AMS/WSM 2010

Thank you for your interest and participation in the 76th Annual Meeting of the American Malacological Society and the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Western Society of Malacologists held jointly at the Aztec Conference Center on the campus of San Diego State University (SDSU).

The following information may be useful to you before and after you arrive in San Diego. If you are flying into San Diego International Airport (Lindbergh Field), the least expensive way to reach SDSU is to take the Metro bus (Flyer Route No. 992) to the trolley stop (Stop C, American Plaza Trolley). On the meeting website, click on San Diego International Airport, then Ground Transportation, find “Metro Bus” and click on index map (for Stop C, American Plaza Trolley) and Flyer Route No. 992 for bus schedule. At the American Plaza Trolley station, buy a ticket on the east-bound GREEN LINE to the San Diego State University trolley stop. A trolley schedule is posted on the meeting website. Shuttles and taxis are also available at the airport, but are more expensive. They are available along the curb at the airport. If you are flying into Tijuana, download the pdf from the meeting website [Si vuelan a Tijuana] [http://malacological.org/ams_wsm_2010/docs/SI_VUELAN_A_TIJUANA.pdf]. This gives specific directions (en Español) on how to reach the SDSU campus. The SDSU trolley station is below ground. To exit, take the elevator to ground level, or take the stairs or curving walkway around to surface ground level. AMS-WSM signs with arrows will be posted. Aztec Center, where the meetings will be held, is the largest close building directly east to northeast of the trolley station. To reach the campus housing area, walk east across the pedestrian suspension bridge and follow the signs. After crossing the bridge, turn left (east) and follow the concrete walkway past the first building. The second building on your left is Cuicacalli Hall. For those of you staying in the suites, check in at the front desk to get your room assignment, key, meal ticket, and parking permit if you needed one. We will have a AMS-WSM Registration table in the foyer of this building on Saturday, June 26th, from 12 noon until 5 p.m. After 5:00 p.m., the registration table will be moved to the area of the Welcoming Reception, held in the patio area of Cuicacalli Hall on the northeast corner of the building. For those of you staying in the dorms, check in at the AMS-WSM Registration desk for directions to your dorm building (Tenochca Hall). All campus residents will be provided with a campus map when they check in. Non-residents will have a campus map in their registration packet.

For those of you staying on campus in the suites or dorms, each visitor is supplied with pillow and pillow case, a made up bed (sheets and blanket), towel and washcloth, soap and drinking glass. All rooms are supposed to be air conditioned. The suites include a kitchenette with sink, microwave and full refrigerator in a common area; dorm rooms have a microwave and a mini-fridge in each room. For emergencies, the telephone numbers of the front desk at Cuicacalli Hall is (619) 594-2622; the telephone number of the front desk at Tenochca Hall is (619) 594-2000. The front desks will be staffed 24 hours/day.
If you are driving to San Diego from the north, either on Interstate 5 (I-5) or I-15, exit onto Interstate 8 (I-8) eastbound. It is only a few miles to the SDSU campus. Take the College Avenue exit southbound (keep right) and continue up the gentle hill. The campus is on your immediate right. Pass under TWO pedestrian bridges, then turn left (east) into a large parking lot. This is Zura Way, but it may not be marked. Continue to the first stop sign, then turn right (south). Continue past the stop sign at Parking Structure 6, and turn right into Parking Lot H (H lot). Park here for 15 minutes (25 cents) while you check in and get a parking pass. Those staying in the suites should walk north to Cuicacalli Hall; those staying in the dorms should walk south to Tenochca Hall. Pick up your parking pass at the front desk of Cuicacalli Hall or Tenochca Hall. Those staying in Cuicacalli will probably want to park in Parking Structure 6 (orange on map), those in Tenochca in Parking Structure 3 (red on map).

If you are driving to the meetings each day, you will still need to obtain a parking permit. Parking is $2/day for registrants, or $1/hour for those without a permit. For those attending the Welcoming Reception, parking permits will be available at the front desk at Cuicacalli Hall. One day visitors should pick up your single day parking permit there. Don’t risk receiving a parking ticket ($$$) by thinking nobody is checking the parking lots!

The AMS-WSM Welcoming Reception will be held outside in the patio area on the northeast corner of Cuicacalli Hall. Start time about 5:30, with food to arrive about 6:00 p.m. Note that you will need to have a parking permit or pay for parking in Parking Structure 6 or 3 for this event.

