

Call for Papers

The 99th Annual Meeting

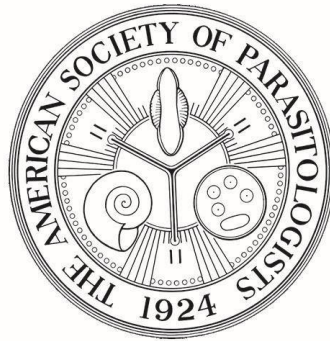
*Celebrating 100 years since the inception
of the American Society of Parasitologists*

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PARASITOLOGISTS



The Westin Denver Downtown, Denver, Colorado, June 14-17th, 2024

The **American Society of Parasitologists** (ASP) will hold its 99th Annual Meeting at The Westin Denver Downtown, Denver, CO, June 14–17, 2024. This meeting also represents the centennial anniversary of the inception of ASP, which was founded in 1924. Registration is required for meeting attendance. ASP members and non-members who attend the ASP meeting are invited to submit abstracts for oral or poster presentations, as invited speakers, or as contributors to symposia. Individuals organizing symposia, workshops, and special sessions should send the names of their speakers to the Scientific Program Officers (see page 18). Important links included herein can also be found on the [ASP 2024 Denver Meeting](#) site and on the last page of this Call for Papers.



Important deadlines

Friday, February 2nd 2024

- Deadline for contacting Scientific Program Officers about organizing Special Interest Symposia.

Friday, March 1st 2024

- Abstract submission deadline ([SUBMIT ABSTRACT](#)).
Note that Marc Dresden Student Travel Grant applications are part of the abstract submission process.

Friday, May 3rd 2024

- Deadline for Early Registration ([REGISTRATION link coming soon](#)).
Note that registration will continue past this date at an increased rate.

Friday, May 10th 2024

- Hotel reservations at the Westin Downtown Denver must be made by this date to secure the negotiated ASP reduced conference room rate ([ASP WESTIN RESERVATION](#))

Abstract Submission & Meeting Registration will open February 2nd 2024.

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Meeting Registration

Online registration for the annual meeting and credit card payment are available through the Allen Press website ([REGISTRATION link coming soon](#)). Meeting registration will open February 2nd 2024. Please follow all directions carefully.

Registration Costs:

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

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

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

³ Non-ASP members can join ASP [here](#).

REGISTRATION COSTS WILL NOT BE REFUNDED AFTER May 3rd 2024.

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 words 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 methods used, (3) the essential results, and (4) the conclusions. Do not include figures or tables. Scientific names should be written out in full when first used; upon repetition, the genus name may be abbreviated with the first letter, except at the beginning of a sentence. Italicize scientific names. To avoid *nomina nuda*, names of new taxa should not be included in the abstract. Note that abstracts submitted by any presenter may be restricted to two (2) in the oral format, with the remainder designated as posters at the discretion of the Scientific Program Officers.

Abstract Submission:

Submit your abstract(s) through [Oxford Abstracts](#). Abstract submission will open February 2nd 2024. Please follow all instructions on the abstract submission website carefully using the examples of formatting provided. Names and affiliations of all authors are required. Choose the session topic that best describes the content of your abstract. You will receive email confirmation of successfully submitted abstracts; please print that page and save your submission ID number. **Submission of abstracts to Special Interest Symposia** is by invitation or individuals interested in having their abstract considered in a symposium may submit an abstract and contact the organizers (see page 9). If you have been invited to contribute to a Special Interest Symposium, please follow the instructions above and indicate 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. The deadline for abstract submission is **Friday, March 1st 2024**; the online submission system will be disabled at 11:59 pm (CST) on that date.

Acceptance & Scheduling of Abstracts:

Notification of acceptance of oral and poster presentations is **Friday, March 29th 2024** via automated email. If an official letter is needed confirming abstract acceptance, please contact the Scientific Program Officers. Notification of scheduling of your presentation is not automatic. Information on the time and date of scheduled presentations will be available **Friday, May 17th 2024** with the posting of the electronic version of the final Program & Abstracts booklet on the [ASP 2024 meeting website](#) and [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 for the meeting. Speakers should bring their presentation on a USB Flash Drive and download their files to the PC of their session at least 30 minutes before the start of the session. Embed images, movies, and fonts in the presentation; fonts, colors, and animations should be used both consistently and judiciously. The use of the 16:9 slide format is strongly recommended. Speakers are encouraged to test their presentation on a different computer than was used to create it in advance of the meeting. Mac users should be certain to test their presentations on a PC. The onus will be on speakers to verify the compatibility of their files with the computers in use at the venue. The standard oral presentation is twelve (12) minutes plus three (3) minutes for questions, unless otherwise indicated.

