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Dear Colleague;

The 2010 AERC meeting is scheduled for **October 14-15** in Washington DC. On October 14th we will hold briefings for congressional staff and federal agency officials followed by a more in-depth symposium for interested agency staff, AERC representatives, and guests. The annual symposium will take place at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian.

Using Science to Balance Society's Needs for Water, Agriculture, and Ecosystems

Dr. Mark R. Walbridge U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service "**WATER AND AGRICULTURE – SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION SYSTEMS THAT PROTECT AND ENHANCE OUR ENVIRONMENT**"

Dr. Cliff Dahm, Delta Stewardship Council and University of New Mexico, "**TRYING TO BALANCE WATER FOR FOOD PRODUCTION, CITIES, AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE CALIFORNIA DELTA**"

Dr. Carol Couch, University of Georgia "**POLICIES FOR MANAGING URBAN AND AGRICULTURAL WATER USE CONFLICTS UNDER REGULATED RIPARIAN LEGAL SYSTEMS**"

Mr. Paul Faeth, CNA "**ROLE OF WATER IN NATIONAL SECURITY POLICIES**"

TBA: RELEVANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AT NSF, USDA, EPA

A detailed schedule (draft) is attached. The annual business meeting on October 15th will include the election of the President-Elect, and a discussion about the membership survey. Following the completion of our business agenda, Robert Gropp, director, Public Policy Office at the AIBS will present a one-hour briefing on policy issues on Capitol Hill.

A block of rooms is being held at the Hotel Lombardy, 2019 Pennsylvania Ave, until **September 10th**. Phone: 800.424.5486 or 202.828.2600, Group #2175, Group Name: AERC, Cost \$229/night plus tax.

I hope you can join us at the annual meeting this October. We are required to provide a list of visitors to the NMAI and the Smithsonian's Ripley Center. To better plan for entrance to the museum on each day and the meals, please RSVP to cweoffice@nrri.umn.edu by **October 1st** (see below).

Sincerely,

Lucinda B. Johnson



Association of Ecosystem Research Centers 2010 Annual Meeting

Date	Event	Location
Tuesday, Wednesday, October 12, 13	Individual visits to congressional delegations; contact rgropp@aibs.org for assistance with scheduling before September 17th .	various
Thursday, October 14, 9:30–10:30 am	Congressional briefing: (by invitation) Using Science to Balance Society's Needs for Water, Agriculture, and Ecosystems	(TBA)
Thursday, October 14, 11:00–11:30 am	Guided tour (contingent on staff availability) RSVP to cweoffice@nrri.umn.edu	Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian
Thursday, October 14, 11:30–12:15 pm	Buffet luncheon RSVP to cweoffice@nrri.umn.edu	Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian
Thursday, October 14, 12:30–4:30 pm	Symposium: Using Science to Balance Society's Needs for Water, Agriculture, and Ecosystems RSVP to cweoffice@nrri.umn.edu	Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian
Thursday, , October 14, 4:30–6:00 pm	Reception	Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian
Friday, October 15, 8:00–11:30 am	Breakfast (8 am) followed by business meeting. RSVP to cweoffice@nrri.umn.edu	Ripley Center, Smithsonian Institution
Friday, , October 15, 11:30–12:30 pm	Policy briefing by Robert Gropp, AIBS	Ripley Center, Smithsonian Institution

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The hotel is located about 3 blocks west of the Farragut West Metro stop at the corner of I ("eye") street and Pennsylvania Avenue, which will provide easy Orange and Blue Line Metro connections between the hotel and the Ripley Center (Smithsonian stop on the Metro).

If you plan to attend the AERC meetings, you may wish to allow time to meet with your Congressional representative or her/his staff. For help in setting up congressional visits contact: Dr. Robert Gropp, director of the AIBS Public Policy Office (202.628.1500 x250, rgropp@aibs.org). **Requests must be made before September 17th**. Congressional visits may be scheduled for Tuesday or Wednesday, October 12, 13.