

Call for Abstracts & Meeting Information

The 101st Annual Meeting of the American Society of Parasitologists



Rosen Plaza Hotel
Orlando, Florida, 26–29 July, 2026

Contributing to ASP Meetings

The **American Society of Parasitologists** (ASP) will hold its 101st Annual Meeting at the Rosen Plaza Hotel 26–29 July, 2026 in Orlando, Florida. ASP members, as well as non-members, who attend the ASP meeting are invited to submit abstracts for oral or poster presentation, as invited speakers, or as contributors to symposia. Meeting registration is required for meeting attendance. Important links included herein can also be found on the last page of this Call for Abstracts.

Important Deadlines

Abstract Submission & Meeting Registration will open 16 March, 2026.

Monday, 16 February, 2026

- Deadline for contacting Scientific Program Officers about organizing Special Interest Symposium (amsocparasit.meetings@gmail.com).

Monday, 27 April, 2026

- Abstract submission deadline [SUBMIT ABSTRACT](#)

Note for students: Marc Dresden Student Travel Grant applications are now part of the abstract submission process.

Note for presenters: Presenters are required to [REGISTER](#) for the meeting by the Early Registration deadline. It will be assumed that any presenter not registered by this date has withdrawn their abstract from inclusion in the program.

Friday, 22 May, 2026

- Deadline for Early Registration [REGISTER](#)

Note: Registration will continue past this date at an increased rate.

Friday, 3 July, 2026, 5:00 pm EST

- Hotel reservations must be made by this date to secure the negotiated ASP reduced conference room rate.
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Meeting Registration

Online registration for the annual meeting and credit card payment are available through Wild Apricot. Please follow all directions exactly as stated.

Go to [ONLINE REGISTRATION](#)

Registration Fees

| | On or before 22 May | After 22 May |
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| ASP Regular Member | \$450 USD | \$525 USD |
| ASP Early Career Member ¹ | \$350 USD | \$425 USD |
| ASP Student Member | \$250 USD | \$325 USD |
| ASP Emeritus/Retired Member | \$250 USD | \$325 USD |
| ASP Associate Member ² | \$350 USD | \$425 USD |
| Non-ASP Member ³ | \$600 USD | \$675 USD |
| Accompanying Person | \$225 USD | \$300 USD |

¹Members who are within seven (7) years of having attained their terminal degree.

²The ASP Associate membership is intended for scientists in developing countries as defined by the IMF (International Monetary Fund). A list of qualifying countries can be found [HERE](#).

³Non-members can join ASP [HERE](#).

REGISTRATION FEES WILL NOT BE REFUNDED AFTER 22 May, 2026.

Abstract Submission

Abstract Preparation:

Submit all abstracts in English. The TITLE should be short, concise, and indicative of the abstract content. Use words with index retrieval value; avoid general phrases like "Studies on" or "Investigations of." Use sentence case. The CONTENT should be a **single paragraph of no more than 350 words** containing a concise statement of: (1) the problem under investigation, (2) the experimental methods used, (3) the essential results obtained, and (4) the conclusions. Do not include figures or tables. Scientific names should be written out in full when first used; on repetition, the genus name may be abbreviated, except at the beginning of a sentence. Italicize all scientific names. To avoid *nomina nuda*, names of new taxa should not be included in the abstract. Any single presenting author may be restricted to two (2) oral presentations, with the remainder designated as posters at the discretion of the SPOs.

Abstract Submission:

Submit your abstract(s) through [OXFORD ABSTRACTS](#). Abstract submission will open **Monday, 16 March, 2026**. Please follow all instructions at that site carefully using the examples of formatting provided. Names and affiliations of all authors are required. Choose the session topic(s) that best describes the content of your abstract. You will receive email confirmation of successfully submitted abstracts; please save your submission ID number. **Submission of abstracts to symposia is by invitation only.** If you have been invited to contribute to a symposium, please follow general abstract submission guidelines and choose the name of the symposium given to you by the symposium organizer when submitting your abstract. Abstracts can be modified up to the Abstract Submission deadline. Only complete submissions will be considered for acceptance. The deadline for abstract submission is **Monday, 27 April, 2026**; the online submission system will be disabled at 11:59 pm (EST) on that date.

Acceptance & Scheduling of Abstracts:

Only abstracts of presenters registered by the Early Registration deadline of **22 May, 2026** will be considered for acceptance. Notification of acceptance of oral and poster presentations is by May 18, 2026 via automated email. If an official letter is needed confirming abstract acceptance, please contact the Scientific Program Officers (amsocparasit.meetings@gmail.com). Information on the time and date of scheduled presentations will be available **at least one (1) month prior to the meeting** with the posting of the electronic version of the final Program & Abstracts booklet on the [ASP WEBSITE](#). Abstracts appearing in the final Program & Abstracts booklet are not citable as abstracts for publication purposes.

