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President's Corner

SWSPCP continues to thrive, with 82 PWS and 18 WPIT newly certified between January 1 and October 31, 2011. Raising awareness of the value of PWS certification among the public and employers is one of my main goals as president. The Board is exploring options for marketing PWS certification. We also welcome testimonials about why PWS certification is important to you personally or to you as an employer—we would like to feature them in the newsletter and on our web site. Just a paragraph will do!

Over the past few months, we have made progress with providing for online certification application and renewal. Another significant change begins on January 1, 2012, when an essay demonstrating proficiency in one to three areas of expertise will be required of all new PWS applicants. The areas of expertise are based upon the SWSPCP Body of Knowledge (BOK), developed through a survey of certified PWS.

We welcome your ideas about how SWSPCP can be more valuable to you. Also, networking with other PWS's is one of the benefits of certification, and there's no better way to network than to volunteer to serve on a committee. If you might be interested, just let program administrators Michele Anderson and Michelle Goodrich or any board member know.

Janet C. Morlan, PWS

Select PWS logo items on sale –25% off, just in time for the Holidays!



SWSPCP has a number of items with the PWS logo available on sale just in time of the holidays. Check out the website for a complete list of all of the available items and to see the featured items that are “on sale” until Dec. 31, 2011. You can shop online at: www.wetlandcert.org/store.html

Featured sale items include our PWS logo shirts and flashlights. Check out our AnvilOrganic Cotton T-Shirts (short sleeve and long sleeve) or our AnvilRecycle T-Shirt (short sleeve). Any of these are excellent choices for your day to day field activities. For that professional look consider the IZOD Cool FX Performance Sport Shirt. Either our 10-in-1 Tool flashlight or Carabiner Tool Kit & Key-Ring are the perfect and practical stocking stuffer items for family, friends or your work colleagues.

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The Society of Wetland Scientists Professional Certification Program, serving the public's need to identify qualified individuals to assess and manage the Nation's resources. This program is intended to meet the needs of professional ecologists, hydrologists, soil scientists, educators, agency professionals, consultants, and others who practice wetland science. www.wetlandcert.org

SWS & SWSPCP Annual Meeting to be Held in Orlando, Florida, June 2012

The SWS 2012 Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with the 9th INTECOL International Wetlands Conference and the Greater Everglades Ecosystem Restoration Conference in Orlando, Florida, June 3 to 8. This promises to be a large meeting with considerable international attendance. Additional information on the meeting is at: <http://www.conference.ifas.ufl.edu/INTECOL/>



As always—at least when the SWS Annual Meeting is held in the United States—SWSPCP sponsors several events. First, SWSPCP will hold its Annual Board Meeting on Sunday June 3, 2012, beginning at 9:00 AM. Anyone is welcome to attend the board meeting.

Featured activities include a session on Professional Ethics, with Royal Gardner, Professor of Law at Stetson University College of Law, as the featured speaker. When Mr. Gardner last presented at the ethics session in Madison, Wisconsin, in 2009, the room was packed and we ran out of time well before attendees ran out of questions or tired of the discussion. This year, we will have more time and we will also provide continuing education credit for certification renewal for attending the session. This will be in addition to the ½ CEU credit allowed for attending the conference.



The SWSPCP Information Session will be held immediately before the SWSPCP evening mixer. The session is designed to provide information about PWS certification to those who may be interested in becoming certified, but you can also get information about certification renewal and learn more about how SWSPCP operates.

We hardly need to encourage every PWS and WPIT at the meeting to come to the mixer—it's always fun! But do please consider becoming a mixer sponsor or encourage your company to be a sponsor! Sponsorships are available at the \$100, \$250 and \$500 level. See the SWSPCP web site for more details.

Do you rely on the SWSPCP website to get the word out about your professional services?

Don't risk becoming "unlisted" from our Search for a Scientist Directory due to unpaid maintenance fees or risk losing your hard earned certification. Starting in 2012, unpaid members will no longer be listed and their certification status will be revoked after their third notice. Annual maintenance notices were sent out by our business office in October with payment due by November 30. If payment is not received, a second notice is sent in December, with payment due by January 30. If, for some reason you do not receive your 2012 maintenance fee invoice by the middle of December, please contact Michelle Goodrich at our business office to make sure that your contact information is up to date. You can save yourself the cost of postage by paying your annual maintenance fees via credit card through our PCP website. Though a reminder if you are also a SWS member, that SWS and SWSPCP are separate organizations, each with separate maintenance/membership fees.

