

Call for Papers

The 93rd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Parasitologists

The Marriott Cancun Resort
Cancun, Mexico, June 21-24, 2018



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The **American Society of Parasitologists (ASP)** will hold its **93rd Annual Meeting** at the **Marriott Cancun Resort, Cancun, Mexico from June 21-24, 2018**. ASP members, as well as non-members who attend the ASP meetings, are invited to submit abstracts for papers for oral presentation, poster presentation, as invited speakers, or as contributors to symposia or workshops to a common website listed in the Abstract Submission section of this document. Individuals organizing symposia and special sessions are reminded that they need to send the names of their speakers to the Scientific Program Officers and that ***all speakers are required to submit*** an abstract.

For oral and poster presentations, abstracts must be received on or before **Friday, February 23, 2018**. The scientific *Program & Abstracts* booklet will be prepared from the abstracts received and will be available on the ASP web site (<http://amsocparasit.org>) prior to the meeting. You may download the *Program & Abstracts* booklet from this website. Everyone registered for the meeting will receive a copy in their registration packet on site. *Please read and follow all instructions carefully when submitting abstracts and when registering online for the meeting. Thank you!*

About Your Abstract

Abstracts for both ASP and Mexican participants must be submitted online at this website (<http://amsocparasit.com>) where you will find all the instructions for your submission(s). **Please remember that this is an international meeting and we are expecting more abstracts than we would normally expect for an annual meeting. Thus, the program officers will require more time to assemble the meeting program. Therefore, you should get your abstract in by the appointed deadline if you want it to be included in the meeting program.**



Preparing Your Abstract(s)

All abstracts MUST be submitted in English. When writing your abstract, both the title and the content are important components. The TITLE should be short, concise, and indicative of the abstract. Avoid general words like “Studies on” or “Investigations of.” Use words with index retrieval value. On the Web abstract-submission page, you will be asked to indicate the presenting author of the paper or poster, who will be indicated by an asterisk (*) in the *Program & Abstracts*. The CONTENT should be a single paragraph of no more than 2,100 characters (including spaces, punctuation and HTML codes introduced by the abstract submission program) containing a concise statement of: (1) the problem under investigation (2) the experimental methods used, and (3) the essential results obtained. The text should cite quantitative data from representative experiments or summary data. Scientific names should be written in full when first used, but on repetition abbreviate the genus name with the first letter of the genus only. Italicize all scientific names in the abstract (title is handled by editor) as instructed on the Web abstract/submission page.

Submitting Your Abstract(s)

Submit your abstract(s) via our Web page (<http://amsocparasit.com>): Follow all directions, fill in all the boxes, and press “Submit.” You will receive confirmation and a copy of your submitted abstract via a confirmation Web page; please print the page that has your confirmation number on it. **Submission of abstracts to symposia and/or conference sessions is by invitation only. All other presenters should choose the most appropriate topic session designation to which an abstract can be submitted.** Note: The function to write/correct your abstract(s) and related information will be disabled at midnight (EST) on **Friday, February 23, 2018.**

Acceptance/Scheduling of Abstracts

Multiple abstracts submitted by one author may be restricted to two oral presentations, with the remainder designated as posters at the discretion of the Scientific Program Officers. Notification of acceptance of and/or scheduling of your paper is not automatic. If you need a letter to present to your administration stating that your abstract has been accepted, please contact the Scientific Program Officers. If you need to know the time and date that your paper is scheduled, please e-mail the ASP Scientific Program Officers for this specific information, but not before **June 11, 2018**. Alternatively, you can check at <http://amsocparasit.org>, where an electronic copy of the final *Program & Abstracts* booklet will be posted after **June 11, 2018**. **Abstracts appearing in the official booklet of *Programs and Abstracts* are not citable as abstracts for publication citation purposes.**

Oral and Poster Presentations

Electronic Presentations—MS PowerPoint

All presentations for the meeting will be in English, but slides for our Mexican colleagues, including students, can be in Spanish.

Oral Presentations

MS PowerPoint® is the presentation standard for the meeting. Speakers should bring their presentation stored on CD-R, USB Flash Drive, or USB Pen Drive only; other storage formats may not be supported. Presenters must download their files to the PC of their session at least 30 minutes before the start of their session. Presenters are encouraged to save their presentation using the “Pack and Go” feature of PowerPoint®, especially if digital MPEGs (Moving Pictures Experts Group) or special fonts are used (detailed instructions for this procedure are in PowerPoint® “Help”).

To ensure that each packed presentation is functional *before you leave home*, you are encouraged to unpack and run the presentation on a different computer than was used to create the presentation. Mac users can use the in-house systems if their files are saved with the “Pack and Go” feature. The onus will be on presenters to verify the compatibility of their files with the computers in use at the **Marriott Cancun Resort**. The standard oral presentation is 12 minutes plus 3 minutes reserved for questions and answers, unless otherwise indicated by the moderator. Use fonts, colors and features both consistently and judiciously.

