

Call for Papers

92nd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Parasitologists and the 12th International Coccidiosis Conference

The Hilton Palacio del Rio
San Antonio, Texas, June 27-July 1, 2017*



Alamo Mission



San Antonio River Walk

* The **American Society of Parasitologists (ASP)** will hold its **92nd Annual Meeting** jointly with the International Coccidiosis Conference (**ICC-12**) at **The Hilton Palacio del Rio, San Antonio, Texas, from June 27 through July 1, 2017**. Both **ICC** and **ASP** members, as well as non-members who typically attend these ASP meetings, are invited to submit abstracts for papers for oral presentation, poster presentation, as invited speakers, or as contributors to symposia or workshops to a common website listed in the Abstract Submission section of this document. Individuals organizing symposia and special sessions are reminded that they need to send the names of their speakers to the Scientific Program Officers and that ***all speakers are required to submit*** an abstract.

ICC members should submit their abstracts to the appropriate ICC session designation when submitting your abstract, e.g. ICC-Systematics, Taxonomy, Evolutionary Biology. If you are an ICC participant and you want your paper to be presented in the joint ASP/ICC sessions that begin on June 28th, then you need to submit your paper to the appropriate ASP track designation.

For all types of presentations, abstracts must be received on or before **Friday, February 24, 2017**. The scientific *Program & Abstracts* booklet will be prepared from the abstracts received and will be available both on the ASP web site (<http://amsocparasit.org>) and the Allen Press web site (TBA) prior to the meeting. Everyone registered for the meeting (either in advance or on site) will receive a copy of the *Program & Abstracts* booklet in their registration packet on site. Additional copies of the *Program* may be purchased (\$10.00 USD per copy) at the registration desk at the meeting or from Allen Press after the meeting. *Please read and follow all instructions carefully when submitting abstracts and when registering online for the meeting and the hotel. Thank you!*

Electronic Registration for ASP and ICC Members

On-line registration for the annual meeting will be available at the TRAVEL LEADERS/WVTT website listed below. You will be able to register online using a credit card. **There is a separate registration fee structures for ICC and ASP members.**

<http://www.cvent.com/d/hvq3nj/4W>

Important Dates and Deadlines

Friday, February 24, 2017

- Receipt of all abstracts via the website (<http://parasitology.winston.wfu.edu>)
- ASP Marc Dresden Student Travel Grant and Student Paper Competition applications due.

Wednesday, May 24, 2017,

- Early Registration forms for meeting **ONLY** due.

Wednesday, June 28, 2017, 5:00 (local time/CDT)

- Hotel reservations must be made to secure the ASP conference rate for regular rooms.

Hotel Reservations

The Hilton Palacio Del Rio
200 South Alamo Street
San Antonio, TX 78205
Ph: 210-222-1400
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Our venue for the joint meeting of the American Society of Parasitologists and members of the International Coccidiosis Conference is the Hotel Palacio Del Rio in San Antonio, Texas. Situated along the San Antonio River Walk, this hotel puts our members in close proximity to many of the must see sites in this culturally rich southwestern city: from the old Alamo Mission, to the Botanical Gardens, to the historic Parks, to the historic Mercado (Market Square) in the old city.

San Antonio, a Texas tableland city located at the confluence of the San Antonio River and the narrow San Pedro River, is a city rich in cultures that are an amalgam of Spanish, Mexican, German, and early western American. Few destinations provide a sense of place like San Antonio. Here, the bell towers of the Spanish colonial missions have greeted mornings for almost 300 years. Nowhere is its diverse cultural heritage displayed so aptly as in the annual San Antonio Fiesta in April, where one can hear the strains of *conjunto* music blended with polka and the aroma of enchiladas and roasted potatoes. Attesting to the co-mingling of the various cultures that comprise San Antonio this Fiesta is representative of all that is good about this cosmopolitan southwestern city.

San Antonio can trace its roots back to 1718 with the establishment of the Spanish military post of Presidio de Bexar and the Franciscan mission of San Antonio de Valero. San Antonio de Bexar became the capital of the Spanish province of Texas during the Spanish occupation. With the expulsion of the Spanish San Antonio became a town under Mexican sovereignty until Texas became an independent republic after the battle of the Alamo. In 1845, San Antonio became a city in the new U.S. state of Texas.

