

Meetings of Interest*

November 3–5, 2004

The North American Lake Management Society (NALMS) conference—“Lakes: Habitat for Fish, Habitat for People”—addresses challenges associated with the co-existence of people and fish in lake habitats. This is one of the few conferences where academics, scientists, government employees, and ordinary citizens gather to address the problems that face the use of lakes in a global atmosphere of increasing population and climate change. During discussions, technical workshops, and training sessions held in Victoria, British Columbia, NALMS 2004 includes other topics such as introduced aquatic plants and animals, lake assessment and restoration techniques, government policies, and new scientific methods. More information is available at <http://www.nalms.org/symposia/victoria/index.htm>.

November 8–10, 2004

Third International Conference on Invasive *Spartina* provides a forum for the best and latest research on *Spartina* and an opportunity to hear from marsh managers and technical experts from around the world. Beautiful and important in their native ecosystems, several species of *Spartina* become ecological and economic nightmares when they establish at the interface between land and sea in nonnative territories. The conference includes scenic ground and helicopter tours to view and contemplate the *Spartina* “hybrid swarm” (*S. alterniflora* x *S. foliosa*) that threatens the San Francisco Estuary. The overarching theme for the conference held in downtown San Francisco, California, is “Integrating the Science and Management of Invasive *Spartina*.” More information is available at <http://www.the-conference.com/2004/spartina/>.

November 14–17, 2004

“Entomology and ESA: Our Heritage, Our Future” is the premiere event of the Entomological Society of America (ESA). Participants gather in Salt Lake City, Utah, to exchange scientific information and ideas, enhance professional knowledge and skills, and conduct ESA business. A formal program of events provides attendees with opportunities to hear and present research papers, and meet in symposia to discuss selected topics of common interest, including hemiptera-microbe interactions; the integration of ecology, pest management, epidemiology, and genomic research; mechanical properties of arthropod structures: engineering the future; the well “bee-ing” of pollinators and their impacts on agricultural and natural ecosystems; rhopalocera erotica: a passion for butterflies; and the malaria-fighting mosquito: challenges and progress in the most daring undertaking in 50 years of genetic vector control. More information is available at http://www.entsoc.org/annual_meeting/2004/ameeting.htm.

April 19–20, 2005

“Invasive Species: Their Ecological Impacts and Alternatives for Control” focuses on supporting the assessment and monitoring of invasive species. Specific topics include approaches for preventing the introduction and spread of invasive species; identification of standardizations that the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) International, Committee-E47 on Biological Effects and Environmental Fate might develop to meet technical and regulatory challenges; and identification of invasive species research needs. Organized in 1898, ASTM International is one of the largest voluntary standards developing organizations in the world. Participants at the event in Reno, Nevada, come together under ASTM to set consensus standards for invasive species control. More information is available at <http://www.astm.org/cgibin/SoftCart.exe/SYMPOSIA/index.html?L+mystore+cxpl5647+1092341496>.

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