

Call for Papers

The 98th Annual Meeting of the
American Society of Parasitologists



InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza
Kansas City, MO July 13–16, 2023

The **American Society of Parasitologists** (ASP) will hold its 98th Annual Meeting at the InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza, Kansas City, MO, July 13–16, 2023. Meeting registration is required for meeting attendance. ASP members, as well as non-members, who attend the ASP meeting are invited to submit abstracts for oral or poster presentations, as invited speakers, or as contributors to symposia. Individuals organizing symposia, workshops, and special sessions should send the names of their speakers to the Scientific Program Officers. Important links included herein can also be found on the [ASP 2023 meeting website](#) and on the last page of this Call for Papers.

Important deadlines

Friday, March 3rd 2023

- Deadline for contacting Scientific Program Officers about organizing Special Interest Symposia.

Friday, March 31st 2023

- Abstract submission deadline ([SUBMIT ABSTRACT](#)).
- Note that Marc Dresden Student Travel Grant applications are part of the abstract submission process.

Friday, June 2nd 2023

- Deadline for Early Registration ([REGISTER](#)).
- Note that registration will continue past this date at an increased rate.

Friday, June 16th 2023

- Hotel reservations must be made by this date to secure the negotiated ASP reduced conference room rate ([HOTEL RESERVATIONS](#)).

Abstract Submission & Meeting Registration will open March 1st 2023.

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Meeting Registration

Online registration for the annual meeting and credit card payment are available through the Allen Press website ([REGISTRATION](#)). Meeting registration will open March 1st 2023. Please follow all directions carefully.

Registration Costs:

	On or before June 2 nd	After June 2 nd
ASP Regular Member	\$450 USD	\$525 USD
ASP Early Career Member ¹	\$350 USD	\$425 USD
ASP Associate Member ²	\$350 USD	\$425 USD
ASP Student Member	\$250 USD	\$325 USD
ASP Emeritus/Retired Member	\$250 USD	\$325 USD
Non-ASP Member ³	\$600 USD	\$675 USD
Accompanying person	\$225 USD	\$300 USD

¹ Members who are within seven (7) years of having attained their terminal degree.

² The ASP Associate membership is for scientists in developing countries as defined by the IMF (International Monetary Fund). A list of qualifying countries can be found [here](#).

³ Non-ASP members can join ASP [here](#).

REGISTRATION COSTS WILL NOT BE REFUNDED AFTER JUNE 2nd 2023.

Abstract Submission

Abstract Preparation:

Submit all abstracts in English. The TITLE should be short, concise, and indicative of the abstract content. Use words with index retrieval value; avoid general words like “Studies on” or “Investigations of.” Use sentence case. The CONTENT should be a ***single paragraph of no more than 350 words*** containing a concise statement of (1) the problem under investigation, (2) the experimental methods used, (3) the essential results, and (4) the conclusions. Do not include figures or tables. Scientific names should be written out in full when first used; upon repetition, the genus name may be abbreviated with the first letter, except at the beginning of a sentence. Italicize scientific names. To avoid *nomina nuda*, names of new taxa should not be included in the abstract. Note that abstracts submitted by any presenter may be restricted to two (2) in the oral format, with the remainder designated as posters at the discretion of the Scientific Program Officers.

Abstract Submission:

Submit your abstract(s) through [Oxford Abstracts](#). Abstract submission will open March 1st 2023. Please follow all instructions on the abstract submission website carefully using the examples of formatting provided. Names and affiliations of all authors are required. Choose the session topic that best describes the content of your abstract. You will receive email confirmation of successfully submitted abstracts; please print that page and save your submission ID number. **Submission of abstracts to Special Interest Symposia is by invitation only.** If you have been invited to contribute to a Special Interest Symposium, please follow the instructions above and enter the name of the symposium given to you by the symposium organizer when submitting your abstract. Abstracts can be modified up to the Abstract Submission deadline. Only complete submissions will be considered. The deadline for abstract submission is **Friday, March 31st 2023**; the online submission system will be disabled at midnight (CST) on that date.