Much of the city's unforgettable landscape has grown along the banks of the River Walk where stone paths run aside the San Antonio River connecting hotels, restaurants and shops. San Antonio recently extended the River Walk to link even more attractions including museums, public art installations, Spanish colonial missions and the Pearl, a former brewery reborn into an eclectic mix of shops, restaurants and entertainment. Famed for Tex-Mex, San Antonio is gaining attention as the nation's next big culinary destination. From notable restaurants to the new Culinary Institute of America, there's something to satiate every palate.

Hotel Reservations - General

Hotel reservation is separate from meeting registration, so each individual guest is responsible for making his/her own hotel reservations. The link below should be used to reserve your room; you may also reserve your room by calling 1-800-HILTONS. You must tell the hotel clerk that you are with the ASP-2017 to ensure that you receive the reduced ASP group rate. If you encounter any problems with making reservations within the ASP room block, please contact **Ms. Marisol De Alba** at the Hilton (Ph. 210-270-0751; email: Marisol.DeAlba@Hilton.com). **Students: See Student Quad Registration section for hotel registration instructions.**

ASP Member Link for Hotel Registration:

Faculty: http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/S/SATPDHF-ASP-20170623/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

ASP has contracted with the **Hotel Palacio del Rio** for 490 room nights for the meeting dates. It is important that ASP members attending the meeting make their reservations at the Hotel Palacio Del Rio to fulfill our room block commitment. All meeting rooms for paper sessions and symposia are provided to ASP at no charge contingent on fulfilling our room block commitment. The daily room rate for regular ASP members (double, singles) is \$134.00 (USD) plus tax; (additional persons \$25.00 each). Twenty traditional double bedded rooms (Quads) have been reserved for our student members. The special *ASP Conference Rate* is offered 3 days prior to and 3 days after the meeting, space available, for anyone wishing to extend their stay. To get these group rates you will need to make your reservations as early as possible. All reservations made after June 28, 2017 will be subject to the hotel's regular rates and space availability.

Convention rates for the ASP meeting are not available through online wholesalers (e.g. Priceline.com) and you jeopardize fulfilling our guaranteed room block commitment by attempting to use these sources.

The cutoff date for reserving rooms in the ASP block is Wednesday, June, 28, 2017, 5:00 (local time/CDT).

High Speed Internet Access is Complimentary in ASP guests' rooms.

Hotel Parking: \$5 discount on prevailing self-parking fee of \$29.00; valet parking-\$42.00.

Hotel Reservations—Student Quads

Quad rooms will NOT be available through the website provided for regular ASP member registration. Students wishing to make arrangements for a Quad room must contact the ASP Student Representative, Ms. Kaitlin Gallagher (Ph: 561-542-6527; email: kaitlin.gallagher@uconn.edu). She will assist you with quad registration and will communicate directly with our contact representative, Ms. Marisol De Alba (Ph. 210-270-0751; email: Marisol.DeAlba@Hilton.com) at the **Hilton Palacio Del Rio**. One member of each quad will be assigned as the contact person. **The quad contact person will be responsible for filling out the hotel secured link, providing their credit card information to guarantee the room, and assuming complete responsibility for paying the bill at checkout. This link will be sent directly to the quad contact person by the hotel reservation's department.** Students sharing quads will need to work out their portions of the room costs with each other.

Important Transportation Information:

All the major airlines and rental car companies serve the San Antonio International Airport.

Ground Transportation

Airport Shuttle: The airport has a shuttle that serves the major downtown hotels. Transport to and from the airport can be booked online via <http://www.supershuttle.com/>: Select the San Antonio Airport and complete the online booking or call 210-281-9900 to book your shuttle: (Shuttle Prices: \$19.00 USD one-way/\$34.00 RT). Taxis are also available at the airport: \$25.00 USD one-way.

VIA Metropolitan Transit is San Antonio's public transportation agency offering service throughout the city including streetcar service within the downtown area.

