

# Water for a Changing Ohio

Water Management Association of Ohio (WMAO)  
37<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Conference

November 12 & 13, 2008  
The Ramada Plaza Hotel and Conference Center  
4900 Sinclair Drive  
Columbus, OH 43229

## Call for Papers / Posters

Abstracts are sought for presentations addressing **the theme, Water for a Changing Ohio, by May 30, 2008**. You may request placement as a 20-minute Oral Presentation or participate in a Poster Session. The Conference Planning Committee will review all abstracts and inform authors of those that are accepted. Accepted abstracts will be compiled and posted on the WMAO web site.

Membership in WMAO is not a requirement for submittal of an abstract or presentation of your paper although we encourage everyone to consider joining WMAO to support the water resources profession in Ohio. All conference presenters are required to pay the conference registration fee—a discounted registration rate will apply to presenters and currently-enrolled students.

## **SESSION TOPICS:**

Presentations should focus on topics related to the theme, **Water for a Changing Ohio**. Below is a list of suggested categories:

- How to effectively plan (local, regional, state) for the future water resource needs of Ohio
- Planning and implementation to address water resource/watershed issues
- Innovative methods for modeling and forecasting Ohio water resource condition and needs
- Protection of water resource/watershed through land use alternatives
- The effects of climate change, land use, and/or demographic patterns on Ohio water resources
- The future of Ohio water resource policy and programs
- Water resource protection and improvement as an economic development engine
- Development and maintenance of water infrastructure
- Research application opportunities for water resource planners and managers
- Successful water resource education and outreach materials
- Preparing our next generation as stewards of Ohio water resources

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:** Abstracts should be limited to 300 words or fewer. Abstracts should communicate clearly and concisely the purpose, findings and implications of your investigation, study or program. Abstracts will be reviewed and ranked for acceptance and placement in the program by members of the Conference Planning Committee. Papers will be selected for presentation based on their merit and relevance to the conference and session topics. Submissions that are thought provoking and address controversial water resource issues and describe new areas of application or study are especially welcomed. Authors' suggestions for topic placement will be considered, but the Conference Planning Committee will make the final decision. **Abstracts received after the MAY 30, 2008 deadline may not be accepted.**

Please include the following information with your submittal:

- Paper title
- Suggested session topic
- Preference for oral or poster presentation
- Abstract (300 words or less)
- Four to six keywords
- Name, title, affiliation, full address, email address, phone and fax numbers of the main contact and the presenting author
- Name, affiliation and email address of co-authors.

**CONFERENCE FORMAT:** The Conference will feature a keynote speaker in a plenary session and selected speakers in technical paper sessions. Additional authors will present results in a poster session that will occur in conjunction with a social hour and exhibition of goods and services involved with the numerous aspects of water resource management. Presenters are requested to attend to their posters during the social hour.

**POSTER PRESENTATION GUIDELINES:** Posters are limited to 4 feet high x 6 feet wide. Posters can be affixed to the display area using tape, which will be provided by WMAO. The poster should stimulate discussion, not give a long presentation of technical information. The poster should include diagrams, graphs, charts, photos and minimal text sufficient to illustrate the major points. Handouts that provide more details than the poster are encouraged but not necessary.

**STUDENT POSTER COMPETITION:** All posters presented by students (undergraduate and graduate—must be registered at an academic institution at the time of abstract submission) will automatically be entered into the student poster competition. The poster selected by conference participants as “The Peoples’ Choice” will receive \$100 and a one-year membership in WMAO.

**Conference registration will be offered at a substantially discounted rate (to be determined) to students enrolled in graduate or undergraduate programs.**

**NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE:** Successful applicants will be notified in early September 2007 that their abstracts have been selected for presentation. The session to which the abstract has been assigned will be indicated in the notification.

**PROGRAM SESSIONS:** All individuals who agree to make a presentation at the conference will be contacted by a Conference Planning Committee representative, who will work directly with them to ensure a high level of quality and thematic consistency within the conference session. Session topics will be finalized once abstracts have been accepted and collated.

**MAIL TO:** 2008 WMAO Fall Conference  
Abstract Submission  
601 Dempsey Road  
Westerville, Ohio 43081

**E-MAIL TO:** [wmao@ngwa.org](mailto:wmao@ngwa.org) Please include “2008 Fall Conference Abstract” in the subject line.

**DEADLINE:** Deadline for submission of abstracts is **MAY 30, 2008.**