Poster Presentations:

Posters offer an excellent opportunity for more extensive exchange of ideas between presenters and their audience. No concurrent activities will be scheduled during the poster session. Posters will be grouped 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 poster abstract numbers. Refer to the Program & Abstracts booklet for assigned poster numbers. Each poster should include a title and the name(s) and affiliation(s) of the author(s) at the top, and a copy of the abstract. At least one author must be present at all times during the poster session.

Awards & Lectures:

Awards scheduled to be presented at the Denver meeting include the Ashton Cuckler New Investigator Award, the H. B. Ward Medal, and the Eminent Parasitologist Lectureship award. Once the 2024 awardees have been selected, the Ward Medal and Eminent Parasitologist Lectureship recipients will be contacted by the Scientific Program Officers for titles (but not an abstract) of their presentations.

Session Moderators:

Please contact the Scientific Program Officers by **April 12th 2024**, if you are interested in moderating a session(s) at the meeting and include your preferred session topic(s). In particular, graduate students and postdoctoral fellows are strongly encouraged to volunteer as moderators in order to gain valuable experience and increase visibility with potential mentors.

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. This year the Student Paper Competition will include both a poster and an oral presentation category. Note that you do not need to apply for a Marc Dresden Student Travel (MDST) Grant in order to participate in the Student Paper Competition.

Marc Dresden Student Travel Grants:

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

Questions about the MDSTG process should be directed to the Student Awards Committee Chairperson, Dr. Christina Anaya (canaya@fgcu.edu).

Affiliate Society Best Student Paper Competition Winners:

Recipients of these awards for an oral presentation given since the 2023 ASP meeting are entitled to an automatic MDSTG with the commitment of delivering an oral presentation at the 2024 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.

Special Interest Symposia

In addition to the traditional President's Symposium and Students' Symposium, the Denver meeting will highlight special symposia focused on Innovative Teaching for Parasitology, Host-Parasite Interactions in Tropical Marine Ecosystems, and Parasites of Eusocial Animals, as described in greater detail below. Members interested in organizing an additional symposium on a topic of special interest should contact the Scientific Program Officers by February 2nd 2024. Because space in the program is limited, requests will be considered on a first come, first served basis. For the topics listed below, participants can either submit abstracts or be invited by the contact. Any question concerning special interest symposia should be directed to the contact person for each session, as indicated below.

The Ecology of Host-parasite Interactions in Coral Reefs and Tropical Marine Ecosystems

This symposium will explore recent advances in our understanding of the 'hidden roles' played by parasites within coral reefs and tropical marine ecosystems. We focus specifically on metazoan parasites, including arthropods and platyhelminths, and how they influence host fitness, marine food webs, and aquatic-terrestrial linkages. The symposium further seeks to synthesize updates in knowledge related to the ecological drivers, biological diversity, and long-term changes in infection in such systems. For speakers, we aim for this session to foster equitable collaboration and discussion among scientists of a range of professional levels, disciplines, and backgrounds.

Contact: Dr. Pieter Johnson (pieter.johnson@colorado.edu)



Innovative Teaching Approaches for Parasitology

For the many ASP members that teach undergraduate or graduate courses in Parasitology, we welcome abstracts that explore innovative approaches to teaching. Contributions may focus on lab exercises, field exercises, lecture practices, class projects, or other methods that engage active learning. A goal of this symposium is to share and exchange teaching approaches to foster student engagement in Parasitology courses.

Contact: Dr. Valerie McKenzie (valerie.mckenzie@colorado.edu) or Dr. Elliot Zieman (Chair of the ASP Education Committee, eazieman@eiu.edu)

Parasites of Eusocial Animals

Parasites of eusocial organisms have established robust, stable *inter*-species relationships with animals that have evolved complex and cooperative *intra*-species relationships. This unique context ensures the development of remarkable adaptations and behaviors allowing many of these parasites to benefit from the success of eusocial evolution. We welcome contributions of research relevant to parasites and pathogens of bees, ants, social wasps, termites, naked mole rats and all other eusocial organisms.