To get downtown from the airport: Go to the Lower Roadway (Arrivals/Baggage Level in Terminal A and B), across the marked crosswalk to the outer curb. **VIA's** stop will be located on the far West end of Terminal B, clearly marked. You will take **VIA** bus route 5, which operates every day, and can get to downtown San Antonio in about 30 minutes for only \$1.30.

By car: San Antonio can be accessed via I-10 E and W, I-35 N and S and I 37/281 N and S.

The Hilton Palacio del Rio is located at 200 South Alamo Street. For those traveling by car, take Interstate 281 south to Commerce Street. Continue west on Commerce Street to Losoya Street, turn left. Losoya becomes Alamo.

About Your Abstract(s)

Abstracts for both ASP and ICC participants must be submitted online at this website (<http://parasitology.winston.wfu.edu>) where you will find all the instructions for your submission(s). **The deadline for receipt of abstracts is Friday, February 24, 2017.** Everything in the meeting *Program & Abstracts* booklet is entered, formatted, edited, and produced electronically at Allen Press. Please carefully read the directions below and follow them.

Preparing Your Abstract(s)

All abstracts **MUST** be submitted in English. When writing your abstract, both the title and the content are important components. The **TITLE** should be short, concise, and indicative of the abstract; omit “the” wherever possible. Avoid general words like “Studies on” or “Investigations of.” Use words with index retrieval value. On the Web abstract-submission page, you will be asked to indicate the presenting author of the paper or poster, who will be indicated by an asterisk (*) in the *Program & Abstracts*. The **CONTENT** should be a single paragraph of no more than 2,100 characters (including spaces, punctuation and HTML codes introduced by the abstract submission program) containing a concise statement of: (1) the problem under investigation (2) the experimental methods used, and (3) the essential results obtained. The text should cite quantitative data from representative experiments or summary data. Scientific names should be written in full when first used, but on repetition abbreviate the genus name with the first letter of the genus only. Italicize all scientific names in abstract (title is handled by editor) as instructed on the Web abstract/submission page. We do not desire to prevent discussion of new taxa, but abstracts and/or titles which constitute the first designation of new taxa will not be accepted. Thus, do not use genus and species names of new taxa anywhere in your abstract.

Submitting Your Abstract(s)

Submit your abstract(s) via our Web page (<http://parasitology.winston.wfu.edu>): Follow all directions, fill in all the boxes, and press "Submit." You will receive confirmation and a copy of your submitted abstract via a confirmation Web page; please print this page so as to have your confirmation number. **Submission of abstracts to symposia and/or conference sessions is by invitation only. All other presenters should choose the most appropriate topic session designation to which an abstract can be submitted.** Note: The function to write/correct your abstract(s) and related information will be disabled at midnight (EST) on **Friday, February 24, 2017.**

Acceptance/Scheduling of Abstracts

Most abstracts, except those designating (naming) new taxa, will be accepted. Multiple papers being presented by one author may be restricted to two, with the remainder designated as posters at the discretion of the Scientific Program Officers. Notification of acceptance of and/or scheduling of your paper is not automatic. If you need a letter to present to your administration stating that your abstract has been accepted, please be sure to check that box on the Web submission page. If you need to know the time and date that your paper is scheduled, please e-mail the ASP Scientific Program Officers for this specific information, but not before **June 11, 2017.** Alternatively, you can check at <http://parasitology.winston.wfu.edu> or <http://amsocparasit.org>, where an electronic copy of the final *Program & Abstracts* booklet will be posted after **June 11, 2017.** **Abstracts appearing in the official booklet of *Programs and Abstracts* are not citable as abstracts for publication citation purposes.**

Scientific Attractions

Symposia and Workshops

The meeting will feature the annual President's and the ASP Student Symposia as well as the other symposia proposed by the ASP membership.

Awards and Lectures

Awards/lectures scheduled to be presented at the San Antonio meeting include the H. B. Ward Medal, the Clark P. Read Mentor Award, and the Ashton Cuckler New Investigator Award. Other awards may be presented as information from the various committees comes in.