Acceptance & Scheduling of Abstracts:

Notification of acceptance of oral and poster presentations is **Friday, April 28th 2023** via automated email. If an official letter is needed confirming abstract acceptance, please contact the Scientific Program Officers. Notification of scheduling of your presentation is not automatic. Information on the time and date of scheduled presentations will be available **Friday, June 16th 2023** with the posting of the electronic version of the final Program & Abstracts booklet on the [ASP 2023 meeting website](#) and [ASP website](#). Abstracts appearing in the final Program & Abstracts booklet are not citable as abstracts for publication purposes.

Oral & Poster Presentations

ALL PRESENTATIONS FOR THE MEETING WILL BE IN ENGLISH.

Oral Presentations:

Microsoft PowerPoint® is the presentation standard for the meeting. Speakers should bring their presentation on a USB Flash Drive and download their files to the PC of their session at least 30 minutes before the start of the session. Embed images, movies, and fonts in the presentation; fonts, colors, and animations should be used both consistently and judiciously. The use of the 16:9 slide format is strongly recommended. Speakers are encouraged to test their presentation on a different computer than was used to create it in advance of the meeting. Mac users should be certain to test their presentations on a PC. The onus will be on speakers to verify the compatibility of their files with the computers in use at the venue. The standard oral presentation is twelve (12) minutes plus three (3) minutes for questions, unless otherwise indicated.

Poster Presentations:

Posters offer an excellent opportunity for more extensive exchange of ideas between presenters and their audience. No concurrent activities will be scheduled during the poster session. Posters will be grouped numerically by topic. The maximum poster size is 4' high x 4' wide (122 cm high x 122 cm wide). Posters will be displayed on free-standing poster boards. Numbers on poster boards will be provided and will correspond to poster abstract numbers. Refer to the Program & Abstracts booklet for assigned poster numbers. Each poster should include a title and the name(s) and affiliation(s) of the author(s) at the top, and a copy of the abstract. At least one author must be present at all times during the poster session.

Awards & Lectures:

Awards scheduled to be presented at the Kansas City meeting include the Ashton Cuckler New Investigator Award, the H. B. Ward Medal, and the Distinguished Service Award, as well as the R. Barclay McGhee Lectureship. Once the 2023 awardees have been selected, the Ward Medal and McGhee Lectureship recipients will be contacted by the Scientific Program Officers for titles (but not an abstract) of their presentations.

Session Moderators:

Please contact the Scientific Program Officers by **May 19th 2023**, if you are interested in moderating a session(s) at the meeting and include your preferred session topic(s). In particular, graduate students and postdoctoral fellows are strongly encouraged to volunteer as moderators in order to gain valuable experience and increase visibility with potential mentors.

Student Paper Competition & Marc Dresden Student Travel Grants

Student Paper Competition:

Students interested in participating in the Student Paper Competition should indicate this at the time of abstract submission. **This year the Student Paper Competition will include both a poster and an oral presentation category.** Note that you do not need to apply for a Marc Dresden Student Travel (MDST) Grant in order to participate in the Student Paper Competition.

Marc Dresden Student Travel Grants:

Students presenting talks or posters may apply for a Marc Dresden Student Travel Grant (MDSTG). All application materials must be submitted as part of the abstract submission process. Applications must include an abstract, certification of student status, mentor information, an itemized budget of the total cost of attending the meeting, and the amount of funding requested. Students applying for an MDSTG are not required to enter the Student Paper Competition.

Questions about the MDSTG process should be directed to the Student Awards Committee Chairperson, Agustin Jimenez (agustinjz@zoology.siu.edu).

Affiliate Society Best Student Paper Competition Winners:

Recipients of these awards for an oral presentation given since the 2022 ASP meeting are entitled to an automatic MDSTG with the commitment of delivering an oral presentation at the 2023 ASP meeting. In addition to the application materials listed above, these students must check the AFFILIATE SOCIETY AWARD WINNER box on the abstract submission form and indicate their affiliate society.

Workshops & Symposia

Workshops:

The Local Organizing Committee has arranged two workshops. Please indicate your interest in workshop participation when you register for the meeting. Workshops were developed with student and postdoctoral participants in mind, but are open to all registered meeting participants, free of charge. Each workshop will accommodate up to 30 individuals. More detailed information is available on the [ASP 2023 meeting website](#).