Oral & Poster Presentations

ALL PRESENTATIONS FOR THE MEETING WILL BE IN ENGLISH.

Oral Presentations:

Microsoft PowerPoint® is the presentation standard. Speakers should upload their presentation (via flash drive or other external drive) onto the meeting room computer (PC) at least 30 minutes before the start of their session. Images, movies, and fonts must be embedded in the presentation; use fonts, colors, and animations both consistently and judiciously. The use of the 16:9 slide format is strongly recommended. Presenters are encouraged to test their presentation on a different computer than was used to create it. Mac users should be certain to test their presentations on a PC. The onus will be on presenters to verify the compatibility of their files with the computers in use at the venue. The standard oral presentation is 12 minutes plus three (3) minutes reserved for questions, unless otherwise indicated.

Poster Presentations:

Posters offer an excellent opportunity for more extensive exchanges of ideas between presenters and their audience. No competing activities will be scheduled during the poster session. Posters will be arranged numerically by topic. The maximum poster size is 4' high x 4' wide (122 cm high x 122 cm wide). Posters will be displayed on free-standing poster boards. Numbers on poster boards will be provided and will correspond to abstract numbers; refer to the Program & Abstracts booklet for assigned numbers. Each poster should include a title and the name(s) and affiliation(s) of the author(s) at the top, and include the abstract. At least one (1) author must be present during the entire poster session.

Awards and Lectures:

Awards scheduled to be presented at the 2026 ASP meeting include the Ashton Cuckler New Investigator Award, the H. B. Ward Medal, and the Clark P. Read Mentor Award, as well as the Eminent Parasitologist Lectureship. Once the 2026 awardees have been selected, recipients of the H. B. Ward Medal and the Eminent Parasitologist Lectureship will be contacted by the Scientific Program Officers for titles of their presentations and abstract (in the case of the Eminent Parasitologist Lectureship).

Student Paper Competition & Marc Dresden Student Travel Grants

Student Paper Competition:

Students interested in participating in the Student Paper Competition should indicate this at the time of abstract submission. **The Student Paper Competition includes poster and oral presentation categories.** Note that students participating in the Student Paper Competition are NOT required to apply for a Marc Dresden Student Travel Grant.

Marc Dresden Student Travel (MDST) Grants:

Students presenting talks or posters may apply for a MDST Grant. All application materials must be submitted as part of the abstract submission process. Applications must include an abstract, certification of student status, mentor information, and an itemized budget of total costs and amount of funding requested. Students applying for an MDST Grant are not required to enter the Student Paper Competition.

Questions about the MDST Grant process should be directed to the Student Awards Committee Chairperson, Dr. Brandon Ruehle (bruehle@peru.edu).

Affiliate Society Best Student Paper Competition Recipients:

Recipients of Affiliate Society Best Student Paper Competitions (BSPC) since the last annual ASP meeting are entitled to an automatic MDST Grant with the commitment of delivering an oral presentation at the upcoming ASP meeting. In addition to the application materials listed above, these students must check the AFFILIATE SOCIETY AWARD WINNER box on the abstract submission form and indicate their affiliate society. Affiliate Societies are listed in the [ASP Handbook](#).

Special Interest Symposia

Special Interest Symposia:

In addition to the traditional President's Symposium and Students' Symposium, the meeting will highlight special symposia.

Members can organize additional special symposia on a topic of interest by choosing a topic and inviting speakers to be part of the symposium well in advance of abstract deadline. The symposium organizer must notify the Scientific Program Officers of the intent to organize a symposium by the **16 February, 2025** deadline. The symposium organizer further is responsible for (1) contacting symposium participants confirming participation in the symposium, (2) making sure each committed speaker submits an abstract and registers by the **27 April, 2027** deadline, and (3) sending the Scientific Program Officers a list of speakers, their abstract Submission ID numbers, the order of the presentations, and names of the individuals chairing the Symposium, within two (2) weeks following the abstract deadline.

The number of potential sessions in the current program format is limited; member-organized symposia requests will be accommodated only as space in the program allows.

Social Activities

The Welcome Reception, the Student Vortex & Social, and the Student Auction are among the highlights of the social activities planned.

