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ASMR NEWSLETTER

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SUMMARY OF BILLINGS MEETINGS

The ASMR/BLRS meeting in Billings was very successful with 387 registering. There were 126 oral or poster papers presented in addition to four workshops and three field trips. One field trip had to be canceled due to rain making the roads impassable.

The meetings were also financially successful although the final accounting is not complete with a few bills yet to be paid.

Following are the awards that were presented.

William T. Plass Award – **Richard I. Barnhisel**, University of Kentucky (Retired)

Richard and Lela Barnhisel Researcher of the Year – **Zhenqi Hu**, Professor, China University of Mining and Technology

Reclamationist of the Year – **Roy Karo**, Peabody Energy/Seneca Mine

Ph.D. Memorial Scholarship – **William Strosnider**, Oklahoma University

M.S. Memorial Scholarship – **Shuli Tang**, China University of Mining and Technology

B.S. Memorial Scholarship – **Hannah Clayton**, Virginia Tech

Ph.D. Memorial Scholarship Honorable Mention – **Mary Ann Robinson-Lora**, Penn State

M.S. Memorial Scholarship Honorable Mention – **Caley Gasch Salava**, Oklahoma University

Student Oral Paper Presentation Contest – **Alan Garrido**, Oklahoma University, First place

Student Oral Paper Presentation Contest – **Carrie Taylor**, Montana State University, Second place

Student Oral Paper Presentation Contest – **Mary Ann Robinson-Lora**, Penn State, Third place

Student Oral Paper Presentation Contest – **Hannah Clayton** Virginia Tech, Fourth place

Student Poster Paper Presentation Contest – **Janessa Hartman**, Colorado School of Mines, First place

Student Poster Paper Presentation Contest – **Nicole Bird**, University of Wyoming, Second place

Student Poster Paper Presentation Contest – **Lisa Gallagher**, Colorado School of Mines, Second place

Student Poster Paper Presentation Contest – **Valeria Stucker**, Colorado School of Mines, Third place

SILENT AUCTION

This year the Silent Auction raised \$1,762. These funds will be used to support the Travel Grants for students who are giving papers at the meetings.

WILLIAM T. PLASS ENDOWMENT

At our recent meetings, over \$1,250 was collected toward this fund. The interest from CD's will provide a \$500 honorarium to the annual recipient. Currently, there is not a sufficient amount in this endowment to provide this level of honorarium. At current interest rates, about \$10,000 more is needed. Please consider sending a tax-deductible gift, any amount will be appreciated.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The Call for Abstracts and Workshops for 2010 will be sent in the next few weeks. In addition to the Pennsylvania Abandoned Mineland Reclamation group, the Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative (ARRI) has joined ASMR as co-sponsors of the Pittsburgh meetings. These groups will bring a new twist to our sessions by each having several non-technical or case study presentations. We expect abstracts for these non-peer reviewed papers to be submitted in the normal manner. If the authors submit full papers, they will be peer reviewed, otherwise only the abstract or extended abstract will be placed on the CD ROM. We expect these oral or poster papers will evolve into three or four half-day sessions that could draw persons who will also benefit from our more traditional technical presentations.

RECLAMATION MATTERS

I have several copies of back issues of Reclamation Matters in my basement “drawing dust” that need a new home. Of course, back issues of our magazine are also on line. We can place an issue on line as soon as the next issue is published. If you wish a hard copy, **let me know by the end of this month**, otherwise, all but three or four copies will be placed in the paper-recycling bin. Only a few copies exist of the fall 2008 and spring 2009 issues however, there are at least 50 copies of all other issues.

WEB PAGE

Over the past few months, a few persons have voiced their opinion related to the **ASMR** web page maintained free of cost on the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture’s server. I have attempted to improve the “look” of this page, but since it requires the use of FrontPage, some of the fancy things available using other web software programs is not possible. I have attempted to revise the subsections by making them simpler, and will be continuing to do this over the next few weeks.

One important thing about accessing our web page is that if everyone uses Google or some other search engine to find the page, this will keep **ASMR** at the top of these search engine lists. I recently learned that using Google and clicking on **asmr.com** on their list will bring the viewer to a page which has our web site listed. However, if you enter **asmr.com** then click search, you will be immediately directed to the **ASM Research** page and will not see a list which has our page listed. This organization had already purchased asmr.com domain prior to my creation of our web page. We are investigating another possible domain word/words that are available. Such words cost as much as \$100/year. What I indicated above is free as the number of searches is the factor that keeps ASMR at the top of these lists.

