interact with fisheries professionals and potential employers. Finally, after a busy day of presentations and professional interaction, it will be time to let loose with fellow students and set sail on Pittsburgh’s three rivers aboard the riverboat Empress of

the Gateway Clipper Fleet. Although the initial student-mentor interaction begins at the Trade Show Social, fisheries professionals that are “mentors” will be identified throughout the

conference by a sticker on their name tag. We encourage students to interact and network with these individuals during the many opportunities that will be provided throughout the week while we work toward our goal of merging our deeper currents. Welcome to Pittsburgh!

Student-Mentor Happy Hour

What better way to kick off a week of networking than with a Happy Hour? To facilitate student mentor interaction during this meeting, mentors will check in at the “Student-Mentor Happy Hour” booth during the Trade Show Social and be provided with raffle tickets. While enjoying the exhibits, food, and refreshments, students who engage mentors in conversation will be awarded with a raffle ticket. At the end of the evening all raffle tickets will be collected and drawn for a number of great prizes. In addition to networking and receiving prizes, this is a great opportunity for students to set up an informal lunch for the following day to spend more time with the mentor of his or her choice.

Student Colloquium

The Student Colloquium is presently being developed. Check back soon for details!

Career Fair

Following the student colloquium, the AFS career fair will showcase a number of potential employers from federal, state, and local agencies, fisheries affiliated universities and colleges, consulting companies, and non-profit organizations that hire fisheries professionals. This is a great opportunity to relax, enjoy a few refreshments, and interact with potential fisheries employers. Although the draw of the river and socializing with peers is enticing, we encourage students to attend the career fair and interact with these professionals before venturing to board the riverboat Empress of the Gateway Clipper Fleet at 6:30 pm for the Student Social.

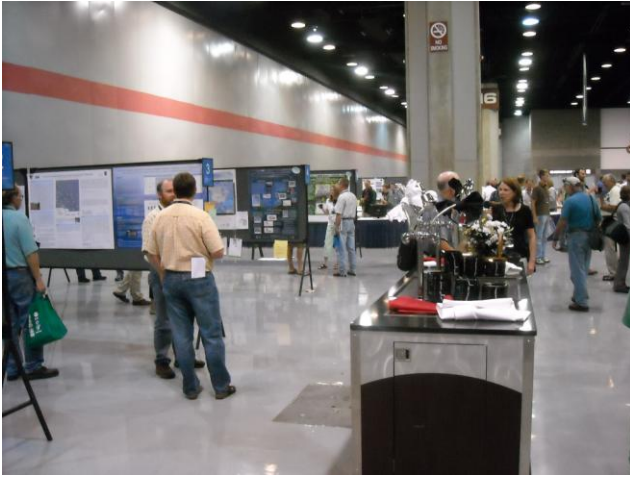
Student Social

What could be better suited for a congregation of fisheries students than an evening spent on the water viewing the beautiful skyline of Pittsburgh from the decks of the riverboat Empress of the Gateway Clipper fleet. This students-only cruise will begin boarding at 6:30pm and set sail at 7:00pm. For three hours students will be treated to music, hors d’oeuvres, one drink ticket and an open soda bar while sailing the rivers of Pittsburgh. The riverboat will dock at 10:00pm, which should leave plenty of time to enjoy the local nightlife. Students must make sure to bring photo identification.



Best Student Paper/ Poster Symposium

This year students that wish to compete for the best paper or poster award will have their very own symposium. This is not only a fantastic way to receive constructive feedback from professionals but also a great opportunity for fellow students to offer support, attend, and engage in academic discussion. View the symposium schedule to determine the time and location of these presentations. Student posters will be



Student Posters in the Trade Show at Nashville-2009.
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displayed throughout the duration of the meeting with the prime time for author interaction being Monday evening.

Attendees at sessions in which a student is presenting will be asked to evaluate the presentation of those students that wish to participate.

Student Workers

Wish to attend AFS 2010, but financially cannot swing it on a student budget? AFS offers students the opportunity to earn a few extra dollars to off-set these costs by working various jobs during the conference. If you are a student interested in working at the Pittsburgh meeting contact Alissa Temperine (atemperine@state.pa.us).