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Western Oregon University Will host the February 28, 2009 Annual OAS Meeting

By Jeff Myers, President of the OAS

Western Oregon University (Monmouth) will host the Oregon Academy of Science's 68th annual meeting on February 28, 2009. The annual meeting of the O.A.S. Provides an opportunity for scientists, social scientists, and mathematicians to meet, exchange ideas, and network with colleagues in both related and dissimilar fields. Please plan on attending the upcoming meeting and bringing students with you. We particularly encourage students, both undergraduate and graduate, to present their research, because the meeting, with its casual and supportive atmosphere, represents an ideal venue for student presentations.

Western Oregon University is centrally located in the Willamette Valley wine country in the town of Monmouth, directly adjacent to Highway 99 West. Travel and WOU campus maps and information about Monmouth and the region are available on-line at http://www.wou.edu/online_catalog/display/campus_maps.php to help you plan your travel. Given the early starting time for most sessions on Saturday morning, those traveling from greater distances may wish to make hotel arrangements. A partial listing of accommodations is provided in this Newsletter, including some within easy walking distance of the meeting venue. Visitors are encouraged to visit some of the outstanding Wine Country restaurants nearby, some of which are listed in this Newsletter.

Presentations can be made in either oral or poster formats. Discussion is encouraged in both presentation options. There will be concurrent sessions throughout the day by all sections of the Oregon Academy of Science – Biology, Chemistry, Economics, Geography, Geology, Health Science, History/Philosophy/Social Study of Science, Mathematics/Computer Science, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Science Education, and Sociology/Anthropology. Each section has a section chair responsible for organization of the program for that section. If you are interested in presenting, either orally or in a poster session, please contact the appropriate section chair, listed on the

following page.

All presenters must be members of the Oregon Academy of Science. To register for O.A.S. membership and to register to attend the meeting on February 28, 2009, please complete the registration form located in this newsletter and mail it to Liz Atkinson, Treasurer of O.A.S.

To submit an abstract for the February 28, 2009 meeting obtain the Guidelines for Submission of an Abstract from the O.A.S. website (www.oas.pdx.edu/) or from the appropriate section chair. The e-mail addresses for each section chair are listed on the next page. Electronic submission of abstracts is preferred. If possible, please submit your abstract as an attachment to an e-mail. The deadline for submission of an abstract to the section chair is February 9, 2009.

Seeking Nominations for O.A.S. Awards: Outstanding Scientist and Outstanding Teacher Awards

The Oregon Academy of Science annually recognizes outstanding work by giving three awards. Nominations for these awards may be made by any member of the Academy. The award presentations will be made at the annual meeting February 28, 2009. **The deadline for nominations for all three awards is December 5, 2008.** For lists of prior award recipients, consult the 2007 Proceedings of the Oregon Academy of Science, which contains the complete list.

2009 Outstanding Scientist Award

Nominees should have made significant contributions to basic or applied research in the natural, physical, or social sciences. Nominees must have been Oregon residents during the time that they made their distinguished contributions. The letter of nomination should include a brief discussion of the nominee's accomplishments, along with supporting letters and documents. Submit the letter of nomination and supporting materials to Jeff Myers President of the Oregon Academy of Science or by e-mail to

myersj@wou.edu. The deadline for nominations is December 5, 2008.

2009 Outstanding Teacher in Science and Mathematics, Higher Education

Nominees for this award should have a demonstrated record of outstanding teaching in any of the subject areas encompassed by the Academy. Letters of nomination should clearly describe the unique contributions made by the candidate to teaching excellence in higher education science and/or mathematics classrooms. Submit nomination letters and supporting documents to Jeff Myers President of the Oregon Academy of Science or by e-mail to myersj@wou.edu. The deadline for nominations is December 5, 2008.

2009 Outstanding Teacher in Science and Mathematics, K-12 Education

This award is to recognize outstanding teaching in science or mathematics at the K-12 level. Nominees should have a demonstrated record of outstanding teaching in any of the subject areas encompassed by the Academy. Letters of nomination should clearly describe the unique contributions made by the nominee to teaching excellence in science or mathematics in K-12 classrooms. Submit nomination letters and supporting materials to Kristi Miller, Sunset High School, 13840 NW Cornell Rd., Beaverton, OR 97229 or by e-mail to Kristi_miller@Beaverton.k12.or.us. The deadline for submission of nominations is December 5, 2008.

News From the Junior Academy of Science

The Oregon Junior Academy of Science will tentatively be held at Western Oregon University on Friday, February 27, 2009. High school students doing research in the sciences, mathematics and psychology are invited to participate. Group research projects are accepted. Outstanding OJAS presenters are eligible to present again to compete for scholarships at the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium on Saturday, February 28, 2008, also at Western Oregon University. Contact Dr. Adele Schepige at schepia@wou.edu for more information.

Some Monmouth and local lodgings

Best Western Dallas Inn and Suites

Dallas, 503-623-6000

Best Western Mill Creek Inn

Dallas, 503-623-6000

Best Western New Kings Inn

Salem, 503-581-1559/877-594-1110

Buena Vista House Bed and Breakfast

Independence, (503) 838-6364

Comfort Suites

Salem, 503-585-9705

Courtesy Inn

Monmouth, 503-838-4438

Independence House Bed and Breakfast

Independence, 503-838-0612

Red Lion Inn

Salem, 503-370-7888

Shilo Inn Suites

Salem, 503-581-4001/800-222-2244

Phoenix Grand Hotel

Salem, 503-540-7800

A few Nearby Wine Country Restaurants

Bistro Maison

729 E. 3rd. St., McMinnville (503) 474-1888

www.bistromaison.com

J. Bella's Restaurante

114 S Main St., Independence (503) 838-4425

Joel Palmer House

600 Ferry St. Dayton (503) 864-2995

<http://www.joelpalmerhouse.com>

LaRambla

238 NE 3rd St. McMinnville (503) 435-2126

<http://www.laramblaonthird.com/>

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521 3rd St. McMinnville (503) 434-4471

<http://nicksitaliancafe.com>

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