

The PACIFIC DIVISION  
of the  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION for the ADVANCEMENT of SCIENCE  
Announces its:  
**101<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**



**Southern Oregon University**  
**June 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020**



*Think Globally,  
Organize Regionally,  
Act Locally*



# CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

The 101<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science will take place on the campus of Southern Oregon University in Ashland, Oregon from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2020. With this announcement we are soliciting participation as well as ideas for themes and topics for this year's meeting. We are also happy to announce that the Northwest and Southwest Regions of Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Honor Society, will once again join us for this meeting. Membership in AAAS or its affiliated societies is not required to participate in or present at this meeting.

## Call for general meeting contributions

The Pacific Division invites proposals for meeting contributions across a broad range of interests and concerns related to the advancement of science and its impact on our society and planet. All science interested participants are invited to contribute, including high school, ungraduated and graduate students, college and university faculty and staff, industry scientists, and as well as citizens involved in science-related efforts or activities. The organizers would especially like to encourage undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and early career faculty. Individual contributions are welcome in a number of different presentation formats including:

Contributed paper and poster sessions  
Workshops  
Town Hall Meetings  
Symposia  
A Maker Exhibit  
Educational Field trips  
Special lectures

## Regional Meeting Themes

For the first time in its 100+ year history, the Pacific Division annual meeting will take place a second year in a row in the same location. A principle reason for this choice was to further develop relationships within and between individuals and organizations that were started in our 2019 Ashland meeting around science-related issues of concern locally and regionally. Those included:

- Climate change
- Causes and impacts of forest fires
- The opioid epidemic
- Local Oregon environmental issues including the proposed Coos Bay pipeline and efforts to remove dams from the Klamath River
- The application of advanced measuring techniques to local agriculture
- The biology of aging
- Impact and issues concerning pollinators

At this year's meeting, we will extend, refine, and further develop several of these themes but are also seeking suggestions for new themes as well. Current theme extensions include:

- Approaches to forest fire management employed by Native Americans
- The impact of the microbiome on agriculture and human health
- Quantifying the concept of "terroir" in the production of agricultural products including wines, hemp, and medicinal herbs
- Sustaining and institutionalizing existing pollinator spaces

## Special topics related to the health and impact of science in general

As a broad-based and highly interdisciplinary organization, we are also interested in soliciting suggestions and participation in sessions related to more global issues related to science and society. Possible examples include:

- Mechanisms for facilitating the influence of science and scientists on public policy
- The future of scientific publishing
- The future of higher education
- Challenges in pre-college science education
- The importance of interdisciplinary approaches in science and technology
- Engaging the public in science
- Fostering inclusion of underrepresented minorities in science

## Interdisciplinary Research and Explorations

Finally, Pacific Division meetings have always been highly interdisciplinary in nature. Accordingly, we are specifically seeking to include presentations and activities in the meeting that cross disciplinary boundaries, including between science and art, music, film, and other forms of human expression. Accordingly, we would again like to encourage proposals for this purpose.

Please submit your ideas for themes or events at the annual meeting to:  
[info@aaaspd.org](mailto:info@aaaspd.org)

## Meeting Deadlines

**Jan. 15** Proposal deadline for special theme meeting topics.

**April 01** Symposium Presenters: Deadline for submitting abstracts for symposium and Workshop presentations

**April 22** Contributed Poster and Oral Paper Presenters: Deadline for submitting abstracts for contributed papers and posters

**April 28** Tier one meeting registration rates (lowest fee rates) end

**April 29** Tier two meeting registration rates (next to lowest fee rates) begin

**May 10** Deadline for submitting completed application for on-campus meeting housing

**May 15** All requests for reimbursements related to meeting due

**May 27** On-site registration rates begin

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## Additional questions?

Contact Dr. James M. Bower, Executive Director of the Pacific Division, by e-mail at [bowerj@aaaspd.org](mailto:bowerj@aaaspd.org) or by telephone at 541-499-7502.