



48TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WESTERN SOCIETY OF MALACOLOGISTS

JUNE 25-28, 2015

The officers of the Western Society of Malacologists cordially invite you to the 48th annual meeting at CSU Fullerton in Fullerton, CA.

Updated information, registration, and abstract submission will be available online:

<http://biology.fullerton.edu/wsm/conferences.html>

Early Registration
ends

April 15, 2015

Abstracts due
April 30, 2015

Accommodation
information
available online

To register and
submit abstracts
online, please
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the left

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General Information

The Schedule

The 48th Annual Meeting of the Western Society of Malacologists will start with registration (5:00 – 7:00 pm) followed by a welcoming reception at a nearby venue (7 -9 pm) on Thursday, June 25, 2015.

The conference sessions and contributed talks (12 min talks with 3 min questions) will occur on Friday and Saturday, June 26-27. Sessions and talks will be held in the Steven G. Mihaylo Hall at CSU Fullerton in Fullerton, CA.

The poster session will be on Friday evening, June 26.

An auction and conference dinner (cost included in the registration fee) will be on Saturday, June 27 at Café Hidalgo in historic downtown Fullerton.

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Tentative Daily Schedule (subject to change)

Thursday, June 25, 2015

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Registration and Load Talks
7:10 pm – Bus Departs for Opening Reception
7:30 pm – 9:30 pm Opening Reception (provided)

Friday, June 26, 2015

7:30 am – 8:30 am Registration and Load talks
8:30 am – 10:30 am Symposium 1
10:30 am -10:45 am Break (snacks and coffee/tea/water provided)
10:45 am – 12:00 pm Contributed talks
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm Lunch (not provided – a map to local restaurants will be available)
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm Contributed talks
3:30 pm – 3:45 pm Break (snacks and coffee/tea/water provided)
3:45 pm – 5 pm Contributed talks
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm Poster Session (appetizers and coffee/tea/water provided)

Saturday, June 27, 2015

7:30 am – 8:30 am Registration and Load talks
8:30 am – 10:30 am Symposium 2
10:30 am -10:45 am Break (snacks and coffee/tea/water provided)
10:45 am – 12:00 pm Contributed talks
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm Lunch (not provided – a map to local restaurants will be available)

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm Contributed talks
 3:30 pm – 3:45 pm Break (snacks and coffee/tea/water provided)
 3:45 pm – 5:00 pm Contributed talks
 5:00 pm-6:00 pm WSM Business Meeting
 6:45 pm – Bus departs for Conference Dinner
 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm – Conference Dinner (provided) and Auction

Sunday, June 28, 2015

6:15 am - Carpools departs for optional field trip

Optional Field Trip: Only a limited number of tickets available to the earliest registrants!

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Registration

A link for registration and online submission of abstracts will be online at the [Western Society of Malacologists website](#). The registration fee includes all conference snacks, opening reception and conference dinner, as well as transport to the venues off-campus. Costs are as follows:

Type	Members	Non-members	Student Members	Student Non-members
Early registration(before April 15)	230	255	130	150
Late registration (April 15-May 30)	250	270	150	160

There is the option to make your registration payments online with a credit card via our secure Eventbrite registration site or to mail checks in, or make other payment arrangements. While registering online, you can also renew your membership to WSM (Individuals \$20, Students \$8), make a donation, purchase a conference t-shirt, and/or volunteer to judge student posters and talks.

Meeting Logo/T-shirt Logo:



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Scientific Sessions:

We have planned two symposia – one for each morning of the conference.

Symposium 1 is entitled, “*DNA and species diversity: molecular advances in species delineation and integrative taxonomy*,” and is being organized by Dr. Ángel Valdés, an expert on the systematics and biogeography of opisthobranch mollusks and Associate Professor at CSU Pomona.

Symposium 2 is entitled “*Molluscan Taxonomy: Contemporary Applications and Increasing Student Participation*” and is being organized by a committee comprised of a graduate student and recent graduates, including Joanne Linnenbrink, a M.S. student at CSU Fullerton studying the population genetics of the Olympia oyster, *Ostrea lurida*, Mariana Diaz Santana-Iturrios, a recent M.S. in marine resources management interested in squid taxonomy, and John Berriman, a recent M.S. interested in the systematics and behavior of mollusks.

Check back on the website often - we will update the speaker lists for these two exciting symposia as speakers are secured.

Accommodations:

We have reserved blocks of rooms at two hotels for very reasonable rates, both within 1-2 blocks of the meeting venue.

The **Fullerton Marriott** is the closest hotel, across the street from our meeting location, with a conference rate of \$119/night if you book before May 28th. You can make your reservation here:

[Book your group rate for Western Society of Malacologists Room Block](#)

The **Holiday Inn and Suites Fullerton** is only two blocks away from the meeting location and is offering conference rates of \$129/night if you book by June 11th, 2015. When you make your reservation, please enter the group code “WSM” in the group code field in order to access the conference rate.