Poster Presentations

The poster session provides an additional means of substantive discussion of papers for members attending the Meeting. No competing activities will be scheduled during the poster session (unless unavoidable). Papers scheduled for presentation in the poster session are grouped by category, numbered, and listed with their abstract in the *Program & Abstracts* booklet. Each numbered poster will be allotted a correspondingly numbered **4' x 4' space (122 x 122 cm)**. Indicate the abstract number, title, and name(s) of the author(s) at the top of the poster so that it may be identified easily; the lettering for this heading should be at least 1 inch (**72 points**) high. A copy of your abstract should also be included on your poster.

Meeting Venue Information

Marriott Cancun Resort
Boulevard Kukulcan Retorno Chac
L-41 km 15 Hotel Zone, Cancun
Quintana Roo, Mexico 77500
Ph: 1-800-223-6388

Our venue for the meeting of the American Society of Parasitologists is the Marriott Cancun Resort in Cancun Quintana Roo, México. Cancun is a spectacular venue for the 2018 ASP meeting because it is both the Mexican gateway to the Mayan culture and one of the world's top tourist destinations. ASP members can visit the majestic Mayan ruins at Tulum or the archeological sites at San Miguelito, Ruinas El Rey and El Meco. The Maya Museum, located in Cancun's Hotel Zone, is another must see venue for members. For the tropical beach lovers there are wonderful places for sun-bathing (Isla Mujeres), or you may go scuba diving and snorkeling in the coral reefs at Cozumel. The adventurous will find unforgettable experiences in cenotes (= sinkholes), caves, or in the Sian Ka'an Biosphere (the "door to heaven" in Mayan language).

Cancun also has great shopping malls, such as those at Plaza Caracol, or the Forum by the Sea, and excellent international and Mexican food. The city also offers the opportunity to taste Yucatecan food, a wonderful blend of Mayan and Spanish cuisine. The tropical weather of the city is great for golfing, fishing, playing tennis, or enjoying time with the family in theme parks (Xcaret), with the Mayan ball game, Xel-Ha, or visiting Akumal.

Our host hotel, the Marriot Cancun Resort has beautiful Caribbean ocean views, wonderful Japanese and Argentinian restaurants, and a selection of bars and shops. Going out for dinner? The hotel has a shuttle service or there are public buses that can take ASP members to the Hard Rock Cafe or other restaurants along the Kukulcan Boulevard. Some excellent restaurants you may want to try are the Hacienda El Mortero (Mexican) or La Habichuela Sunset (Yucatecan). When it comes to nightlife, there are many bars and clubs for a perfect night out.

Our best suggestion (before or after the meeting) would be to take a tour that includes both Mayan ruins and snorkeling. Chichen-Itza, Coba, and the cenotes tour for diving would be a perfect way to finish your visit to this part of Mexico.

High Speed Internet Access is Complimentary in ASP guests' rooms.

Scientific Attractions

Symposia and Workshops

The meeting will feature the annual President's and the ASP Student Symposia as well as other symposia/workshops proposed by the ASP membership and our Mexican Colleagues.

Awards and Lectures

Awards/lectures scheduled to be presented at the Cancun meeting include the H. B. Ward Medal, the Clark P. Read Mentor Award, and the Ashton Cuckler New Investigator Award. Other awards may be presented as information from the various committees comes in.

Student Travel Grants/ Paper Competition/ Regional Paper Competition Winners

Marc Dresden Student Travel (MDST) Grants/Student Paper Competition

Applications and directions for MDST Grants are on the ASP Meeting web page (<http://amsocparasit.com>). The deadline for receipt of MDST Grant applications and the ORAL Student Presentation Award Competition is the same as the deadline for receipt of abstracts, **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2018. You must complete and submit the MDST grant application form whether or not you are applying for a travel grant.** This form will also be used to let the MDST Committee know whether or not you want your paper entered in the best student paper competition. Students may submit more than one abstract to the Travel Awards Committee, but are limited to entering only one talk for the Best Student Paper Competition.

If you were the winner of your regional society's Best Student Paper Competition (BSPC) since our last annual ASP meeting (calendar year) you are entitled to an automatic travel grant. **However, you still must complete the Dresden Travel Grant form, submit an abstract, check the REGIONAL AWARD WINNER BOX on the Dresden application form and indicate (check) the specific regional society where you were the winner. AUTOMATIC TRAVEL GRANTS ARE FOR ORAL PRESENTATIONS ONLY.**

Questions about the competition process may be directed to the **Dresden Committee Chairperson**, Dr. Matthew Bolek, Dept. Integrative Biology, 501 Life Sciences West, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74078-3052; Ph: 405-744-9675; email: bolek@okstate.edu

Social Activities

The **ASP Welcoming Reception** will be held on the beach just in front of the Marriott Cancun Resort and, since Cancun is on the Peninsula of Yucatan, we will have a great selection of both Mexican and Yucatecan food. We anticipate that the melding of the cuisines of the Mexican, Spanish and Yucatecan will provide a delightful evening of fine dining, wonderful Caribbean breezes, good Mexican and International beer and, of course, interesting conversation.