I am also investigating ways we can put the full text of all our papers of past meetings on the web page. In principle this has been worked out, the only holdup is related to the use of a password. I do not think it is wise to put the papers for the most recent meetings online. The problem being, if the papers have entirely free access, the number of persons who pay their dues will likely decline as everything is essentially free. I initially plan to put papers for 2002 through 2008 on the web page as I have digital versions of all these papers. Some other Societies have done this and their membership dropped as a result. Most of these had to take a second look at online access to their papers and access is available to members who have the password.

There are several items added to the **ASMR** web page from our recent meetings in Billings such as the Meeting Abstracts, photos of the Award recipients, photos of the Exhibitors, and highlights from the social outing at Pompey’s Pillar.

DIRECTORY

Preparations are underway for the 2009 Membership Directory. If you have any change in your address, phone number, etc since the first of the year, **email these changes immediately.**

New Student Members since the last Newsletter and the Directory was printed.

- Mr. Kenney Delahunt, Coop Wildlife Research Lab, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901; Phone: (618) 536-7799; Email: delahunt@siu.edu
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New Regular Members since the last Newsletter and the Directory was printed.

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- Ms. Leslie Carrene, RPM Ecosystems LLC 2150 Dryden Rd, Dryden, NY 13053; Phone: (607) 844-9590; Fax: (607) 844-9591; Email: LC@rpmecosystems.com
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Regular Members Returning as ASMR members since the Directory was printed.

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UP-COMING EVENTS

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

3rd NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION (NCER) 2009, Los Angeles, California, July 20-24, 2009. Technical sessions will focus on six primary themes: 1. Ecosystem Restoration at the Watershed Scale 2. New Planning Approaches to Achieve Ecosystem Restoration. 3. Science and Engineering Integration. 4. Linking Monitoring Results with Management Decision-making. 5. Urban Ecosystem Restoration. 6. Ecosystem Goods and Services. Please contact Mr. Tom St. Clair by telephone at (904)-232-1774 or by email at: GSTClair@pbsj.com with recommendations.

Canadian Land Reclamation Association (CLRA) August 23 - 25, 2009, Québec City, Québec, Canada www.clra.ca

The University of Western Australia's Australian Centre for Geomechanics and Centre for Land Rehabilitation, for the Fourth International Conference on Mine Closure 2009 will be **September 9-11** at the Sheraton Hotel, Perth. For more information, visit the website: <http://www.mineclosure2009.com>

Northern Latitudes Mining Reclamation Workshop Yellowknife, Northwest Territories Canada **September 8 to 11, 2009**. Contact information Bill Price, Natural Resources Canada bill.price@nrcan-nrcan.gc.ca Telephone: (250) 847-9335 / (250) 847-7603 (fax)

IMWA Symposium 2009: Pretoria (South Africa), **19 - 23 October, 2009**, CSIR Conference Centre, Pretoria

EIGHTEENTH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON MINE PLANNING & EQUIPMENT SELECTION, November, 16-19, 2009, Banff, Alberta, Canada. **June 15, 2009** Receipt of abstracts (1 page limit); **June 30, 2009** Notification of paper acceptance; **September 15, 2009** Deadline for camera-ready manuscripts. Contact Dr. Raj K. Singhal singhal@shaw.ca Official Websites: <http://www.mpes-cami-swemp.com/>

11TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND WASTE MANAGEMENT IN ENERGY AND MINERAL PRODUCTION November 16-19, 2009, Banff, Alberta, Canada. **June 15, 2009** Receipt of abstracts (1 page limit); **June 30, 2009** Notification of paper acceptance; **August 15, 2009** Deadline for camera-ready manuscripts. Contact: Dr. Raj K. Singhal Email: singhal@shaw.ca, Official Websites: <http://www.mpes-cami-swemp.com/>

The **3rd National Conference on Ecosystem Restoration** (NCER '09) to be held: July 20-24, 2009 in Los Angeles, CA at the Westin Bonaventure. Web site for additional information concerning this meeting, go to: <http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/NCER2009>

ASMR 27th Annual Meetings will be in Pittsburgh with Lois Uranowski (OSM) and Margaret Dunn (Stream Restoration, Inc.) as co-hosts. The Radisson will be the hotel for the meetings, which will be June 5-12, 2010. The Radisson is actually located in Green Tree a suburb of Pittsburgh near the OSM office.

ASMR 28th Annual Meetings will be in Bismarck, ND at the Ramkoda Hotel with Steve Schroeder the host. Additional information will be added here when it is nearer the meetings. The date has been set for **June 12-16, 2011**.