

Meetings of Interest*



March 13-17, 2000

The NPS Pacific West Region will host *West by Northwest 2000* in San Diego, California. The gathering will explore interdisciplinary management of parks and their resources with a specific look at natural and cultural resources stewardship and interpretation. Workshop themes include innovative program resolution, park futures and a changing public, and leading the way in resource stewardship. Contact Erv Gasser (206-220-4263), conference chair, for further information.

May 14-19

The Fourth International Conference on Science and the Management of Protected Areas (SAMPa IV) will be held at the University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. Held every three years, the international conference attracts a diverse group of parks and protected areas professionals, academics, researchers, managers, and members of nongovernment groups. Entitled *Learning from the Past, Looking to the Future*, SAMPa IV offers international plenary speakers, a wide variety of presentations and posters on contemporary issues, and educational field trips. Two major themes are planned: (1) regional approaches to planning and (2) research on both land-based and marine protected areas. Details of the conference, its programs, field trips, accommodations, and registration are available on the SAMPa website at <http://landscape.acadiau.ca/sampaa/confpage.htm> or by calling 519-622-9362.

May 16-18

The Third Conference on Research and Resource Management in the Southwestern Deserts will be held in Tucson, Arizona. Exploring the theme *Creative Cooperation in Resource Management*, the conference will feature papers and posters that tell of interagency collaboration in land use, research, resource management, and interpretation. Goals of the event are (1) to improve the preservation of natural and cultural resources through enhanced understanding of contemporary research and resource management challenges and (2) to achieve better cooperation through discussion of both ongoing and needed research. Abstracts for papers and posters will be accepted until January 14. Further information is available at www.snr.arizona.edu/nbs, the home page of the USGS Sonoran Desert Field Station. Conference chair is Bill Halvorson (halvor@snr.arizona.edu; 520-670-6885); registration coordinator is Lee Benson (602-640-5250, x 236; lee_benson@nps.gov).

October 16-20

The Natural Areas Association is planning its 27th annual conference, *Managing the Mosaic: Connecting People and Natural Diversity in the 21st Century*, to be held in St. Louis, Missouri. Celebrating the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, the banquet address will explore the historical and future implications of their trip, while plenary and concurrent sessions will focus on different aspects of biodiversity and how humans fit into the new century of management. Session topics planned include: insects in natural communities; economic values of natural diversity; monitoring; ecoregional planning; conserving caves, streams, and urban lands; partnerships; and many others. Further information is available from the Natural Areas website at www.natareas.org ("conferences" link) or from conference coordinator Kate Leary (573-751-4115, x183; learyk@mail.conservation.state.mo.us).

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