



2005 Annual Meeting at Springmaid Beach

The 2005 Annual meeting will be held at Springmaid Beach Resort and Conference Center on August 17-19. Springmaid Beach Resort is located in Myrtle Beach near Myrtle Beach State Park.

Those who have been to our previous meetings know that it is a great meeting facility with big rooms, beautiful views, and reasonable rates. Plan to bring your family and stay for the weekend.

Details about the meeting will be in the next newsletter. But for now you can check out the hotel directly through their web site at <http://www.springmaidbeach.com/>. You can also make room reservations. Rooms will be \$80 per night. Tell the hotel that you are with SCAPMS to get the discount rate.

We hope to see everyone at Springmaid Beach Resort, August 17-19, 2005.



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Message from the President

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make the 2004 meeting a great success. It takes a lot of people putting in a great deal of effort to organize a meeting of this scope and size, some of whom are recognized and many who work behind the scenes with little or no recognition. Steve Hoyle, who served as our President last year, did a great job of coordinating all of these efforts, ensuring that the meeting was one of the best ever. Of course, the people most responsible for the success of a meeting of this type are the ones who step forward to make presentations. We had an excellent slate of speakers again this year. While I hate to single anyone out, I would like to thank Rick Devoe, Alan Lewitus and Robert Ball for organizing the special session on toxic algae. These folks approached us and asked for the opportunity to speak. The bottom line is that they asking for the help of our members in locating and identifying occurrences of toxic algae bloom sites throughout the state. I would also like to thank Susan Wilde and her bevy of associates and graduate students for their presentations on Avian Vacuolar Myelinopathy. It's exciting that some of the most significant AVM research in the country is being conducted right here in South Carolina by members of our Society.

Next, I would like to thank the membership of our Society for allowing me to serve as your President for the next year. This will be my second stint in this role and, while a lot has changed since my first go-around some 25 years ago, I am as excited now about the future of SCAPMS as I was then. I look forward to working with as many of you as I can during the year to ensure the success of our Society.

Lastly, I want to assure you that your Board of Directors has been hard at work. So far this year, we have submitted a number of letters in support of various legislative, regulatory and budgetary issues; made a commitment to support the Aquatic Plant Management Society's graduate assistantship initiative by providing

\$1,000 for each of the next two years; decided to support the Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Foundation by joining at a Society level; as well as begun planning for the 2005 annual meeting. So you can see that there is plenty of work to be done. If you would like to get more involved and work with the Board to advance the goals of the Society, please give me a call and we will find a way to put you to work.



I hope to see all of you at Springmaid Beach this August for our 27th annual meeting.

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SC & GA Join Regional ANS Panel

The states of South Carolina and Georgia officially joined the newly formed Gulf and South Atlantic Regional Panel on Aquatic Invasive Species. The panel will help coordinate aquatic invasive issues, as well as, address prevention and management efforts in the southeast.

“Joining the regional panel is an important way for states to be part of regional and national invasive species discussions” said Steve de Kozlowski, a representative from the S.C. Department of Natural Resources, “It also provides the opportunity for critical interstate communication and coordination, and could lead to funding for prevention and control.”

The Gulf and South Atlantic Regional Panel is one of six regional panels that report to the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force in Washington, D.C. Other regional

panels include the Great Lakes, Northeast, Western, Mississippi, and MidAtlantic.

The Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force is an intergovernmental organization dedicated to preventing and controlling aquatic invasive species in the U.S. It was first established by the Non-indigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1991 and was

later expanded in the National Invasive Species Act in 1996. The ANS Task Force is co-chaired by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The task force coordinates government-

tal efforts throughout the United States primarily through its regional panels. Until recently there has not been a regional panel for the southeast; however, at the Gulf States Panel meeting in November, the members voted to expand their focus and change the name.



\$2000 College Grant Now Available!

The South Carolina Aquatic Plant Management Society is seeking applications for its annual scholarship grant. The Society intends to award a \$2,000 grant to the successful applicant in the fall of 2005. Grant funds may be used by the recipient to cover costs associated with education and research expenses.

Eligible applicants must be enrolled as full time undergraduate or graduate students in an accredited college or university in the United States. Course work or research in an area related to the biology, ecology or management of aquatic plants in the Southeast is also required.

