

**PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE AGENDA**

**Friday, October 12**

9:30-11:00AM SCMEA Board meeting  
11:00-2:00PM Workshop  
2:00-5:00PM Field Trip  
1:00-7:00PM Registration  
5:30-6:00PM "Welcome New Friends"  
reception for first-timers and  
new members  
5:30-6:30 PM Wine & Cheese Reception,  
Posters  
6:30-7:30PM Dinner in the Dining Room  
7:30-8:30PM Welcome/Keynote: Dr. Dennis  
Allen: "Exploring the Ecology and  
Behavior of Coastal Zooplankton"

**Saturday, October 13**

8:00-8:45AM Breakfast  
7:30-11:00AM Registration  
8:00-4:00PM Exhibits and Posters  
9:00-10:45AM Concurrent Sessions  
11:00-12:20PM Plenary Session: Climate  
Change in SC Waters  
12:30-2:00PM Lunch/Business Meetings  
2:00-5:00PM Field Sessions and Field Trips  
5:30-6:00PM Marine Meringue  
6:00-7:00PM Dinner  
7:00-7:30PM Silent Auction  
7:30- 8:30PM Live Auction  
8:30-11:00PM Dance

**Sunday, October 14**

8:00-8:45AM Breakfast  
9:00-11:45AM Concurrent Sessions  
12:00-1:00PM Farewell Lunch and Awards

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM**

*(Please print clearly.)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Street/PO Box \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Check if you:**

- Prefer vegetarian meals
- Will participate in Marine Meringue
- Have a roommate preference

Roommate(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Is this your first SCMEA Conference?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**SCMEA Membership - Join or Renew now!**

\_\_\_\_\_ 1 Yr \$15  
\_\_\_\_\_ 3 Yrs \$40  
\_\_\_\_\_ 5 Yrs \$60

Send completed form and check  
(payable to SCMEA) :  
Nelle Stephenson  
9683 Eaddy Lane,  
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

**Conference Registration**

Early registration (**postmarked** by Sept. 5, 2007):

Member: \$220 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Member: \$240 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Late registration (**postmarked** after 09/05/07):

Members/Non-members \$250 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Non-stayover registration: \$125 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For-profit exhibitors fee: \$25: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee Submitted: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Field Trips**

First Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Second Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Total Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(\*Incl. dues, registration, exhibitor fee, field trips)

**Method of Payment**

- Check
- Visa
- MasterCard



\_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card #

\_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date (00/00)

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature

# SCMEA Fall Conference October 12-14, 2007

## Penn Center

St. Helena Island  
Beaufort, SC

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The 19th annual conference of the South Carolina Marine Educators Association, "*Spineless Wonders*," will be held October 12-14, 2007 at the historic Penn Center on St. Helena Island. Join marine educators and scientists from throughout the state as we focus on the marvelous marine invertebrates of SC. Highlights include a keynote address, "Exploring the Ecology and Behavior of Coastal Zooplankton: A View Through the Looking Glass" by Dr. Dennis Allen, research director of The Belle W. Baruch Institute, an annual auction, inspiring and educational concurrent sessions featuring our own scientists, researchers, educators and special invitees, as well as a plenary session focusing on climate change in SC's waters. A Marine Meringue, dance and extraordinary field trips complete the weekend!



For more details, visit our web site...

<http://oceanica.cofc.edu/scmea/>

### PRE-REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration includes all conference activities, accommodations and meals listed in the Schedule Overview. Registration fees for the entire weekend are as follows, **PER PERSON**:

Members:	<b>\$220</b>
Non-members:	<b>\$240</b>

All registrations **postmarked after September 5, 2007, the fee for is \$250.00.**

### **Registration Due by September 28, 2007 to determine room assignments.**

For those who do not wish to participate overnight, the non-stayover rate is \$125 for the Conference. This covers all conference costs except lodging. Advance registration for the day rate will insure you get all meals served that day (dinner on Friday, three meals on Saturday, two on Sunday).

There are no planned family activities and due to the nature of the facilities and its limited occupancy, we request that this be a professional and adult conference. Also, only conference registrants will be allowed to attend conference functions. Guests of conference participants will have to register for the conference at the above rates to receive accommodations and/or meals.

If you have questions regarding registration, please contact Nelle Stephenson at 843-237-9899 or [NelnMag@aim.com](mailto:NelnMag@aim.com).

For additional information on the Penn Center accommodations and meeting rooms, visit the conference location web site at [www.penncenter.com](http://www.penncenter.com).

<http://oceanica.cofc.edu/scmea/>

### LODGING & LOCATION

The Penn Center has a limited number of Lodge Rooms that include twin beds and a shared bath, and have varying number of occupancy per room. Because of these limitations, rooms will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Please list the names of anyone you would prefer as your roommates. **Roommates should submit registration forms at the same time before the room reservation can be confirmed. A multiple-occupancy Lodge Room will not be reserved until registration has been received for all occupants.**

Late registrants (after September 5<sup>th</sup>) should assume there are no on-site rooms left.

**IF YOU PAY AND REGISTER FOR A LODGE ROOM AND NONE ARE AVAILABLE, YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY VIA EMAIL AND BE GIVEN THE AVAILABLE OPTIONS. Refunds will be made at the registration desk at the Conference, or by mail if requested.**

### CONFERENCE FIELD TRIPS

**Please register in advance of the conference on the attached form so that we can plan adequately.** You may list an alternative in case your preferred trip is filled by the time you register.

**Visit the SCMEA Conference Website for full descriptions of field trips at <http://oceanica.cofc.edu/scmea/conf2007fall.htm>.**

#### **Friday, October 12**

11-2PM "Class Saltwater Aquarium for Beginners" - \$5 fee

2-3:30PM Nature Tour of Penn Ctr.- \$15.00 fee

2-4:00PM York W. Bailey Museum - \$3.00 fee

#### **Saturday Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>**

2:00 - 5:00pm Coastal Kayaking - \$35.00 fee

2:00 - 4:30pm Beach & Lagoon Ecology - \$15.00/person  
park entry fee

#### **Other options to visit on your own:**

- Nature Center & Pier at Hunting Island State Park
- Lowcountry Estuarium - downtown Port Royal
- The Spirit of Old Beaufort walking tours
- Shopping in downtown Beaufort & Port Royal
- Beaufort Waterfront Park - downtown Beaufort