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ASMR NEWSLETTER

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STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

There was a large number of Scholarship applications this year, four PhD students, seven M.S students, and three B.S. students. Nazmul Haque of The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) received the PhD Scholarship Award which included a plaque, check for \$1,500, registration at the Richmond Meetings, and one year's membership in ASMR. Joshua Eldridge, Colorado State University, received the M.S. scholarship Award, which included a plaque, check for \$1,000, registration at the Richmond Meetings, and one year's membership in ASMR. Christopher Fields-Johnson from Virginia Tech received the B.S. Scholarship Award which included a plaque, check for \$750, registration at the Richmond Meetings, and one year's membership in ASMR.

In addition there were two M.S. students receiving honorable mention. They were Kathryn Marie Adank and Ana B. Ruiz, from the University of Kentucky and Colorado School of Mines, respectively. Both of these students received registration at the Richmond Meetings.

There was only one prize given this year for posters and First Place Poster Award went to Caroline Newcombe from Penn State. Several prizes were given for Oral Presentations with First Place going to Ashlee Dere from Penn State. There were three Second Place winners: Ana Ruiz, and Christophe Venot, from Colorado School of Mines and Luciana Pereyra from Colorado State University. There were four Third Place Awards winners: Ben Mack from West Virginia, Chris Fields-Johnson from Virginia Tech, Kelly Meredith also from Virginia Tech, and William Strosnider from Oklahoma.

Next year the NEC has authorized student travel grants. There will likely be 10 grants at \$500 each. The criteria for receiving these grants have not been determined, as a committee has been appointed to set the guidelines. These travel grants will be based on several items and any student traveling to the meetings may apply. The awards will be announced prior to the meetings and the student will be honored at the Awards Luncheon where the checks will be presented.

ASMR AWARD WINNERS

The William Plass Award went to Dr. Terry Toy, retired professor from Denver University. The Reclamationist of the Year was awarded to Mr. Franklin Russell of Glenn Springs Holding, Inc., and the Richard I. and Lela M. Barnhisel Researcher of the Year went to Dr. Lachlan Ingram of the University of Wyoming. These persons received a plaque and in the case of the latter award, a check for \$500 was also presented to Dr. Ingram. This monetary award was established in 2008 as a result of a gift from the Barnhisel family, with interest from this endowment providing the award.

SUMMARY OF RICHMOND MEETINGS

The meetings at Richmond were highly successful thanks to Lee Daniels, Carl Zipper, and their committee members. There were 222 registered which included some spouses and guests. A total of 81 papers were presented, including the posters, which have been placed on a CD. If you wish a copy right away, send me a check for \$5.00 (\$10 if payment by credit card), or they will be available at no cost when you renew your membership dues at the end of the calendar year.

We had good attendance for the field trips and especially to the social dinner at the Shirley Plantation where 150 attended. This plantation has been in continuous operation since its establishment in the 1613, only six years after the establishment of Jamestown. Shirley Plantation is the oldest family-owned business in North America dating back to 1638. The present mansion was completed in 1738, and has been in the Carter family ever since. Charles Carter III who served as one of the meeting sponsors lives in the mansion. More can be learned by visiting The Shirley Plantation, Virginia on the internet.

PROCEEDS FROM THE SILENT AUCTION

The silent auction was quite successful this year at the Richmond Meetings. There were more items than last year and the proceeds resulted in \$1,373 being raised for the Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund. Two items brought \$100 each, a painting by Jon Burley and a print donated by Bob Kleinmann. The scholarship committee wishes to thank those who donated items and those who bid on them as well. Claire Dunne and Lela Barnhisel managed the auction this year. We hope to have space at Billings for more gifts. Claire will be making contacts with the ASMR members again in the spring of 2009. It isn't too early to start thinking of items you might donate. Remember these are tax deductible and is for a worthy cause.

BILLINGS MEETINGS, MAY 30 – JUNE 5, 2009

The Call for Abstracts and/or papers will be mailed out later in July. If you attended the meetings in Richmond, there was a flyer in the materials you received in the bag. Materials will also be placed on the ASMR web page shortly as currently the only information is the link given below to the BLRS site, which has the following address: <http://www.billingslandreclamationsymposium.org/> . There is a considerable amount of preliminary information given on their web page.

PERMIT AWARDED

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA- Klohn Crippen Berger and Adanac Molybdenum Corporation are pleased to announce an important milestone in the Ruby Creek Molybdenum Project, the award of a BC Mines Act Permit.

WEB PAGE

As time permits, I will be putting hi-lights from the Richmond Meetings on the web page. These will largely be under the categories of ASMR Awards and Scholarship recipients, Exhibitors 2008, etc.

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UP-COMING EVENTS

If you have meetings that you would like to list, send the information to me.

RECLAIMING THE PAST" 33rd CLRA/ACRSD NATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and CONFERENCE **July 28 - August 1, 2008** Delta Lodge at Kananaskis, Kananaskis Village, Alberta
The deadline to register for this conference is **July 20, 2008** To book rooms at the Delta Lodge at Kananaskis, use the [Conference Booking Form](#) to receive conference rates.

2008 SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE, **July 26 – 30, 2008**. JW Marriott Starr Pass, 3800 W. Starr Pass Boulevard, Tucson, AZ 85745. The preliminary program with complete descriptions of conference plenary sessions, the list of oral and poster presentations and symposia, tours, workshops, and special events is online at www.swcs.org/08ac.

Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative (ARRI) 2008 conference "Mined Land Reforestation" to be held **August 5-7, 2008**, Chief Logan State Park, West Virginia. Hosted by WVDEP. Conference agenda and registration information will be available at www.arri.osmre.gov For more information, contact Jeff Skousen, West Virginia University, jskousen@wvu.edu

B.C.'s 32nd Annual Mine Reclamation Symposium "Mine Reclamation, Biodiversity and Integrated Land Use" **September 15 - 18, 2008**. Kamloops, British Columbia The British Columbia Technical and Research Committee on Reclamation. For additional information, please visit the TRCR web site at www.trcr.bc.ca.

MEMD Symposium 2008 - Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec, Canada -- MINES and the ENVIRONMENT **November 2 to 5, 2008**. November 2 - Short Course; November 3 – 4 Technical Program and Plenary (simultaneous translation French - English, English - French provided); November 5-Site tours. For information: www.cim.org/Rouyn-Noranda2008 or Chantal Murphy (CIM) 1-800-667-1246.

Innovative Remediation Technology Conference, Denver, Colorado, **November 6-7, 2008**. Presented by: American Institute of Professional Geologists, Contact: Cathy Duran Phone: (303) 412-6205 E-mail: cld@aipg.org

ASMR 26th Annual Meetings and the 11th Billings Land Reclamation Symposium, **May 30 – June 5, 2009**, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Billings, MT. Dennis Neuman is the host, dneuman@reclamationresearch.net and additional information will be added here when it is nearer the meetings.

ASMR 27th Annual Meetings will likely be in Pittsburgh with Margaret Dunn (Stream Restoration, Inc.) and Lois Uranowski (OSM) as co-hosts. The dates and hotel have not been established.

ASMR 28th Annual Meetings will be in Bismarck, ND at the Ramkoda Hotel with Steve Schroeder the host, and additional information will be added here when it is nearer the meetings. The date has tentatively been set for **June, 4-7, 2011**.