Applications must be received no later than May 15, 2005 and will be evaluated on the basis of relevant test scores (ACT, SAT, GRE, etc.), high school and/or college grades, quality and relevance of course work or research, a proposed budget, information obtained from references, and other related considerations. Other factors being equal, preference will be given to applicants enrolled in Southeastern and South Carolina academic institutions.

The successful applicant may be requested to present an oral report on research activities at the annual meeting of the Society.

Persons interested in applying for the scholarship grant should contact Danny Johnson, SC Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202, phone (803) 734-9099, or E-mail at johnsond@dnr.sc.gov for additional information on application procedures.



Students are an important part of the Society! Thank you, for your continued participation.

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1st Call for Papers

The Program Committee is accepting requests for presentations at the 2005 SCAPMS Annual Meeting. Papers covering all aspects of aquatic and wetland plant biology, use, and control will be considered. Student presentations are encouraged with possible cash prizes to be determined later. Please reply on or before June 15, 2005.

Those interested should contact the Vice President/Program Chairman:

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Directory Updates Requested

One of the most valuable benefits of the Society is to provide an accurate directory of our members. It is the unofficial “Who’s Who” of the aquatic plant management community in the Carolinas and facilitates networking among our membership. Therefore, keeping it up-to-date and accurate is very important.

We are asking all our members to go online and review their information. You can access the directory by going to <http://www.scapms.org/directory.htm>, click on “To view the directory click here”, then type in “hyacinth” at the password prompt. Send all changes to our Secretary, Chris Page at pagec@dnr.sc.gov.

Thanks for helping us to keep our members connected.



APMS Student Paper Contest

The Aquatic Plant Management Society is soliciting student papers for their upcoming annual meeting to be held July 10-13, 2005, at the Hyatt Regency in San Antonio, Texas. Presentations of original research on the biology or ecology of aquatic and wetland plants, control methods (biological, chemical, mechanical, cultural) for invasive or nuisance native plants, and restoration projects involving wetland or aquatic plants are solicited. A special session is planned on Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs), so papers that emphasize control, causative factors, or general ecology of such bloom events and their associated water quality impacts are also highly encouraged.

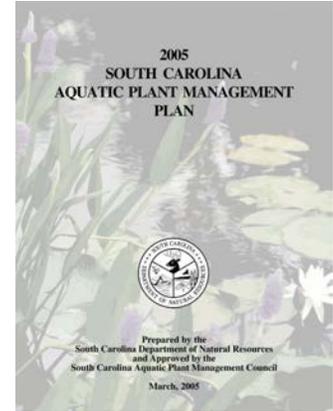
All qualified attendees will be provided room accommodations (based on double occupancy) and waiver of registration fees. In addition, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prize money will be awarded. This meeting presents an opportunity for students to develop their presentation skills, learn about the field of aquatic plant management, and meet with key Government, University, Industry representatives and peers with similar educational and professional interests.



2005 State Plan Approved

Following a month of public review and comment, the South Carolina Aquatic Plant Management Plan for 2005 was given final approval by the Aquatic Plant Management Council on March 3. The plan prescribes aquatic plant control operations on 28 public water bodies statewide. Estimated cost of control operations is \$565,519 with cost-share funding from federal, state, and local sources.

The plan can be viewed on line at <http://www.dnr.state.sc.us/water/envaff/aquatic/plan.html>. A limited number of copies of the plan are also available by contacting Chris Page at 803-755-2836 or pagec@dnr.sc.gov



Get Involved!

Have you won so many door prizes at previous meetings that you feel the need to give back? Or are you just looking for some real meaning in your life? Then we have the answer for you. **Get involved in SCAPMS!**

Your society has plenty of opportunities for you to take a more active role in the society. We are always looking for folks to serve on committees. Just pick one: Audit, Historical, Membership, Nominating, Program, Publicity, Scholarship, Exhibits, Local Arrangements, Website, Editorial, or Educational. Then there is help at the annual meetings, such as judges for the Student Paper Contest, help at the front desk, lights, audio/video, etc. And if that is not enough offer to serve on the Board of Directors.

We need you and we want you. So contact John Inabinet or Chris Page and let them know how you want to help out.