Wednesday, July 12th 2023

- ***Workshop 1 (2:00–3:00 pm):***

- **Infecting the Media: A workshop on preparing a press release**

- (Featuring C.J. Janovy, Director of Content, KCUR Kansas City, and Tim Linn, Assistant Director of University Relations, Rockhurst University. Organizers: Florian Reyda & Sara Weinstein, in conjunction with the ASP Public Relations Committee).

- ***Workshop 2 (3:30–5:00 pm):***

- **A practical introduction to generating genomic data using the Oxford Nanopore MinION sequencing platform**

- (Organizers: Kaylee Herzog & Joseph Fauver, University of Nebraska Medical Center).

Special Interest Symposia:

In addition to the traditional President's Symposium and Students' Symposium, members are encouraged to organize symposia on a topic of special interest. If you are interested in organizing such a symposium, please contact the Scientific Program Officers by **March 3rd 2023**. Because space in the program is limited, requests will be considered on a first come, first served basis.

Social Activities

The Welcome Reception, the Student Lunch Vortex, and the Student Auction are among the highlights of the social activities planned for the Kansas City meeting.

32nd Annual ASP Student Auction:

Once again, we are asking you to search your attic, basement, out-buildings, coffers, and safety deposit boxes for donations to our Annual Auction to raise funds for student travel to ASP meetings. Serious, humorous... whatever you come up with... it's all grist for the auction mill and will be much appreciated. You can find some great parasite-related items on Etsy. You can either bring your item(s) with you to the meeting or mail your item(s) early. Contributions from those not planning to attend the meeting are also greatly appreciated. A receipt for your donation can be provided at registration, or by mail, if requested. If you would like to mail your auction items, please strive to have them arrive between July 8–12, 2023. Mail to the address below.

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Hotel reservations and meeting registration are independent. Each attendee is responsible for making their own hotel reservation. The InterContinental Kansas City is the designated meeting hotel; a block of guest rooms is reserved for ASP meeting registrants. The negotiated reduced room rate for ASP is \$164 USD, plus tax, per night. Contact the hotel's Global Reservations Center at (866) 856-9717 or visit the hotel's [RESERVATION PAGE](#). To qualify for the special negotiated reduced room rate you must reference the ASP Group Code (**ASP**) when making your reservation; this code is automatically applied when using the reservation link above. A credit card number will be required at the time the reservation is made. The special ASP rate is offered from July 11th through July 16th 2023, as well as three days prior to and three days after the meeting, for anyone wishing to extend their stay. Please note that meeting space at the InterContinental Kansas City will be free to ASP *only* if we meet our minimum room-night contract commitment! Please help make this possible by staying at the InterContinental Kansas City!

Student rooms:

The negotiated ASP room block includes 20 Double Queen rooms (i.e., rooms with two [2] queen beds, to accommodate up to four [4] students) for the nights of July 12–16th 2023 specifically for students. These rooms accommodate up to four occupants at the rate of \$164 USD per night. Students are asked to organize their own rooming arrangements and to designate **one person per room to make the room reservation**. For reservations, follow instructions given above. Indicate the number of adults who will be sharing the room at the time of making the reservation, and provide the names of the students staying in the room at the time of check-in. Students sharing a room can each pay their share of the bill at checkout. If you need help identifying roommates for the meeting, please contact the ASP Student Representative, Sarah Goodnight (sgoodnight2021@fau.edu).

THE DEADLINE FOR SECURING A ROOM AT THE INTERCONTINENTAL KANSAS CITY AT THE ASP CONFERENCE RATE IS JUNE 16th 2023.

Transportation

Kansas City International Airport (MCI) is served by Air Canada, Alaska Airlines, Allegiant Airlines, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Frontier Airlines, JetBlue Airlines, Southwest Airlines, Spirit Airlines, United Airlines, and VivaAerobus.

Ground Transportation:

The InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza is a 30–40 minute drive from the [Kansas City International Airport](#). Ground transportation from the Kansas City International Airport to the meeting venue will not be provided by the hotel, and must be arranged separately by each traveling party.

Transportation options between the airport and the hotel are listed on the airport's [Ground Transportation webpage](#); they include:

[Rental Car Service](#)

[Metro Bus Service](#)

[Taxi Service](#)

[Shuttle Service](#)

[Limousine Service](#)

Rideshare Services*

*Lyft and Uber estimate the fare at \$35–\$50 USD one way.

