



The Caribbean Academy of Sciences

17th General Meeting and Conference

St. John's, Antigua

November 12 – 14, 2010

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

ABSTRACTS FOR ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS ARE INVITED

Information

The 17th General Meeting of The Caribbean Academy Sciences (CAS) is the first CAS Conference to be held in the beautiful island of Antigua and Barbuda. The now Biennial Conference will commence on the evening of November 12, 2010, with an impressive Opening Ceremony at which The Antigua and Barbuda Chapter of CAS will be inaugurated.

The theme of this year's conference is "**Climate Change – Implications for Caribbean Health, Agriculture, Ecology, Industries and Building Codes**". One of the main objectives of the Conference is to bring together regional and international natural scientists, social scientists and engineers to deliberate and focus their thoughts on these subject areas. Using the best available models, these experts are required to predict the many ways that Climate Change and its associated effects could impact on life in the Caribbean and to agree on some specific steps that might be taken to minimize possible adverse effects.

A second major objective of the conference is to provide an opportunity, **via parallel scientific sessions**, for experts from the region's Universities, Research Centres and Industry to come together to present their research, industrial and developmental findings for critical analysis. The scientific programme will consist of plenary lectures by invited experts and short papers of 20 minutes total duration by participants. Short papers may be in any area of natural or social science, including: Agriculture, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Anatomy, Physiology, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Biology, Biotechnology, Energy, Food Science, Physics, Engineering, Education, Economics and Health Economics.

Note that The Academy's General Meeting, for financial members, takes place on November 12, 2010 from 1.30 – 4.00 p.m.

Preparation of Abstracts

For each oral and poster presentation to be made during the conference, abstracts must be submitted by August 31, 2010.

Abstracts should be submitted on diskette or sent by electronic mail.

Abstracts must be typed to fit on a single sheet of letter size paper (8.5" x 11") using Times New Roman in Microsoft Word 2000 as a minimum. The title should be typed in 12-point font and everything else in 11-point font.

Typing should be fully justified, with one-inch margins at the top and at each side; a minimum of one inch must be left at the bottom of the page. The entire abstract, including title, name of the author(s), affiliation(s), text and acknowledgements should be typed within these limits.

The Abstract title should be centred and typed in **bold**, 'title style' in times New Roman (12-point font). On the next line the Author(s) name(s), (lower case, 11-point font, IN **BOLD**) should be written as initial(s) followed by family name(s). Author(s) name(s) must be centred and separated by semicolons, underlining the name of the person who will present the paper. On the next line (i.e. no extra line spaces) the institution(s) of the author(s) must be typed in *italics* (NOT IN BOLD) and centred. When authors originate from different institutions the authors and the institutions should be numbered using superscripts to the top right of the names and the top left of the institutions.

The body of the Abstract (without any sub-headings) should start two line spaces below the institutional identification. The text should be typed using one and a half line spacing with an extra space separating paragraphs. Paragraphs should NOT be indented.

It is suggested that Abstracts include: A definition of the problem, a working hypothesis, main methods or techniques employed, results, discussions and conclusions.

A sample abstract follows.

Sample Abstract

Biological Nutrient Removal Systems for Greywater

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A sequencing batch reactor (SBR) and a combined activated sludge/rotating biological contactor (AS/RBC) system are being evaluated for nutrient removal. The study focuses specifically on the treatment of greywater as it is the major component of domestic wastewater. In the Caribbean region, separation and disposal of this waste stream without any prior treatment is not unusual. This is particularly true of the Trinidadian situation. The characteristic fast breakdown of greywater implies that the carbon contained is in a form that can be readily utilized by microbes – short chain carbon compounds. The availability of this type of immediate energy source underpins the nutrient removal process.

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Preparation of Posters

Posters should be a maximum of 44" x 44". A maximum of two posters per person will be allowed.

The following information should appear on each poster:

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| a. Title | b. Poster number (As assigned) |
| c. Name(s) of Author(s) | d. Name of each Author's Institution |
| e. Abstract | f. Introduction |
| g. Methods | h. Results (including Tables and Figures) |
| i. Discussion | j. Conclusions |
| k. References | |

Conference Time Table (November 2010)

Day 1	November 12	11.00 am – 2.00 pm	Registration
Day 1	November 12	1.30 pm – 4.00 pm	CAS General Meeting
Day 1	November 12	6.30 pm – 9.30 pm	Opening Ceremony Inauguration of Antigua CAS Cocktail Reception (Free to all Conference and Pre-conference Participants)
Day 2	November 13	8.30 am – 4.30 pm	Main Conference: Oral and Poster Presentations
Day 2	November 13	7.30 pm	A Taste of Antigua and Barbuda: A cultural exposé featuring the islands' music and cuisine. (Free to all Conference and Pre-conference Participants)
Day 3	November 14	8.30 am – 4.30 pm	Main Conference: Oral and Poster Presentations
Day 4	November 15**		Shopping, Sight Seeing Tours (subject to demand)

**** Subject to demand, shopping, sight seeing tours and day trips can be arranged for those attending the conference.**

Registration

Registration for the Conference can be done by MAIL or FAX. Note that registration will only considered to have been completed on receipt of the appropriate fee.

Registration Fees

(Payable in US Dollars)	Before July 31, 2010 US\$	After July 31, 2010 US\$
Members	\$180.00	\$210.00
Non-Members	\$240.00	\$275.00
Students	\$75.00	\$100.00

Accommodation

The designated hotel for the conference is The Royal Antiguan Beach and Tennis Resort. Special rates apply to registered participants. **Please indicate that you will be attending the conference when booking.**

Contacts for The Royal Antiguan Beach and Tennis Resort:-

Tel: 1-268-462-3733

Fax: 1-268-462-3732

Website: www.grandroyalantiguan.com

Room Category	Single Rates (US\$)	Double Rates (US\$)
Mountain View	\$98.50	\$116.00
Lagoon View	\$114.00	\$132.00

Entitlements of Fee-Paying Participants

In addition to conference literature, payment of conference fees entitles participants to lunch and snacks served during the refreshment breaks. The Opening Ceremony and 'Antigua and Barbuda Cultural Nite' are free to all Registered Participants.

Method of Payment

Payment can be made by US Dollar Money Order or Bank Drafts payable to The Caribbean Academy of Sciences, Account Number 000-213-064-829 at Republic Bank Limited, UWI Campus Branch, St. Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago. Persons holding Trinidadian Accounts may pay the US-Dollar equivalent by cheque.

All participants should travel to the Conference with their proof of payment.

RETURN COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND FEES TO:

The Conference Secretariat

c/o Dr. Trevor Alleyne

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For Conference updates, visit the CAS website:

<http://www.caswi.org>

Persons interested in attending the Conference are requested to complete the registration form and return it to the CAS Secretariat.