

Call for Papers

Environmental Concerns in Rights-of-Way Management

9th International Symposium Portland, Oregon

The overall theme of this Symposium will be the advance designation of energy rights-of-way (ROW) corridors and related environmental concerns.

Background

The Portland Symposium is being organized by a steering committee representing industries, agencies, and universities involved in research and management of electric, gas, highway, railroad, fiber optic, and water ROW. The Saratoga Springs Symposium, held in September 2004, attracted over 450 attendees from 18 different countries. This symposium is the ninth in a series that began at Mississippi State University in 1976, and subsequently held in Ann Arbor, MI in 1979; San Diego, CA in 1982; Indianapolis, IN in 1987; Montreal, Québec in 1993; New Orleans, LA in 1997; Calgary, Alberta in 2000; and Saratoga Springs, NY in 2004.

Purpose

The Symposium will address environmental issues in ROW planning and management, and will provide a forum for information exchange among environmental professionals from a wide variety of agencies, industries, and academic organizations. The goal is to achieve a better understanding of current and emerging environmental issues related to ROW

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management by sharing environmental research and practical experience throughout the world. This exchange of experiences and ideas will result in more cost-effective and environmentally sensitive ROW management.

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Program

The program will consist of plenary sessions, concurrent technical sessions, and a poster session. In addition to the general theme, an array of topics will be covered addressing environmental issues of concern in ROW planning, routing, siting, construction, operation, maintenance, decommissioning, and abandonment, including:

- Integrated vegetation management
- Reclamation, restoration, and mitigation
- Inspection, monitoring and compliance
- Innovative construction techniques
- Wildlife and aquatics management
- Public participation
- Gas pipeline issues
- Biodiversity and habitat fragmentation
- Indigenous people/lands
- Corridor widths and saturation thresholds
- Endangered species and critical habitat
- Public safety/hazards
- Environmental stewardship
- Ecological risk management
- Cultural resources
- Soil erosion and control
- Wetlands
- Multiple use/visual aesthetics
- GIS and other tools

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Important Dates:

Receipt of Abstracts: November 1, 2008
Notice of Acceptance: January 31, 2008
Registration Package Available: February 1, 2009
Receipt of Manuscripts: August 1, 2009
Symposium: September 27 - October 1, 2009

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You are invited to submit a paper to be considered for presentation at the Symposium in either oral or poster form. Your paper will be evaluated by the Steering Committee based on relevance, quality and timeliness. Abstracts of proposed papers should be typed on one page and limited to 250 words. The abstract should focus on problem objectives, methods, results and conclusions.

Proceedings:

In order to reach the widest possible audience, presenters are strongly encouraged to submit manuscripts of their papers. After peer review by other Symposium participants, the manuscripts will be included in the Symposium proceedings. The demand for previous proceedings has been strong and extended far beyond the Symposium participants.

Submit abstracts:

By mail, fax or e-mail (MSWord only) to address below by November 1, 2008.
The official conference language is English.

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