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Second Announcement & Call for Abstracts

Toward Integration of Science, Policy and Socioeconomics is the theme of this international conference, which will feature socioeconomic issues pertinent to public policy as well as recent scientific advances in mercury research.

PLENARY SESSIONS will each feature an international panel with diverse expertise and critically address one of four policy-relevant topics: (1) societal consequences of mercury pollution, (2) recovery of mercury-contaminated fisheries, (3) health risks and toxicological effects of methylmercury, and (4) source attribution of atmospheric mercury deposition. A poster session will immediately follow each plenary session, with optimum space allocated to posters linked to the day's plenary session topic.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS will be the primary forum for presenting information. Besides premium space and time on the conference program, posters will be spatially clustered into topical modules to organize presentations, facilitate viewing and encourage discussion. Participants are strongly encouraged to request poster presentations to increase the visibility and impact of their findings.

PLATFORM PRESENTATIONS will be limited to six concurrent platform sessions (about 240 presentations total), divided between Contributed Sessions and Special Sessions. Conference attendees will be allocated a maximum of one platform presentation each.

SPECIAL SESSIONS will feature topically focused poster and platform presentations organized and developed by conferees. A complete list of special sessions will be announced on

the conference Web site when abstract submission opens. Participants may request their contributed papers be considered for inclusion in a specific special session.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS will open in October 2005 and close promptly on January 11, 2006. Abstracts are limited to 350 words and must be filed electronically through the template provided on the conference Web site. Participants are encouraged to read the plenary and special-session descriptions on the conference Web site for better linkage of abstracts to special and contributed sessions.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION will open in autumn 2005 and will be accepted via the conference Web site. Payment of registration fees can be made by major credit card, check or (U.S. only) purchase order. Please see the conference Web site for information on single-day registration, student discounts and programs for guests.

SPONSORS & EXHIBITORS are invited (see conference Web site for a prospectus). To date, sponsors include the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Electric Power Research Institute, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, U.S. Geological Survey and University of Wisconsin Sea Grant Institute. Exhibits will be open from Monday-Thursday in the same location as poster sessions and breaks.

LODGING & TRAVEL arrangements can be reserved now. Blocks of rooms have been reserved at nearby hotels and in dormitories on the University of Wisconsin campus. Participants are encouraged to reserve rooms early, as other local events may compete for available rooms.

The Dane County Regional Airport serves Madison (airport code MSN) with 11 airlines and more than 100 flights daily. Bus service to Madison is available from airports in Milwaukee (MKE) and Chicago (ORD and MDW).

International participants who require visas are advised to start the application process as soon as possible (<http://travel.state.gov>). Please visit the travel page on the conference Web site for further information.

TRAVEL SUPPORT is available for graduate students, beginning professionals and representatives of developing nations. Travel support may be awarded as either direct financial assistance to defray the costs of travel and lodging, or as in-kind support, such as registration discounts. A travel support application form will be posted on the conference Web site when registration begins.

STUDENT PAPER & POSTER AWARDS will be presented at the closing ceremony. Award eligibility and ranking criteria will be available via the abstract submission Web site.

ACTIVITIES & TOURS will be available to participants during a half-day break in the middle of the conference, including Taliesin (the studios of famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright), canoeing on the Wisconsin River and regional natural science tours. Please visit the conference Web site for more information.

HOST ORGANIZATIONS for the conference are the University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and U.S. Geological Survey.

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