Call for Papers

The Adirondack Research Consortium will hold its 15th Annual Conference on the Adirondacks on May 21–22, 2008, at the Crowne Plaza Resort in Lake Placid. The conference theme, “Working Together for the Future of a Sustainable Adirondack Park,” centers on research related to long-term resource trends and collaborative partnerships focused on promoting sustainability and innovation in three concept areas:

• Energy and Technology
• Environmental and Ecological Issues
• Community and Economic Issues

The ARC invites researchers of national, regional, and local expertise to present the latest scientific information on these topics. In addition to a broad spectrum of invited speakers, panel participants will discuss their latest work in these subject areas. There will also be opportunity for researchers to display poster presentations of their work during the conference.

The conference is a forum for researchers to present current information on natural, social, economic, and recreational resources, as well as an opportunity to bring people with diverse backgrounds together in collaborative efforts. The ARC invites oral presentations and posters.

Oral Presentations. Talks are limited to 20 minutes for both presentation and question-and-answer period. Your audience may include laypersons who, although they may have a keen interest in your research and results, may not be fully conversant with the jargon of your science. We encourage you to use plain language. Slide, overhead, and digital projectors will be available in all meeting rooms. Laptops equipped with DVD/CD-RW drives, loaded with Microsoft Windows and PowerPoint, and connected to projectors will be available for presentations. (Note: These computers do not have Zip disk capability.)

Poster Presentations. The ARC will accept posters on May 20, 2008, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, and in the morning of May 21, 2008, beginning at 7:00 AM. Special arrangements will be accommodated by the ARC. Posters must be mounted on a rigid backing. Conference staff will aid in affixing and removing posters in the display area. An opportunity for conference attendees to meet the poster presenters will be formally scheduled during the conference.

If you are interested in presenting your research at the 2008 Conference on the Adirondacks, please obtain an Abstract Submission Form from the ARC website at http://www.adkresearch.org, by e-mailing info@adkresearch.org, or by calling 518-523-1814. To be considered for inclusion in the conference, abstracts are due by April 1, 2008, at Adirondack Research Consortium, c/o Dan Fitts, 45 Cherry Lane, Lake Placid, NY 12946, or by e-mail at info@adkresearch.org. The ARC will make its final decisions by April 15, 2008, and notify all applicants shortly thereafter. Please be sure to submit early and include your e-mail contact information. Note: Students must submit name of faculty sponsor for presentations.

Please share this announcement with colleagues and friends.
Notes for Contributors

The Adirondack Journal of Environmental Studies (AJES) encourages the submission of work promoting and documenting the development of sustainable communities in the Adirondacks and Northern Forest. Authors are typically academics and students, as well as nonacademic practitioners working through agencies, businesses, and voluntary organizations. More specifically, AJES seeks articles that cover the theory and practice of sustainable development promoting ecological integrity, renewable energy, sustainable economies, the reduction of inequities, and the empowerment of local communities.

AJES being a transdisciplinary journal, authors should avoid technical or discipline-specific terms or thoroughly explain them in the text. Articles must not have appeared elsewhere in the same form (i.e., discipline-specific articles published elsewhere but rewritten for a general audience are acceptable) and must not be submitted for publication elsewhere while under consideration by AJES. Electronic submissions are strongly encouraged. Text should be double-spaced, references should be typed as endnotes, and all tables, figures, and photos should appear individually on separate pages at the end of the document. The author's phone number, mailing and e-mail addresses, title, and academic or professional affiliation must accompany the manuscript.

All submissions except book reviews must include an abstract of less than 150 words.

Peer-Reviewed Commentary and Analysis
The approximate length of more scholarly articles submitted is 5,000 to 7,000 words. All articles in this category will undergo a peer review process, overseen by the AJES editorial board.

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Features
The approximate length of articles submitted in this category, describing a significant issue in the region or discussing a special topic of general interest, is 5,000 to 7,000 words. These articles are often invited by the AJES editorial board or the journal's overseeing board of the Adirondack Research Consortium.

Organizational Profiles
Articles in this category are 2,000 to 3,000 words long and seek to disseminate useful approaches, promote networking opportunities among practitioners and academics, and document an organization's contributions to promoting sustainable communities.

Essays
Not all knowledge is a matter of fact, and in our efforts to visualize and promote sustainable communities, it is frequently necessary to understand views from a wide range of vantage points. Articles submitted to the opinion forum are approximately 1,500 to 2,500 words long. They do not undergo a full peer-review process, but are reviewed for factual errors.

Interviews
Interviews or profiles of influential individuals active in the region are approximately 1,000 to 2,000 words long.

Book Reviews and Research News
Articles in these categories are approximately 500 to 1,000 words long.
The Narrows on the Raquette River in the winter