Visit KC recommends making transportation arrangements prior to arrival with [Kansas City Transportation Group SuperShuttle](#) or [Kansas City zTrip](#).

Hotel Parking:

Overnight self-parking at the InterContinental Kansas City is available at the reduced rate of \$15.00 USD per day per vehicle in the hotel's parking garage for ASP registrants. Temporary self-parking is complimentary.

Meeting Venue

The InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza was chosen as the venue for the 2023 ASP meeting because of its affordability and special event spaces. Highlights include a Rooftop Ballroom with spectacular views of the city for the Welcome Reception and Auction, and an inviting Pool Deck with Pool Bar for leisure time. Internet Access will be complimentary in ASP guest rooms and in meeting spaces. The hotel is located at the southern edge of one of Kansas City's favorite dining and entertainment districts, the Country Club Plaza. The Plaza offers 15 blocks of dining, entertainment, and shopping in Seville-inspired architecture.

Kansas City, Missouri (KCMO) is a lively, thriving city in The Heartland of the United States, with a population of almost half a million. Kansas City is best known for its cuisine and its craft breweries. In fact, the greater metropolitan area of Kansas City has more barbeque restaurants per capita than any other US city and has more than 20 breweries. With 48 publicly-operated fountains it is known as *The City of Fountains*.

Cultural attractions are numerous and diverse. They include the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, the National World War I Museum and Memorial, the Arabia Steamboat Museum, the American Jazz Museum, the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures, and the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art. In fact, [Condé Nast Traveler](#) recently named Kansas City as one of the best places to go in the U.S. in 2023. Neighborhoods like Westport and the Power & Light District (1.5 miles and 4.5 miles north of The Plaza, respectively) offer dining, entertainment, and nightlife opportunities. Kansas City (KC) is home to a number of professional sports teams. Kauffman Stadium, home of the Kansas City Royals, and Children's Mercy Park, home of the Sporting KC soccer club, are each ~20 minute drives from the hotel. Explore the city's attractions on foot, by e-bikes or scooters, via rideshare, or using the free KC Streetcar.

See the [Visit KC](#) website for more information.

Preliminary Schedule

Wednesday, July 12th 2023

Workshops	2:00–5:30 pm
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Thursday, July 13th 2023

Council Meeting	8:00 am–noon
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Oral Paper Sessions/Symposia	1:00–5:00 pm
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Welcome Reception	6:00–9:00 pm
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Friday, July 14th 2023

President's Symposium & Address	8:00–11:30 am
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Student Lunch Vortex	noon–1:00 pm
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Oral Paper Sessions/Symposia	1:00–2:30 pm
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Students' Symposium	3:00–5:00 pm
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Student Auction Preview & Auction	6:00–9:00 pm
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Saturday, July 15th 2023

Oral Paper Sessions/Symposia	8:00–10:00 am
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R. Barclay McGhee Lectureship	10:30–11:30 am
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Editor's Luncheon	noon–1:00 pm
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Oral Paper Sessions/Symposia	1:00–3:00 pm
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Student Business Meeting	3:30–4:30 pm
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Poster Session	6:00–8:00 pm
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Sunday, July 16th 2023

Oral Paper Sessions/Symposia	8:00 am–noon
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H. B. Ward Medal Award Presentation	1:00–2:00 pm
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Awards & Business Meeting	2:00–5:00pm
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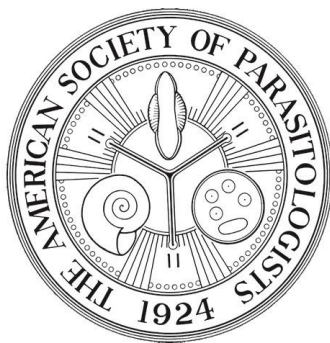
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Key URLs

ASP 2023 meeting website: <https://aspmeetings.wixsite.com/2023>

Meeting Registration: [Meeting registration](#)

Hotel Reservations: [Hotel Reservations](#)

Abstract Submission: [Oxford Abstracts](#)

ASP website: <http://amsocparasit.org/>

Join ASP: <https://parasitologists.allenpress.com/parasitologists/MEMBERSHIP.aspx>

Visit KC: <https://www.visitkc.com>

Kansas City International (KCI) Airport: <http://www.flykci.com>

KCI Ground Transportation: <https://www.flykci.com/getting-to-from>