

Riparian Conference Covers Wide Range

More than 400 riparian enthusiasts attended the First North American Riparian Conference in Tucson, Arizona, April 16 to 18, 1985. Twenty-two plenary, technical, and special sessions addressed a wide variety of riparian concerns ranging from riparian ecology to legal and institutional needs, from research to administration, and from grazing to urban planning. More than 100 papers were presented by scientists, managers, and policymakers from the United States, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Syria.

The conference was organized by the Riparian/Wetlands Committee and the School of Renewable Natural Resources, University of Arizona, and co-sponsored by more than 20 scientific and resource management organizations from the United States and Mexico. NPS science personnel involved in organizing the conference were Dr. R. Roy Johnson, technical chairman; Dr. A. Heaton Underhill, Fisheries Section chairman; Doug Duncan, biologist; Lupe P. Hendrickson, administrative clerk; and Elaine Johnson-Duncan, VIP – all associated with the CPSU/UA. Technical papers by NPS personnel were presented by: Bryan T. Brown and R.R. Johnson, CPSU/UA, Donald R. Field and Marty Lee, CPSU/OSU, D. Foster, Lawrence E. Stevens and Gwendolyn L. Waring, John R. Thomas, and Peter L. Warren and L. Susan Anderson.

In addition to scheduled conference sessions, ancillary meetings included a workshop on drafting model riparian legislation, led by Dr. Jon Kusler, and a meeting of MAB-8 (Biosphere Reserves) officials and associated researchers led by Dr. Roger Soles, Executive Director, State Department and Dr. William Gregg, NPS, WASO, and Co-chairman of MAB-8, and attended by NPS scientists, Drs. Christine Schonewald-Cox and R. Roy Johnson.