

Cal Parks Science Conference Draws 130

The response in attendance (more than 130) and paper and poster presentations (more than 75) at the third Biennial Conference on Research in California's National Parks at U/Cal Davis in September 1988, caused CPSU Director Stephen Veirs to observe:

"The primary goals for the conference are technology transfer between park scientists and resource managers and an increased understanding of park ecosystems. It looks very much as though conferences such as this one are instrumental in achieving these goals."

Plenary addresses included "Perspectives on Current and Future Research in the National Park Service" by Eugene Hester, Associate Director, Natural Resources (WASO); "A View From the National Parks and Conservation Association on Research in the National Parks" by Douglas Latimer, Gaia Associates; "A Longer View: Vegetation Change over 11,000 years in Sierran Montane and Subalpine Forests" by R. Scott Anderson, Assistant Research Professor, Bilby Research Center, Northern Arizona University; "The Resource Manager and Researcher as a Team" by Frank Ugolini, Resource Management Specialist, Channel Islands NP; "Statistical Pitfalls for Field Studies" by Neil Willits, Statistical Consultant, Statistics Department, UC Davis; "The Modern Biological Surveys, its Resource Inventory and Monitoring Role in National Parks" by David M. Graber, Research Scientist, Sequoia and Kings Canyon NP; and, "The Giant Sequoia Fire Controversy: A Case Study of the Role of Science in Natural Ecosystem Management" by David J. Parsons, Research Scientist, Sequoia and Kings Canyon NPs.

A proceedings of selected papers is in the works; meanwhile, copies of the abstracts will be available while supplies last from Silvia Hillyer, CPSU/Environmental Studies, U/Cal, Davis, CA 95616.

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