Call for Papers

The 94th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Parasitologists

The Double Tree by Hilton-Mayo Clinic Area
Rochester, MN July 11-14, 2019

Mayo Clinic is an internationally-renowned medical center providing care to over 1 million patients from around the world each year. It is the largest multidisciplinary, integrated nonprofit medical group practice in the world and has been ranked #1 in the nation by the U.S. World and New Report for the past 3 years. Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science offers 400 educational programs in the basic and health sciences through its Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, School of Medicine, and Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences. In 2017, the total research and education funding exceeded 1 billion dollars.
The American Society of Parasitologists (ASP) will hold its 94th Annual Meeting at the Double Tree by Hilton-Mayo Clinic Area, Rochester, MN July 11-14, 2019. ASP members, as well as non-members who attend the ASP meeting, are invited to submit abstracts for papers for oral presentation, poster presentation, as invited speakers, or as contributors to symposia to a common website listed in the Abstract Submission section of this document. Individuals organizing symposia, workshops, 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.

Meeting Registration for ASP-2019

Electronic Registration for ASP Members
On-line registration for the annual meeting will be available at the ALLEN PRESS website below. You will be able to register online using a credit card. Click on the link below and follow all directions exactly as stated.


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† Non-members (both post-graduate and students) may join ASP ($95 and $20–50, respectively); the “Join the ASP” link can be found at https://www.amsocparasit.org. NO REFUNDING OF THE REGISTRATION FEE AFTER MAY 31, 2019

Important Deadlines

Friday, April 19, 2019
• Receipt of all abstracts via the website (https://parasitology.wfunet.wfu.edu/).
• ASP Marc Dresden Student Travel Grant & Student Paper Competition applications.

Friday, April 19, 2019
• ASP Member Symposium created from submitted abstracts due.

Friday, May 31, 2019
• Early Registration forms for meeting ONLY due.

Tuesday, June 18, 2019
• Hotel reservations must be made to secure the ASP conference rate for regular rooms.
Hotel Reservations for ASP-2019

The Double Tree by Hilton-Mayo Clinic
150 South Broadway
Rochester, Minnesota 55904
Ph: 507-281-8000
Fax: 507-281-4280

The Hilton Garden Inn Rochester
225 South Broadway
Rochester, Minnesota 55904
Ph: 844-778-8676

Hotel Reservations—General Information:
Your hotel reservation is separate from your meeting registration and each ASP attendee is responsible for making his/her own hotel reservation. For the Rochester meeting, ASP will be using two hotels for housing members. The Double Tree is the main meeting venue hotel and a block of guest rooms is available there for ASP members. However, the Hilton Garden Inn has also been contracted with to house students at a discounted room rate for the meeting. The daily room rate for regular ASP members at the Double Tree (double, singles) is $159.00 USD, plus tax. The discounted room rate for the Hilton Garden Inn is $139.00 USD, plus tax. You may use a credit card when you register for either hotel. Be sure to mention that you are with the American Society of Parasitologists. The special ASP Conference Rate is offered 3 days prior to and 3 days after the meeting for anyone wishing to extend their stay. Please remember, the Double Tree has made a commitment of 425 room nights (the Hilton Garden Inn, 70 discounted room nights), for our members and will give us our meeting space free if we meet our room night commitment. We must make every effort to fill these rooms. Click on the link below and follow all directions exactly as stated to reserve your room at the Double Tree. (If you have any difficulty registering at either hotel, please contact Ms. Julie Haldeman (Julie.Haldeman@Hilton.com)).


Hotel Reservations—Student Quads: Hilton Garden Inn
Quad rooms are available through the hotel registration website for the Hilton Garden Inn. Students who want to use the quad reservation option for housing must follow the hotel’s instruction below.
All rooms in the ASP quad block have two Queen Beds. Once you click the link and select the dates and enter in the number of people per room, you will click continue to go to the next page to add contact information. Below that is the "optional" link to add additional names. **You will need to add each person's name for us to know that the bill will be split.** We will split the bill on our end. There is no way to do this in the online registration link. Complete the online hotel registration process by providing your credit card information. **No charges will be made to any credit card until after checking out of the hotel after the conference.** Once all the reservations are in and we are near the arrival dates, our hotel staff will go through each of the reservations. If we see that there are four people per room, we will split the bill four ways; if there are three people, three ways. This is the way that the billing will work for all Quad rooms.

**Students must know the name(s) of the person(s) with whom they want to share a room prior to initiating the quad room reservation process.** The ASP Student Representative for the 2019 year is Ms. Christina Anaya. Her contact information is below if you have any questions: Phone: (805)-844-3879; Email: christina.anaya@okstate.edu.