Contact: Dr. Sammy Ramsey (Samuel.Ramsey-1@colorado.edu)

Social Activities

The Welcome Reception, the Student Lunch Vortex, and the Student Auction are among the highlights of the social activities planned for the Denver meeting.

33rd 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... whatever you come up with... it's all grist for the auction mill and will be much appreciated. You can find some great parasite-related items on Etsy. 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, please strive to have them arrive between June 8–12, 2024. Mail to the address below.

Attn: Hallie Hardwick /Am. Soc. of Parasitologists
The Westin Denver Downtown
1672 Lawrence Street
Denver, CO 80202
United States
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Hotel Reservations

The Westin Denver Downtown
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Denver CO 80202

Reserve a room and receive the ASP conference rate here: [ASP WESTIN RESERVATION](#)
Hotel reservations and meeting registration are independent. Each attendee is responsible for making their own hotel reservation. The Westin Denver Downtown is the designated meeting hotel; a block of guest rooms is reserved for ASP meeting registrants. The negotiated reduced room rate for ASP is \$169 USD, plus taxes, per night. To qualify for the special negotiated reduced room rate you must use the link above when making your reservation. A credit card number will be required at the time the reservation is made. The special ASP rate is offered from June 14th-17th 2024, as well as three days prior to and three days after the meeting, for anyone wishing to extend their stay. Please note that meeting space at The Westin Denver Downtown will be free to ASP *only* if we meet our minimum room-night contract commitment. Please help make this possible by staying at The Westin Denver Downtown. The conference hosts have worked hard to secure a very competitive hotel rate, and if you compare rates at other lodging nearby in Denver, you will find this is a very good price, especially for this excellent venue.

Student rooms:

The negotiated ASP room block includes many Double Queen rooms (i.e., rooms with two [2] queen beds, to accommodate up to four [4] students) for the nights of June 13-17th 2024 specifically for students. These rooms accommodate up to four occupants at the rate of \$169 USD per night. Students are asked to organize their own rooming arrangements and to designate **one person per room to make the room reservation**. For reservations, follow instructions given above. Indicate the number of adults who will be sharing the room at the time of making the reservation, and provide the names of the students staying in the room at the time of check-in. Students sharing a room should be able to each pay their share of the bill at checkout. If you need help identifying roommates for the meeting, please contact the ASP Student Representative, Haley Dutton (hzd0026@auburn.edu).

THE DEADLINE FOR SECURING A ROOM AT THE WESTIN DENVER DOWNTOWN AT THE ASP CONFERENCE RATE IS MAY 10th 2024.

Transportation

Denver International Airport (DIA) is served by 23 different [airlines](#).

Ground Transportation:

The Westin Denver Downtown is a convenient 30–40 minute train journey from the Denver International Airport. Attendees can take the [A line Commuter Train](#) from the Denver Airport to Union Station, downtown Denver. Fares are \$10.50 each way and return tickets are not available. Train riders can purchase tickets at the vending machines at the train station, which is located at the Airport Transit Center, level 1, next to the Westin Denver International Airport Hotel (not to be confused with our conference venue). The train ride from the airport to the Union Station stop is about 40 minutes, and The Westin Denver Downtown is just a 5 block walk south on 17th Street. There are also [car sharing services](#) and [charter buses](#).



The A Line train takes guests from DIA to Union Station in approximately 37 minutes. The fare is \$10.50 for one way.

Where to Catch the A Line

The train departs from the Terminal, outside The Westin Denver International Airport Hotel, every 15 minutes between 5 a.m. and 8 p.m. and every 30 minutes outside of those hours.



Where & How to Buy a Ticket

Mobile ticketing is the easiest way to buy tickets. The convenient app allows you to connect to other RTD resources for trip planning. Tickets can also be purchased on rail line platforms at ticket vending machines, inside DEN or Union Station, or at any RTD sales outlet.

How to get to The Westin Denver Downtown

Once guests arrive at Union Station, our hotel is located 5 blocks away. Head SOUTH on 17th Street.

Hotel Parking:

Overnight self-parking is available nearby to The Westin Denver Downtown at the Tabor Center Garage (<https://parkchirp.com/facilities/tabor-center-garage/>). Valet parking at the Westin Denver Downtown is available for \$54 per night. If you do not need a vehicle during your stay at the conference, we recommend using public transportation, such as the light rail train (that runs to the airport) described above.