Our host hotel, the Marriot Cancun Resort has beautiful Caribbean ocean views, wonderful Japanese and Argentinian restaurants, and a selection of bars and shops. However, anticipating that the “Zona Hotelera” has so much to offer, the Local Organizing Committee has decided to offer a “free night” to the Membership to go out for dinner or fun. The hotel has a shuttle service or there are public buses that can take ASP members to the Hard Rock Cafe or other good restaurants along the Kukulcan Boulevard. Some excellent restaurants you may want to try are the Hacienda El Mortero (Mexican) or La Habichuela Sunset (Yucatecan). When it comes to nightlife, there are many bars and clubs for a perfect night out at the Coco Bongo.

28th Annual ASP Student Auction

Yet again, we are asking you to search your attics, basements, out-buildings, coffers or safety deposit boxes for donations to our Annual Auction to **raise funds for student travel to ASP meetings**. Serious, humorous... whatever you come up with... it's all grist for the auction mill and will be much appreciated. You may bring your donation(s) with you to the meeting and turn it/them in for documentation when you register. If you wish to mail your items early, we will be sending out information regarding that process early in 2018. Contributions made by those not planning to attend the meeting also would be greatly appreciated. We can provide a receipt at registration, or by mail, if necessary. **If you would like to mail your auction items ahead, please mail them to the following address. Please mail them to arrive at least 2 months before the meeting.**

ASP AUCTION, June 21- 24, 2018

ATTN: Victor Manuel Vidal Martínez and/or Leopoldina Aguirre Macedo.

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If you have specific questions about the auction or about items you wish to donate, please contact the Co-Chairs of the ASP Student Auction. Kelli Sapp, ksapp@highpoint.edu, 336/841-4534. Lee Couch, lcouch@unm.edu.

Transportation Information

All the major airlines and rental car companies serve the Cancun International Airport.

To get the Marriott Cancun Resort from the airport:

Go to customs, show your passport and get your luggage. On the way out, you will see a range of taxis/transport service providers. Buy your ticket to the Marriott Cancun Resort in the Zona Hotelera. **The Marriott Cancun Resort includes the Casa Magna and the JW Marriott. The ASP Meeting is in the Casa Magna. You will need to specify the Casa Magna in your request for transportation.** Exit the airport (there is only one way out just follow the crowd). Depending on the transportation service you have selected you will identify that service outside of the airport. Identify the driver of the company you hired (see above). Do not allow anyone other than the taxi driver or the transport service you hired to take your luggage. Ask the driver to take you to the Marriott Cancun Resort in the Zona Hotelera.

Our contact at the hotel is Kerenha Gonzalez Ph: +52 998 848 9620, email: kerenha.gonzalez@marriotthotels.com.

Ground Transportation

Airport Shuttle: The airport has a shuttle that serves the major downtown hotels. Transport to and from the airport can be booked online via <http://www.cancun-airport.com/?gclid=CI3TxLah19UCFQRDhgodTNIHGg>: Select the Marriott Cancun Resort and complete the online booking. If you have a special request, please send an e-mail to contact@cancun-airport.com or information@cancun-airport.com: (Shuttle Prices range: \$12.00-30.00 USD one-way). **Taxis** are also available at the airport: \$34.00 USD one-way.

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Tentative Schedule of Events

Thursday, June 21st

ASP Council Meeting8:00 a.m.-Noon
2-3 Oral Paper Sessions/Symposia1:00-5:00 p.m.
Oral Paper Sessions/Symposium.....3:00-5:30 p.m.
ASP Welcoming Reception7:00-10:00 p.m.

Friday, June 22nd

Symposium/Oral Paper Sessions.....8:30-11:00 a.m.
ASP Student Business Meeting.....11:00 a.m.-Noon
1 to 4 Oral Paper Sessions/Symposia1:00-3:00 p.m.
ASP Student Symposium3:30-5:30 p.m.
ASP Student Social5:30-6:30 p.m.
28th Annual ASP Auction Preview & Auction6:00-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 23rd

1 to 4 Oral Paper Sessions/Symposia8:00-11:00 a.m.
Distinguished Parasitologist Lecture.....11:00 a.m.-Noon
ASP Bueding & von Brand Lecture.....1:00-2:00 p.m.
1 to 4 Oral Paper Sessions/Symposia2:15-6:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 24th

1 to 4 Oral Paper Sessions.....8:00 a.m.-Noon
Poster Session11:00-12:30 p.m.
ASP H.B. Ward Medal Lecture1:00-1:50 p.m.
ASP Awards & Business Meeting2:00-3:30 p.m.

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