

### **Preliminary proposals**

Preliminary proposals to host a conference may be submitted six years prior to the year of the proposed conference, but a final vote on the conference site will not be made until three years prior to the actual conference date.

### **Final proposals**

1. Proposals should be submitted at least one month prior to the conference during which the proposal will be officially presented.
2. A copy of this proposal should be sent to the chair of each committee – International Conference for Ephemeroptera (Michel Sartori, [michel.sartori@vd.ch](mailto:michel.sartori@vd.ch)) and the International Society of Plecopterologists (John Brittain, [j.e.brittain@nhm.uio.no](mailto:j.e.brittain@nhm.uio.no)).
3. Proposal should be submitted by e-mail. This facilitates distribution of the proposal to the members of the two committees.
4. Proposals should contain detailed information regarding plans to host the conference.

## **Ninth North American Plecoptera Symposium at Sagehen Creek Field Station, California June 2009**

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The **Ninth North American Plecoptera Symposium** will be held at the Sagehen Creek Field Station (Sagehen), in the Sierra Nevada of California during the last half of June 2009. This is the site of field collecting during the first NAPS meeting, 26 years ago. Sagehen is in the Tahoe National Forest, on the eastern slope of the northern Sierra Nevada, 20 mi north of Lake Tahoe and 8.4 mi north of Truckee, California. Sagehen Creek runs through the station grounds, and it is **FULL** of stoneflies. This is the site of a long study on stonefly emergence in the mid-late 1960s by Andy Sheldon. Collecting will be allowed in the Sagehen Creek during the off-hours of the meeting, and collecting is good in many nearby areas. One afternoon will be available for individual collecting during the meeting, as done previously.

The field station is currently undergoing renovation so information on housing on the website is generally not reflective of conditions to be available in 2009. For instance, by then all housing will be propane heated. Freezing temperatures have been recorded every day of the year, so be prepared for cold weather. However, most summer days are quite nice and often very warm. Parking is very limited so carpooling is encouraged.

Those flying will want to consider arriving in Reno, Sacramento, Oakland or San Francisco. Flight costs vary greatly depending on departure and arrival points, so check all of these airports for arrival potentials. There will be no shuttle to Sagehen. There are no recreation activities at the station, except for hiking, birding, etc. However, numerous types of recreation are available before or after the meeting in surrounding areas such as Lake Tahoe, Reno, Sacramento and the San Francisco Bay area. These same areas offer outstanding collecting opportunities as well.

The meeting dates have not yet been selected due to considering other activities at Sagehen. But, they will involve 3-4 days during the last half of June 2009. Currently the approximate cost will be \$50.00 per day, covering room, food and registration. The meeting is sponsored by the Essig Museum of Entomology at the University of California, Berkeley. Co-leaders are Bill Shepard (logistics) and Andy Sheldon (program). Information on Sagehen can be obtained at <http://sagehen.berkeley.edu>. I recommend the "Information Sheet" and the "Sagehen Creek Field Station (PDF)". Other material is also available, so if you are thinking about conducting research there, investigate further.

Please send a notice of Intent to Attend, with an APPROXIMATE number of attendees, to Bill Shepard at [william.shepard@CSUS.edu](mailto:william.shepard@CSUS.edu). Those responding will be sent registration material later. No housing will be assigned until close to the meeting time due to ongoing changes. However, most beds are singles. At a later date there will also be a Request for Abstracts sent out. There will be an additional notice of the meeting in the PERLA 27, 2009 but it is expected to be so close to the actual meeting that the short time will potentially hamper making plans for attending.

## BioBlitz Needs Volunteers

In 2008, a BioBlitz will take place in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, California, U.S.A. sponsored by National Geographic and the National Park Service in collaboration with Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and California State Parks. Registration for volunteer scientists is now open. It will begin May 30, 2008. If interested contact [BioBlitz@ngs.org](mailto:BioBlitz@ngs.org) to be notified when online registration begins. There will be lots of good opportunities to collect aquatic insects.

## Member News

### **PETER ZWICK AWARDED THE 2007 ERNST-JÜNGER-Prize for Entomology**

Named after writer and entomologist ERNST JÜNGER, this prestigious German entomological award was presented to Prof. Dr. Peter Zwick in September 2007 at Schloß Wilflingen, Germany, in honor for his outstanding entomological research. The Baden-Württemberg Federal Minister of Science, PETER FRANKENBERG, honored PETER ZWICK as "a scientist whose entomological life work is characterized by its outstanding

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