Student Travel Grants/ Paper Competition/ Regional Paper

Competition Winners

Marc Dresden Student Travel (MDST) Grants/Student Paper Competition

Applications and directions for MDST Grants are on the ASP Meeting web page (<http://parasitology.winston.wfu.edu>). The deadline for receipt of MDST Grant applications and the ORAL Student Presentation Award Competition is the same as the deadline for receipt of abstracts, **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017.** **You must complete and submit the MDST grant application form whether or not you are applying for a travel grant. This form will also be used to let the MDST Committee know whether or not you want your paper entered in the best student paper competition.**

If you were the winner of your regional society's Best Student Paper Competition (BSPC) since our last annual ASP meeting (calendar year) you are entitled to an automatic travel grant. However, you still must complete the Dresden Travel Grant form, submit an abstract, check the REGIONAL AWARD WINNER BOX on the Dresden application form and indicate (check) the specific regional society where you were the winner. AUTOMATIC TRAVEL GRANTS ARE FOR ORAL PRESENTATIONS ONLY.

Questions about the competition process may be directed to the **Dresden Committee Chairperson**, Dr. Scott Seville, Professor of Zoology and Physiology, University of Wyoming-Casper, 125 College Drive, Casper, WY 82601; email: sseville@uwyo.edu; phone: 307-268-2543; cell#: 307-277-3106.

Social Activities

The **ASP Welcoming Reception** will be held in the El Mirador Ballroom and, as is our custom, will feature cuisine representative of the region in which our annual meeting is held. ASP members will be joined by our colleagues from the ICC in a celebration of some of the best dishes that the Lone Star state has to offer. We anticipate that the melding of the cuisines of the Mexican, Spanish, German and early American West will provide a memorable evening of fine dining and interesting conversation.

There is so much to do and take in along the Riverwalk and the surrounding area that the organizing committee thought it would be better to have a free night, so there is no offsite venue planned for this meeting. The Hilton Palacio Del Rio is centrally located in San Antonio, right in the middle of the action on the Riverwalk, walking distance to all the restaurants, shops, and only two blocks from the Alamo, now a part of the UNESCO's World Heritage list. River boat tours load just outside the hotel doors, or you can take a walk to neighboring La Villita, the original village of San Antonio.

Oral and Poster Presentations

Electronic Presentations—MS PowerPoint®

MS PowerPoint® is the presentation standard for the meeting. Speakers should bring their presentation stored on CD-R, USB Flash Drive, or USB Pen Drive only; other storage formats may not be supported. Presenters must download their files to the PC of their session at least 30 minutes before the start of their session. Presenters are encouraged to save their presentation using the “Pack and Go” feature of PowerPoint®, especially if digital MPEGs (Moving Pictures Experts Group) or special fonts are used (detailed instructions for this procedure are in PowerPoint® “Help”).

To ensure that each packed presentation is functional *before you leave home*, you are encouraged to unpack and run the presentation on a different computer than was used to create the presentation. Mac users can use the in-house systems if their files are saved with the “Pack and Go” feature. The onus will be on presenters to verify the compatibility of their files with the computers in use at the Hilton Palacio Del Rio. The standard oral presentation is 12 minutes plus 3 minutes reserved for questions and answers, unless otherwise indicated by the moderator. Use fonts, colors and features both consistently and judiciously. Remember, your science is on display, not your computer skills.

Poster Presentations

The poster session provides an additional means of substantive discussion of papers for members attending the Meeting. No competing activities will be scheduled during the poster session (unless absolutely unavoidable). Papers scheduled for presentation in the poster session are grouped by category, numbered, and listed with their abstract in the *Program & Abstracts* booklet. Each numbered poster will be allotted a correspondingly numbered **4' x 4' space (122 x 122 cm)**. Indicate the abstract number, title, and name(s) of the author(s) at the top of the poster so that it may be identified easily; the lettering for this heading should be at least 1 inch (**72 points**) high. A copy of your abstract should be posted in the upper left-hand corner of your poster.