Meeting Venue

The Westin Denver Downtown has convenient on-site amenities and is walking distance to a multitude of Denver attractions. On-site amenities in the hotel include V's Lounge, which is a restaurant and bar serving American food, and V's Coffee Bar, which serves drinks and snacks. The hotel also has a full service fitness center, convenience store, dry cleaning service, and free Wi-Fi in the rooms and hotel meeting spaces.

The Westin Denver Downtown is located on the famous Larimer Street, which is a one-way road that runs southwest through Downtown Denver. On the northeast end, the street runs through Denver's River North (RiNo) neighborhood and is bordered on the southwest end by Metropolitan State University. Larimer Street is home to Larimer Square, a one-block section full of restaurants, shops, and historic charm. There is plenty to do there with activities geared toward all ages.

Highlights include over 80 street murals in the area, numerous art galleries (e.g., Dry Ice Factory, Dateline, Helikon Gallery and Studios, The RedLine Contemporary Art Center, and the foolPROof Contemporary Art Gallery, many

breweries (e.g., Bierstadt Lagerhaus, which was voted Best Colorado Brewery in 2017 and 2020, Ratio Beerworks, and Odell Brewing Company), wineries and cideries (e.g., Infinite Monkey and Stem Cider) and Mestizo-Curtis Park, the oldest greenspace in Denver. The heart of the RiNo District is about 1 mile from the Westin Denver Downtown, making it accessible via a short walk, scooter ride, or bike rental.

The city of Denver also offers a wide variety of activities. Areas for shopping, breweries, and restaurants include the Lower Downtown Historic District and Denver Union Station. Denver is home to the Denver Botanic Garden, Denver Zoo, Downtown Aquarium, Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Denver Art Museum, and History Colorado Center. Within a short distance of Denver are numerous outdoor adventures, including historic mining towns (Georgetown, Central City, and Black Hawk) and myriad locations for hiking and



sightseeing (Red Rocks Amphitheatre, Eldorado Canyon State Park, Rocky Mountain National Park, and many others).

For more information about activities in and around Denver please see:

<https://www.denver.org/>

Preliminary Schedule

Friday June 14th 2024

Council Meeting	8:00 am–noon
Oral Paper Sessions/Symposia	2:00–6:00 pm
Welcome Reception (includes full dinner)	7:00–11:00 pm

Saturday June 15th 2024

President's Symposium & Address	8:00 am–noon
Oral Paper Sessions/Symposia	1:00–3:30 pm
Student Auction Preview & Auction (snacks and beverages at the auction)	3:30–6:00 pm

Sunday June 16th 2024

Oral Paper Sessions/Symposia	8:00–10:00 am
Student Symposium	10:00 am–noon
Student Vortex Lunch (lunch provided)	noon–1:00 pm
Editor's Luncheon	noon–1:00 pm
Oral Paper Sessions/Symposia	1:00–3:30 pm
Student Business Meeting	3:30–4:30 pm
Poster Session (snacks and beverages)	4:30–6:30 pm

Monday June 17th 2024

Oral Paper Sessions/Symposia	8:00 am–noon
H. B. Ward Medal Award Presentation	1:00–2:00 pm
Awards & Business Meeting	2:00–4:30 pm

* All food indicated in the schedule will be included with regular conference registration. A full dinner will be provided at the welcome reception on June 14th (with regular conference registration). Lunch will be provided at the student vortex lunch on June 16th. Coffee breaks will be provided. Light snacks will be provided at the auction and poster sessions and these sessions will end on time for attendees to plan their own dinner reservations outside the venue on those evenings. Drink tickets will be provided along with a cash bar for several events.

Local Organizing Committee

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Contact LOC members with questions about the hotel venue and registration for the conference.

Scientific Program Officers

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Contact SPOs with questions about abstract submission, presentations, and presentation schedule.



Key URLs

ASP 2024 meeting website: [ASP 2024 Denver](#)

Meeting Registration: link coming soon

Hotel Reservations:

<https://book.passkey.com/event/50495515/owner/3485/home>

Abstract Submission:

<https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/stages/19256/submitter>

ASP website:

<http://amsocparasit.org/>

Join ASP:

<https://parasitologists.allenpress.com/parasitologists/MEMBERSHIP.aspx>

Denver:

<https://www.denver.org/>

Denver International Airport (DIA):

<https://www.flydenver.com/>

DIA Ground Transportation:

https://www.flydenver.com/den_transit_centerdenver_airport_station