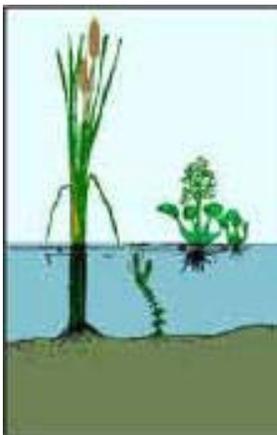
Aquatic Weed Control Short Course

May 16-20, 2005

Fort Lauderdale Marriott North

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

The University of Florida Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences (IFAS) announces that the Aquatic Weed Control Short Course is scheduled for May 16-20, 2005, at the Fort Lauderdale Marriott North on Andrews Avenue. The course will feature specialized training and presentations on: Plant Identification, Pesticide Application Equipment Calibration, Pesticide Label Interpretation, Pesticide Safety, Pesticide Registration and Risks, Aquatic and Natural Area Weed Management Techniques, Endangered Species in Florida, Nuisance Algae, Herbicide Resistance, New Herbicide Updates, Biological Control, Melaleuca Control Strategies, and much, much more.



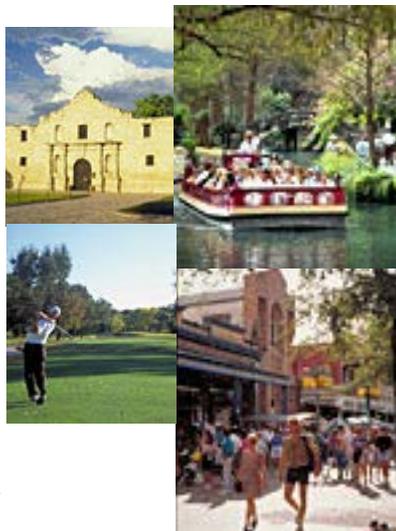
Continuing Education Units (CEU's) can be earned in Aquatic, Right-of-Way, General Standards (CORE), Aerial, and Ornamental and Turf categories toward renewal of Commercial, Public and/or Private Pesticide Applicator licenses. For additional Short Course Program information, go to: <http://www.conference.ifas.ufl.edu/aw/> or contact Tyler J. Koshnick, Short Course Organizer, at (352) 392-5126 or tjkoschnick@mail.ifas.ufl.edu.



APMS in San Antonio, Texas – 2005 Meeting

The Aquatic Plant Management Society cordially invites you to participate in the 45th Annual Meeting, July 10-13, 2005 at the Hyatt Regency on the Riverwalk in San Antonio, Texas. The Hyatt Regency is a luxury hotel on the famous Riverwalk, only one block from the historic Alamo. Just outside the Hyatt door you will be able to enjoy dining in the Riverwalk café's, touring the Alamo, shopping along the Riverwalk or El Mercado, touring the Missions, and much, much more. Oh, and there will be some great presentations too. Plan to join us. See more details at

<http://apms.org/2005/2005.htm>.



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2005 Meeting Calendar

May 16-20 2005

**Aquatic Weed Control Short Course
Fort Lauderdale, FL
conference.ifas.ufl.edu/aw/**

June 3-5

**NEC Nalms
Kingston, RI
www.nalms.org/necnalms/**

June 5-10

**26th Annual International Wetlands Meeting, Society of Wetland Scientists
Charleston, SC
www.sws.org/charleston2005/**

June 6-9

**16th Annual Florida Lake Management Conference
Duck Key, FL
flms.net/florida.html**

July 10-13

**APMS 45th Annual Meeting
San Antonio, TX
<http://apms.org/2005/2005.htm>**

Aug 17-19

**South Carolina Aquatic Plant Management Society Meeting
Springmaid Beach, NC
www.scapms.org/meetings2005.htm**

Oct 2-7

**Symposium on Harmful Algae in the U.S.
Asilomar Conference Grounds
www.who.edu/redtide/3rdsymposium/**

Nov 8-10

**29th Annual Conference, Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society, Inc.
St. Petersburg, FL
www.fapms.org/meeting.html**

Nov 9-11

**25th International Symposium NALMS
Madison, WI
www.nalms.org/symposia/symposia.htm**