27th Annual ASP Student Auction

Yet again, we are asking you to search your attics, basements, out-buildings, coffers or safety deposit boxes for donations to our Annual Auction to **raise funds for student travel to ASP meetings**. Serious, humorous... whatever you come up with... it's all grist for the auction mill and will be much appreciated. You may bring your donation(s) with you to the meeting and turn it/them in for documentation when you register. If you wish to mail your items early we will be sending out information regarding that process early in 2017. Contributions made by those not planning to attend the meeting also would be greatly appreciated. We can provide a receipt at registration, or by mail, if necessary. **If you would like to mail your auction items ahead, please mail them to the following address. Please mail them to arrive no earlier than three days before the meeting.**

ASP AUCTION, June 27-July 1, 2017
ATTN: **Insert your name here.**
The Hilton Palacio del Rio
200 South Alamo Street
San Antonio, TX 78205
210-222-1400 (hotel)
219-270-0761 (fax)

If you have specific questions about the auction or about items you wish to donate, please contact the Co – Chairs of the ASP Student Auction.

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Local Attraction

Below are a few suggestions to consider when you start planning your tour itinerary for your visit to San Antonio. Official visitor's guides and coupon books will be placed in your welcome bag. Online go to <http://visitsanantonio.com/>.

- Alamo and missions - a UNESCO Heritage site
- River Walk, the landscaped walking and bike path line the San Antonio River from the "Museum Reach" beginning at the Historic Pearl Brewery through downtown, "Downtown Reach", past the Blue Star's "Eagleland" to the "Mission Reach" ending at Loop 410 South past Mission San Juan Capistrano. The path is lined with numerous shops, bars, and restaurants.
- San Fernando Cathedral
- HemisFair Park (home of the Tower of the Americas, and Institute of Texan Cultures)
- La Villita
- Market Square
- Spanish Governor's Palace
- Historic Menger Hotel
- Pearl Street Brewery- shops and restaurants
- SeaWorld
- Six Flags Fiesta Texas
- Morgan's Wonderland, a theme park for children who have special needs
- McNay Art Museum
- ArtPace
- Blue Star Contemporary Art Center
- The Briscoe Western Art Museum
- Buckhorn Saloon & Museum
- San Antonio Museum of Art
- Texas Rangers Museum
- Witte Museum
- San Antonio Zoo
- San Antonio Botanical Garden
- Brackenridge Park
- The Japanese Tea Gardens
- Sea World
- Six Flags
- Morgan's Wonderland

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Tentative Schedule of Events

Tuesday, June 27th

ICC Opening Remarks/Welcome

Session I: Systematics/Taxonomy/Evolutionary Biology.....9:10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Session II: Genetics/Comparative Genomics.....2:10-5:30p.m.

ICC Welcome Reception.....6:30-8:30p.m.

Wednesday, June, 28th (Concurrent ICC and ASP sessions)

ASP Council Meeting8:00 a.m.-Noon

ICC Session III Vaccines/Therapeutics.....9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

2-3 oral paper sessions/symposia1:00-5:00 p.m.

ICC Session IV Host-Pathogen Interactions.....2:10-5:30 p.m.

Paper sessions/symposium.....3:00-5:30 p.m.

JOINT ICC/ASP Welcoming Reception 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 29th

Symposium/Oral Paper Sessions.....8:30-11:00 a.m.

ASP Student Business Meeting.....11:00 a.m.-Noon

1 to 4 oral paper sessions/symposia1:00-3:00 p.m.

ASP Student Symposium3:30-5:30 p.m.

ASP Student Social5:30-6:30 p.m.

27th Annual ASP Auction Preview & Auction6:00-9:00 p.m.

Friday, June 30th

1 to 4 oral paper sessions/symposia8:00-11:00 a.m.

Distinguished Parasitologist Lecture.....11:00 a.m.-Noon

ASP Bueding-von Brand Lecture.....1:00-2:00 p.m.

1 to 4 oral paper sessions/symposia2:15-6:00 p.m.

Saturday, July, 1st

1 to 4 oral paper sessions.....8:00 a.m.-Noon.

Poster Session11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

ASP H.B. Ward Medal Lecture1:00-1:50 p.m.

ASP Awards & Business Meeting2:00-3:30 p.m.

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