35th Annual ASP Student Auction:

Once again, we are asking you to search your attic, basement, out-buildings, coffers, and safety deposit boxes for donations to our Annual Auction to raise funds for student travel to ASP meetings. Serious, humorous, artistic... whatever you come up with... it's all grist for the auction mill and will be much appreciated. You can either bring your item(s) with you to the meeting or mail your item(s) early. Contributions from those not planning to attend the meeting are also greatly appreciated. A receipt for your donation can be provided at registration, or by mail, if requested. If you would like to mail your auction items, ensure that they arrive between by 24 July, 2026. To avoid incurring costs, Christina Anaya will receive packages for the auction (and Pallets and Parasites). Mail item(s) using the following shipping address:

**Christina Anaya
Whitaker Hall
Biological Sciences Department
Florida Gulf Coast University
10501 FGCU Blvd.
Fort Myers, FL 33965**

- Please email Christina (canaya@fgcu.edu) ahead of shipment so she knows to expect a package.

Please direct specific questions about the auction or items you wish to donate to the Chair of the ASP Student Auction Dr. Nick Negovetich (nicholas.ngovetich@angelo.edu).

Hotel Reservations

Rosen Plaza Hotel

9700 International Drive

Orlando, Florida 32819

Reservations: (800) 627-8258 or (407) 410-4842

[HOTEL WEBSITE](#) • [RESERVATION LINK](#)

General Information:

Hotel reservations must be made separate from meeting registration. Each attendee is responsible for making her/his own hotel reservation. The Rosen Plaza Hotel is the designated meeting venue hotel; a block of guest rooms has been reserved there for ASP meeting participants. The negotiated reduced room rate for ASP participants is \$149 USD, plus tax, per room, including Double Queens for up to four students. To reserve a room at the conference rate (students please see note below), call either of the reservation numbers listed above and request the GROUP rate for the American Society of Parasitologists, ASP Annual Meeting 2026, or use the link at the end of this paragraph. The special ASP conference rate is offered three (3) days before and after 24–30 July, 2026, based on room type availability, for anyone wishing to extend their stay. Please help us meet our room night commitment by staying at the Rosen Plaza Hotel!

[Book your group rate for American Society of Parasitologists Annual Meeting](#)

Students:

The negotiated ASP conference room block includes 10 Double Queen rooms for the nights for the length of the meeting specifically for students that allow up to four (4) occupants at no extra cost. Students are asked to organize their own rooming arrangements and to designate one person per room to make room reservations. That person should call the hotel at the number above and provide the names of the students staying in the room.

THE DEADLINE FOR SECURING A ROOM AT THE ROSEN PLAZA HOTEL AT THE ASP CONFERENCE RATE IS 3 JULY, 2026, 5:00 PM EST.

Transportation

Ground Transportation:

Rosen Plaza Hotel is located on International Drive in the heart of Orlando. The Orlando International Airport is just 15 minutes away and the area's major highways are close by.

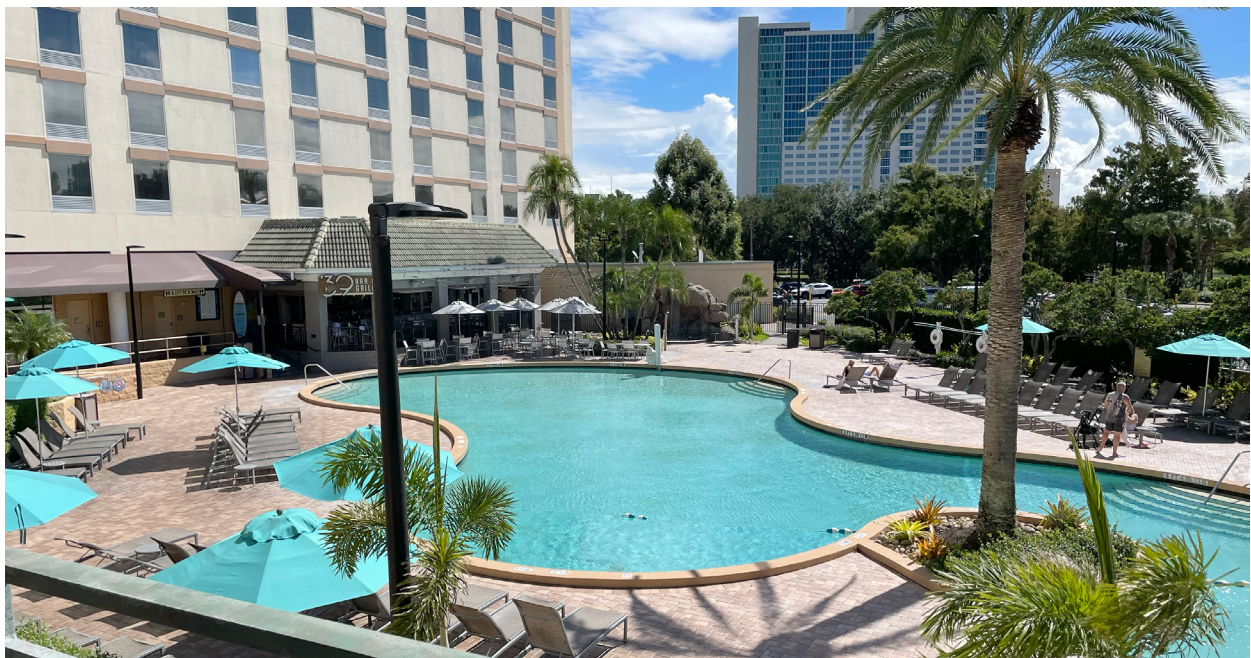
A hotel shuttle is NOT offered to get from the Orlando International Airport to the Rosen Plaza Hotel or vice versa. Public transportation is available, but the fastest options are Uber and Lyft.