**The deadline for securing a room at the ASP conference rate at both hotels is 5:00 PM (Central Time Zone) June 18, 2019. After this date any rooms in the ASP block that have not been reserved will be released for public sale.**

**Abstract Submission**

**Preparing Your Abstract(s)**

All abstracts MUST be submitted in English at the web address in the submission section of this document. When writing your abstract, both the title and the content are important components. The TITLE should be short, concise, and indicative of the abstract. 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 the abstract (title is handled by editor) as instructed on the Web abstract/submission page.

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**Submitting Your Abstract(s)**
Submit your abstract(s) via our Web page (https://parasitology.wfunet.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 the page that has your confirmation number on it. **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, April 19, 2019.**

**Acceptance/Scheduling of Abstracts**
Multiple abstracts submitted by one author may be restricted to two oral presentations, 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 contact the Scientific Program Officers. 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 14, 2019. Alternatively, you can check at http://amsocparasit.org, where an electronic copy of the final Program & Abstracts booklet will be posted after June 14, 2019. Abstracts appearing in the official booklet of Programs and Abstracts are not citable as abstracts for publication citation purposes.

**Oral and Poster Presentations**

All presentations for the meeting will be in English.

**Oral Presentations**
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 **Double Tree by Hilton-Mayo Clinic Area.** 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.
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 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 also be included on your poster.

**Meeting Venue Information**

The Double Tree by Hilton-Mayo Clinic  
150 South Broadway  
Rochester, Minnesota 55904  
Ph: 507-281-8000  
Fax: 507-281-4280

Our venue for the 94th annual meeting of the American Society of Parasitologists is the newly renovated Double Tree by Hilton Rochester located near the Mayo Clinic and the Rochester Methodist Hospital. It is connected via a skywalk and pedestrian subway to the shops at University Square which offer a rich selection of shopping and dining opportunities. All guest rooms come with complimentary Wi-Fi in spacious rooms designed to make one’s stay enjoyable yet connected. There is an award-winning restaurant on site (Pescara) as well as the traditional Starbucks. The Double Tree has 8000 square feet of meeting space and a 24 hours business center.

Rochester, Minnesota, is a dynamic, fun and safe city located in Southeastern Minnesota. Home to the Mayo Clinic, the city is a destination for patients, physicians and scientists from around the world. You’ll find a dynamic array of fun things to do while attending the ASP annual meeting. Visit “Thursdays on First” on opening day, a large open-air art and food festival with live music located on 1st Street, just 1 block from the conference location. There are also a variety of great restaurants, breweries, bars, parks, and shops in downtown Rochester. See the [Experience Rochester website](#) for more information.

**High Speed Internet Access is Complimentary in ASP guests’ rooms at both the Double Tree and the Hilton Garden Inn.**
**Scientific Attractions**

**Symposia and Workshops**

The meeting will feature the annual President’s and the ASP Student Symposia as well as other symposia/workshops proposed by the ASP membership. ASP members who want to create a symposium from the submitted abstracts must do so by April 19, 2019. The member organizer is responsible for contacting symposium participants, for sending the SPO’s a list of the speakers, the abstract number of the papers selected and for determining the order of the presentations. Space in the current program format is limited, so we accept member submitted symposia requests on a first come, first serve basis.

The local organizing committee under the direction of Co-chair Dr. Bobbi Pritt, a faculty member at the Mayo Clinic, will host two free workshops on Clinical Parasitology at the Mayo Clinic on the afternoons of Wednesday, July 10, 2019 (afternoon prior to the official start of the meeting) and Thursday, July 11, 2019 (afternoon of the first official day of the meeting). Each workshop will accommodate 25 individuals. Students, including postdocs, will be given priority for registering for a seat in one of the two workshops on a first come first serve basis. Please consider joining Dr. Pritt for this 2-hour hands-on laboratory experience while at the meeting. The laboratory will offer a glimpse into the work of a human clinical parasitologist and the types of specimens that are commonly seen ─ both dead and alive! There also will be an opportunity to prepare and interpret a clinical specimen from start to finish. If you are interested in participating in one of these workshops, please email Dr. Pritt directly at Pritt.Bobbi@mayo.edu to reserve your seat.

**Awards and Lectures**

Awards/lectures scheduled to be presented at the Rochester 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.

**Marc Dresden Student Travel Grants/Student 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 (https://parasitology.wfunet.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, April 19, 2019. 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. Students may submit more than one abstract to the Travel Awards Committee for grant review, but only one of those abstracts can be entered in the Student Paper Competition.
Competition. Please indicate in your submission which abstract is to be entered in the SPC.

