

ESA Urban Ecosystem Ecology Section Newsletter

June 2010

The 2010 ESA annual meeting will be held in Pittsburgh, PA on 1-6 August 2010 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. www.esa.org/pittsburgh/

*We encourage you to attend our **mixer** held jointly with the Urban Ecosystems, Long-term Studies, Agroecology, and Environmental Justice Sections (Aug 3) and to attend our **UEE section business meeting** (Aug 4, 12noon-1pm). We will be discussing the upcoming election of new officers as well as a new initiative from ESA. Terry Chapin, Mary Power and Steward Pickett are leading a **Planetary Stewardship initiative**, “whose goal is to reorient society toward a more sustainable relationship with the biosphere.” They have targeted our section as one that is poised to contribute. We are eager to have your ideas and input. Please come and help us think of ways to participate in the Planetary Stewardship initiative.

A search of “urban” presentations and events at the meeting produced 287 hits so there will be plenty for urban ecologists to see and do! Here’s a selected list of urban ecology events.

URBAN EVENTS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING (ordered by date):

FT 3: Brownfield Blitzes: A Dialog with Inner city Pittsburgh neighborhoods Using Visual Approaches for Conserving Biodiversity, Engaging Local Communities, Sharing Knowledge, and Addressing Environmental Justice (www.esa.org/pittsburgh/fieldtrips.php)

Departure: David L Lawrence Convention Center, East 10th Street Taxi Lanes, Saturday, July 31, 8:30 AM;

Return: David L Lawrence Convention Center, Saturday, July 31, 5 PM

FT 7: Urban agriculture in action: Greening blighted land and revitalizing communities

(www.esa.org/pittsburgh/fieldtrips.php)

Departure: David L Lawrence Convention Center, East 10th Street Taxi Lanes, Sunday, August 1, 8 AM; Return: David L Lawrence Convention Center, Sunday, August 1, 5 PM

FT 8: SEEDS Educational Outreach Initiative: Sharing ecological tools for biodiversity enhancement with future generations ([/www.esa.org/pittsburgh/fieldtrips.php](http://www.esa.org/pittsburgh/fieldtrips.php))

Depart: David L. Lawrence Convention Center, East 10th Street Taxi Lanes, Sunday, August 1, 8:30 AM;

Return: David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Sunday, August 1, 4:30 PM

FT 9: Parks, Streams, and Urban Systems: Successes and Challenges in Restoration (Companion to OOS 24 on Wed. 8 AM to 11:30 PM) (www.esa.org/pittsburgh/fieldtrips.php)

Departure: David L Lawrence Convention Center, East 10th Street Taxi Lanes, Sunday, August 1, 1 PM; Return: David L Lawrence Convention Center, Sunday, August 1, 6 PM

FT 11: Steel City to Green City (www.esa.org/pittsburgh/fieldtrips.php) Departure: David L Lawrence Convention Center, East 10th Street Taxi Lanes, Tuesday, August 3, 9 AM; Return: David L Lawrence Convention Center, Tuesday, August 3, 3 PM

OOS 12 - Rooftop Ecology: What Is a Green Roof and Why Should Ecologists Care?

Tuesday, August 3, 2010: 8:00 AM-11:30 AM

310-311, David L Lawrence Convention Center

eco.confex.com/eco/2010/techprogram/S5544.HTM

***ESA Joint Mixer: Applied Ecology, Urban Ecosystems, Long-term Studies, Agroecology, and Environmental Justice Sections**

Tuesday, August 3, 2010: 6:30 PM-8:00 PM

329, David L Lawrence Convention Center
eco.confex.com/eco/2010/techprogram/S6323.HTM

***ESA Urban Ecosystems Ecology Section Business Meeting**

Wednesday, August 4, 2010: 12:00 PM-1:00 PM

Somerset East, Westin

eco.confex.com/eco/2010/techprogram/S6407.HTM

PS 63 - Urban Ecology

Wednesday, August 4, 2010: 4:30 PM-6:30 PM

Exhibit Hall A, David L Lawrence Convention Center

eco.confex.com/eco/2010/techprogram/S6245.HTM

PS 64 - Urban Ecosystems

Wednesday, August 4, 2010: 4:30 PM-6:30 PM

Exhibit Hall A, David L Lawrence Convention Center

eco.confex.com/eco/2010/techprogram/S6214.HTM

COS 98 - Urban Ecology I

Thursday, August 5, 2010: 1:30 PM-5:00 PM

407, David L Lawrence Convention Center

eco.confex.com/eco/2010/techprogram/S6019.HTM

COS 112 - Urban Ecology II

Friday, August 6, 2010: 8:00 AM-11:30 AM

334, David L Lawrence Convention Center

eco.confex.com/eco/2010/techprogram/S6436.HTM

PS 114 - Latebreaking: Urban Ecology

Friday, August 6, 2010: 8:30 AM-10:30 AM

Exhibit Hall A, David L Lawrence Convention Center

eco.confex.com/eco/2010/techprogram/S6469.HTM

Travel Awards – This year, the Urban Ecosystem Ecology Section sponsored four, student-travel awards of \$300/each. Each applicant was asked to submit his/her abstract, a letter of need, and a letter of reference. We received lots of great applications which made the decision process very difficult. This year's recipients will be announced at the business meeting on Aug 4.

Urban Ecosystem Ecology Section

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