Hotel Parking:

The Rosen Plaza Hotel will provide a discounted rate of \$17 per day on self-parking for all overnight attendees over the dates of the ASP program.

Travel in Florida:

If you want to extend your Florida stay beyond ASP, [Brightline](#) is a private, modern high-speed passenger rail service in Florida that connects major cities in Florida.



Meeting Venue

The Rosen Plaza is located on International Drive, a gateway to entertainment and dining everywhere you look. There is a variety of restaurants to fit any size wallet, plus plenty of places to relax, refuel, or celebrate a great day of science. Within three miles is the world famous [Sea World®](#) and the newly built [Universal Epic Universe](#) for some pre- or post-conference fun.

After a day of parasitology talks, unwind at one of the many local hotspots! Across the street from the Rosen Plaza Hotel sits [The Pointe Orlando](#), a lively, pedestrian-friendly hub of dining and entertainment—perfect for relaxing and networking. Explore shops and enjoy more than 18 restaurants as diverse as your microbiome!

Within five miles, you'll find [Universal CityWalk Orlando](#), an energetic complex outside the Universal Orlando theme parks, packed with restaurants, shops, and family-friendly shows.

Just eight miles away is the iconic [Disney Springs](#), an open-air extravaganza of shopping, dining, and entertainment right outside the Walt Disney World Resort.

Whether you're exploring with your lab, your family, or your parasitology pals, these Orlando entertainment meccas offer big-city excitement without the cost of theme-park tickets. Enjoy the science by day—and the magic of Orlando by night!



Preliminary Schedule

Sunday, 26 July, 2026

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| ASP Council Meeting..... | 8:00 am–noon |
| Oral Paper Sessions | 12:30–4:00 pm |
| President’s Symposium & Address..... | 4:00–6:00 pm |
| ASP Welcome Reception | 6:30–9:00 pm |

Monday, 27 July, 2026

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| Oral Paper Session/Symposia | 8:30–noon |
| Student Vortex Lunch..... | noon–1:00 pm |
| Student Symposium..... | 1:00–2:00 pm |
| Oral Paper Session..... | 2:00–3:30 pm |
| ASP Business Meeting | 4:00–5:00 pm |
| Poster Session..... | 5:00–7:00 pm |

Tuesday, 28 July, 2026

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| Oral Paper Sessions/Symposia | 8:30 am–noon |
| Oral Paper Sessions/Eminent Parasitologist Lectureship..... | 1:00–5:00 pm |
| ASP Student Business Meeting..... | 5:00–6:00 pm |
| ASP Student Auction (& preview) | 5:30–8:00 pm |

Wednesday, 29 July, 2026

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| Oral Paper Sessions | 8:00–9:30 am |
| H.B. Ward Medal Lecture..... | 10:00–11:00 am |
| ASP Awards Presentation & Adjournment..... | 11:00–12:30 pm |

Local Organizing Committee (LOC)

Christina Anaya, Florida Gulf Coast University (canaya@fgcu.edu)**
Chris Balanar, Nova Southeastern University (cblanar@nova.edu)**
Emily Durkin, University of Tampa (edurkin@ut.edu)**
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Kaitlin Gallagher, Florida Southern College

**Contact members of the LOC with questions about the hotel and meeting venue.

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Contact SPOs (amsocparasit.meetings@gmail.com) with questions about abstract submission and presentations, and other program-related questions.

Key URLs

Abstract Submission: <https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/stages/80601/submitter>

Meeting Registration: <https://asop.wildapricot.org/event-6530995>

Hotel Reservations: <https://be.synxis.com/?adult=1&arrive=2026-07-25&chain=10237&child=0&config=ORLRZ¤cy=USD&depart=2026-07-26&group=GR-PASP2026&hotel=69868&level=hotel&locale=en-US&productcurrency=USD&rooms=1&theme=ORLRZ>

ASP website: <http://amsocparasit.org/>

Join ASP: <https://asop.wildapricot.org/Membership-categories>

The Rosen Plaza Hotel: <https://www.rosenplaza.com/>

Brightline: <https://www.gobrightline.com/>