**Regional Paper Competition Winners**
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 for 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. Florian B. Reyda, Biology Department, 120 Science I, State University of New York, College at Oneonta, Oneonta, NY,13820-4015; Ph: 607-436-3719 or 607-547-8778; email: florian.reyda@oneonta.edu

**Social Activities**
The ASP Welcoming Reception, the annual Student Reception and Vortex, and the ASP Student Auction are but a few of the social activities planned for the Rochester meeting.

**29th 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 2019. 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 before the meeting, please mail them to arrive 1 week prior to the meeting dates to the address below.

Double Tree by Hilton-Rochester Mayo Clinic Area  
ATTN: Ms. Melissa Wiles  
150 South Broadway  
Rochester. MN 55904

**A separate label should also be attached with the following information.**

**THIS BOX SHOULD BE HELD FOR:**  
Event Name: ASP AUCTION  
Event Date: JULY 11-14, 2019  
Company Name: ASP  
ON-SITE CONTACT: Ms. Melissa Wiles
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. Kelli Sapp, ksapp@highpoint.edu, 336/841-4534. Lee Couch, lcouch@unm.edu.

**Transportation Information**

All the major airlines and rental car companies serve the Rochester Municipal Airport.

**Ground Transportation**

**From I-90 West:**
Take the Hwy 52 exit to Rochester. Take Hwy 63 North (Broadway) exit into Downtown. The Double Tree is located at the intersection of South Broadway and 2nd streets. Make a right turn onto 2nd Street SE and the ramp to parking is located behind the hotel.

**From Hwy 52 South:**
Take the Civic Center Drive exit. Continue for approximately 2 miles to North Broadway. Turn right onto Broadway to the 2nd intersection. Turn left onto 2nd street. The ramp to parking is located behind the hotel.

**From Rochester Municipal Airport**
From the airport, turn east onto County Road 16 and exit onto HWY 63 North. HWY 63 becomes Broadway in town. Hotel is located at the intersection of Broadway and 2nd streets.

**Self-Parking at both hotels will be discounted from $16.00 USD to $8.00 USD per day per vehicle in the adjoining city parking area for the Double Tree, and in the nearby city parking ramp for the Hilton Garden Inn.**

**Airport Shuttle/Taxis:** The Super Shuttle is available for hotel transport at a cost of $15 USD, one way. ASP members can access the Super Shuttle website to book their travel to the Double Tree/Hilton Garden Inn Hotels or you may use The Rochester Shuttle Service (www.RochesterShuttleService.com:Ph: 507-216-6354). Taxis service is also available from the airport (fares to downtown run $25USD).

**Local Organizing Committee**

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Tentative Schedule of Events

**Wednesday, July 10th**
Clinical Parasitology Wet Lab Workshop................3:00-5:00 p.m.

**Thursday, July 11th**
ASP Council Meeting.................................................1:00-5:00 p.m.
Clinical Parasitology Wet Lab Workshop................3:00-5:00 p.m.
2–3 Oral Paper Sessions/Symposia..............................8:00–Noon
Oral Paper Sessions/Symposium..............................8:00-Noon
ASP Welcoming Reception.................................7:00–10:00 p.m.

**Friday, July 12th**
Symposium/Oral Paper Sessions.......................8:30–11:00 a.m.
ASP Student Business Meeting........11:00 a.m.-Noon
1 to 3 Oral Paper Sessions/Symposia......................1:00–3:00 p.m.
ASP Student Symposium..............................3:30–5:30 p.m.
ASP Student Social........................................5:30-6:30 p.m.
29th Annual ASP Auction Preview & Auction........6:00–9:00 p.m.

**Saturday, July 13th**
1 to 4 Oral Paper Sessions/Symposia.....................8:00–11:00 a.m.
Stoll-Stunkard Lecture.................................11:00 a.m.-Noon
R. Barclay McGee Lecture.................................1:00-2:00 p.m.
1 to 4 Oral Paper Sessions/Symposia......................2:15–6:00 p.m.
Poster Session........................................3:00–6:00 p.m.

**Sunday, July 14th**
1 to 4 Oral Paper Sessions.................................8:00 a.m.–Noon
ASP H.B. Ward Medal Lecture..........................1:00–1:50 p.m.
ASP Awards & Business Meeting................2:00–3:30 p.m.

Please note the changes in the tentative schedule (e.g. Clinical Parasitology Wet Lab Workshops, Poster Session) so that you can plan accordingly

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