Meeting registration for campus residents or early arrivals on June 26th will be available at the front desk area of Cuicacalli Hall, from 12 noon until 5:00 p.m., and moved to the reception area after 5:00 p.m. If arriving on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, pick up your parking permit at the front desk of Cuicacalli Hall. Meeting registration, however, will be in the meeting room “Casa Real” on the main, ground floor level of Aztec Center.

To reach Aztec Center from the parking structures, walk west past the three suite buildings on your right (Tacuba, Cuicacalli and Tepeyac), turn right (north) at the west end of the walkway and cross over the pedestrian suspension bridge. Aztec Center is the building directly in front of you. Turn right at the foot of the pedestrian ramp toward the main entrance of Aztec Center. Turn right along the open walkway on the south side of the open courtyard. “Casa Real” is halfway down this walkway. A map of Aztec Center is attached, or can be downloaded from the meeting website. Pick up your meeting registration packets at Casa Real.

The technical sessions for the meeting will be in two rooms, Casa Real, where you registered, and the lecture hall “Backdoor”, on the lower level of Aztec Center in the northeast corner of the courtyard. These are “Meeting Rooms” 4 (Casa Real) and 2 (Backdoor) on your diagram of Aztec Center. A “green room” or prep room for speakers to go through their presentations is located in the northeast corner of Aztec Center (Meeting Room 7, “Guest lounge”) and will be available and open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday. A special room for WSM or AMS committee meetings has been reserved for our use. It is “Aztlan” on the north side of the lower courtyard in Aztec Center (Meeting Room 1 on diagram). All coffee breaks on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday will be in Backdoor; those on Wednesday will be in Casa Real.
All daytime meeting activities will be in Aztec Center. Technical Sessions will be in the “Casa Real” meeting room, on the upper (main) level of Aztec Center, and in the “Backdoor” lecture hall, on the lower level. All evening events, the workshops on Genomics and Internet literature, and the Auction and Reprint Sale will be in Cuicacalli Hall, Seminar Rooms A+B, on the ground floor on the NE corner of the building. This is the same area as the opening reception. Evening events start about 6:30 p.m. and will go until about 9:00 p.m. (±).

Summary Highlights of Meeting Schedule

June 26, 2010 — Saturday
  **Registration.** 12 noon until 5:00 P.M., Cuicacalli Hall, front foyer, continued in Cuicacalli Hall, Seminar Room A, until 9:00.
  **Welcoming reception.** ~ 5:30 until 9:00 (?). Cuicacalli Hall, outside patio area next to pool, NE corner of Cuicacalli Hall.

June 27, 2010 — Sunday
  **Registration.** 8 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. “Casa Real” meeting room, upper level of Aztec Center.
  **Welcome, Introductory Remarks, and Announcements.** 9:00 a.m. “Backdoor” lecture hall, lower level of Aztec Center.
  **Special session on Invasive Molluscs.** 9:15 – 4:00. “Backdoor” lecture hall.
  **Contributed papers on marine mollusks.** 10:20 – 5:00. “Casa Real” meeting room.
  **Special Workshop: Malacological Literature and Resources on the Internet by Pat LaFollette.** 6:30 – 9:00. Cuicacalli Hall, Seminar Rooms A+B.

June 28, 2010 — Monday
  **Registration.** 8 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. “Casa Real” meeting room, upper level of Aztec Center.
  **Special session on Molluscan Paleontology 2010:** Contributed papers in honor of LouElla R. Saul. 9:00 – 2:30. “Backdoor” lecture hall. Session to be followed by Contributed Papers.
  **Contributed papers on terrestrial and freshwater mollusks.** 8:40 – 12 noon. “Casa Real” meeting room. Session to be followed by Contributed Papers.
  **Special Workshop: Molluscan Genomics Workshop: Seq-based Genomics for Organismal Biology by Eric Gonzales.** 6:30 – 9:00. Cuicacalli Hall, Seminar Rooms A+B.

June 29, 2010 — Tuesday
  **Registration.** 8 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. “Casa Real” meeting room, upper level of Aztec Center.
  **AMS Symposium: Molluscan Biogeography: Perspectives from the Pacific Ocean.** 8:20 – 3:00. “Backdoor” lecture hall.
  **Group photograph.** 3:00. Aztec Center courtyard, or ?
  **AMS-WSM Auction and Reprint Sale.** 6:30 – 9:00. Cuicacalli Hall, Seminar Rooms A+B.

