The 2015 Long Term Ecological Research All Scientists Meeting

The 2015 Long Term Ecological Research (LTER) All Scientists Meeting (ASM) will take place from August 30 to through September 2, 2015. The ASM Program Committee, with the LTER Network Office, is developing a meeting that will provide an immersive forum to discuss LTER science, research and planning. The meeting dates and location were selected by the LTER Executive Board based on exit polls and other input from previous meetings, and to reduce overlap with other meetings and holidays. The primary travel day for most LTER scientists will be Sunday, August 30, with most departures on Thursday, September 3. LTER Information Management, Grad Student, Education, and Executive Board representatives will have pre-ASM meetings on August 30, with their arrival date on Saturday, August 29.

Activates will be focused around the meeting theme of “From Long-Term Data to Understanding: Toward a Predictive Ecology”. Working groups and poster presentations will be organized around sub-themes selected by the Program Committee which include: 1) The unique value of long-term, networked studies, 2) Crafting conceptual models that are sustainable, 3) Does continuous ecosystem stress lead to vulnerability? 4) Predicting ecological change: LTER in the era of big science, 5) LTER and society: broader impacts of long-term research, and 6) Long-term changes in NPP across ecosystems.

Working Group proposals and Poster abstract submissions: Working Group meetings are one of the highlights of the LTER All Scientists and lead to future LTER grant proposals, research activities, publications, databases, and other products. The working groups are meant to be an open forum with a variety of formats to meet the objectives of the meeting organizers. The ASM Program Committee invites all interested scientists to submit proposals for Working Groups beginning in February, 2015 until the close of submissions on July 1. The Program Committee will review all submissions to resolve overlap of content between working groups.

In addition to ASM Working Groups, Poster submissions for the 2015 meeting will also be accepted in February. Similar to previous ASM meetings, there is no poster submission deadline, however posters will be accepted on a first come, first served basis up to our available poster limit of 400. Early submission is encouraged, and essential to ensure a slot in the poster session. Posters will be displayed throughout the entire meeting and presented based on the poster/meeting sub-themes. More information regarding the meeting is available on the meeting website, including the meeting agenda: http://asm2015.lternet.edu/