June 30, 2010 — Wednesday
  **Contributed papers Chitons and others.** 9:00 – 12 noon. “Casa Real” meeting room.
  **Contributed papers on tropical Eastern Pacific.** 9:00 – 12 noon. “Backdoor” lecture hall.
  **Poster Session.** 1:30 – 3:30. “Casa Real” meeting room. Authors will be by their posters.
  **General business meetings.** 3:30 – 4:30. AMS (“Backdoor”), WSM (“Casa Real”).
Farewell Dinner, Casa Guadalajara Restaurant in Old Town. ~6:30 – 9:00. Food service to begin at 6:00. See directions in registration packet.

July 1, 2010 — Thursday

Field trips. Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Scripps Birch Aquarium, San Diego Natural History Museum, and microbrewery tour. Details in registration packet.

EVENING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Saturday, June 26, 2010

Registration and check in for on-campus residents and early arrivals. 12 noon until 5:00 p.m., front desk of Cuicacalli Hall; continued at following reception event.

Welcoming reception and pizza party. ~ 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 (?). Cuicacalli Hall, outside on patio area around pool, NE corner of building.

Sunday, June 27, 2010

Workshop: Malacological Literature and Resources on the Internet by Pat LaFollette of LACMNH. ~ 6:30 p.m. Bring your laptop computer to follow along. Cuicacalli Seminar Rooms A+B (where you had pizza the night before)

Monday, June 28, 2010

Workshop: Molluscan Genomics Workshop: Seq-based Genomics for Organismal Biology by Eric Gonzales of UC Berkeley. ~ 6:30 p.m. Bring your laptop computer to follow along. Cuicacalli Seminar Rooms A+B (where you had pizza two nights before)

Tuesday, June 29, 2010

AMS & WSM Auction and Reprint Sale. Mainly books, but other things too. Lots of new reprints and maps. ~ 6:30 p.m. Cuicacalli Seminar Rooms A+B (where you had pizza three nights before)

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Final send-off Dinner at Casa Guadalajara Restaurant in Old Town San Diego. ~ 6:30, dinner service starts at 7:00 p.m. (Happy hour begins after the WSM and AMS business meetings (3:30 p.m. in meeting rooms))

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Field trips to Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Scripps Birch Acquarium, San Diego Natural History Museum, and microbrewery tour (Stone Brewery and others) in greater San Diego
DEL AEROPUERTO DE TIJUANA A LA LÍNEA INTERNACIONAL.

Luego de recoger sus maletas, en cuanto ingresan a la sala principal del aeropuerto, hay a su derecha como media docena de ventanillas de boletos de Taxis Autorizados, y otros más inmediatamente al salir del edificio (siempre por la derecha).

a) Los Taxis (varias empresas) cobran $180 PESOS por persona a la Línea Internacional. De ellos, los de nombre TTA cobran $250 pesos por el viaje si van 5 personas juntas. Los taxis NO CRUZAN la frontera sino que los pasajeros se apearán donde el taxi da vuelta en U, y caminan como 200 metros por el andador de acceso peatonal derecho al edificio de la garita, para ingresar a inspección y aduana.

b) Los Camiones (varias empresas: Tres Estrellas, Intercalifornias, ABC, Crucero y otras) cobran $8 Dólares por persona y salen cada hora a la línea internacional. Los camiones SÍ CRUZAN la frontera, pero de todas maneras los pasajeros se apearán justo en el edificio de garita para ingresar a inspección y aduana.

Luego de Inspección y Aduana, salen del edificio a una placita con la Estación Terminal San Ysidro (del Trolley de San Diego) directamente frente a Ustedes.

TROLLEY DE SAN YSIDRO A SDSU.

Ahí en la estación Terminal en San Ysidro (Blue Line) hay máquinas expendedoras de boletos y también una ventanilla. Adquieran boleto de ida hasta SDSU Transit Center (Green Line). Hay que hacer transbordo en la Estación OLD TOWN. Observen el cróquis del sistema que se exhibe en unos paneles.

OPCIÓN C (de “Cuates”)

El Dr. Hans Bertsch y Rosa tiene dos vehículos, donde caben 3 pasajeros con maletas, o 4 muy apretaditos. Si llegan varios de Ustedes juntos o en vuelos próximos, los recogemos personalmente en el aeropuerto, cruzamos la frontera en vehículo particular, y los llevamos hasta el sitio del hospedaje en San Diego para el Congreso, todo con sonrisas y abrazos, por una corta coperacha para gasolina. Es cuestión de que algunos puedan hacer coincidir sus llegadas aproximadamente y nos echan el consabido telefonazo con anticipación: (619) 423 8900, se habla Español.