New PWS Certifications

Congratulations to the following individuals who received their PWS certification between January 1 and October 31, 2011:

Mary P. Andrews, PWS #2172
Julie Anne Arrison, PWS #2109
Gregory Scott Babbit, PWS #2149
Henry S. Badet, PWS #2132
Justin E. Bailey, PWS #2089
Stephen Bailey, PWS #2108
Richard Bennett Beck, PWS #2160
Thomas John Blackwell, PWS #2136
David J. Blauch, PWS #2130
Christina Lynn Blevins, PWS #2095
Jason Bohdan, PWS #2170
Meredith S. Borenstein, PWS #2118
Tasha M. Bowers, PWS #2169
Mark Brandenburg, PWS #1504
Emily Ruth Brooks, PWS #2146
Wade Greene Brunham, PWS #2164
Richard William Canavan Ph.D. PWS #2147
Roxanne Laura Clifton, PWS #2161
Janet Lorene Cray, PWS #2098
Stephen K. Davis, PWS #2101
Wendy A. Davis, PWS #2091
Aaron G. Diehl, PWS #2143
C. Tracey Dulin, PWS #2119
Lucas A. DuPont, PWS #2140
James W. Engelhardt, PWS #2127
Brian A. Estes, PWS #2105
Aaron J. Feggstad, PWS #2139
Jeremy D. Fennell, PWS #2168
Debora Fillis, PWS #2133
Kevin T. Fisher, PWS #2107
Adam C. Forbes, PWS #2093
Camille K. Fritz, PWS #2016
Timothy J. Funk, PWS #2114
Richard Neil Greig, PWS #2142
Stacy M. Haag-Spriggs, PWS #2148
Ryan Daniel Hale, PWS #2141
Richard M. Harr, PWS #2167
James Osley Hatcher, PWS #2154
Steve K. Haulk, PWS #2100
Benjamin Robert Hess, PWS #2122
Kacy D. Hillman, PWS #2150

Jennifer Ann James, PWS #2111
Aimee Milford Kay, PWS #2092
Jonathan Malcolm Kemp, PWS #2110
Elizabeth C. Kennedy, PWS #2163
Mark Kiburz, PWS #2099
Allison Kate Knox, PWS #2104
Michael J. Layes, PWS #2157
Jessica Jayne Lister, PWS #2128
Laurie A. Machung, PWS #2151
Colin MacLaren, PWS #2117
Amanda N. McCarthy, PWS #2156
Shawn J. McCarthy, PWS #2113
Kelly L. McCutcheon, PWS #2145
Blake Michael Meinecke, PWS #2124
Loretta E. L. Mokry, PWS #2094
Vicki J. Mooney, PWS #2135
Scott V. Mowery, PWS #2125
Miguel Angel Mozdzen, PWS #2159
Richard Allen Mraz, PWS #2129
Eric Mularski, PWS #2097
David J. Munro, PWS #2121
Clifford J. Ondercin, PWS #2102
Teresa M. Opolka, PWS #2152
Susan C. Quackenbush, PWS #2158
Kenneth William Redinger, PWS #2126
Catherine Riiska M.S. PWS #2162
Christopher M. Ryan, PWS #2103
John Charles Sargent, PWS #2131
Brett E. Schrader, PWS #2166
Misha Benjamin Schwarz, PWS #2120
Gordon W. Shaw, PWS #2116
Jayme Ann Shiner, PWS #2137
Nicole Kalkbrenner Staskowski, PWS #2096
Emily KD Stockman, PWS #2144
Kimberly M. Tapley, PWS #2123
Susan E. Tepatti, PWS #2165
Suzanne Tomassi, PWS #2112
David C. Tribble, PWS #2090
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Todd D. Warren, PWS #2138
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Lauren E. Wyckoff Carroll, PWS #2153
John G. Zahina-Ramos, PWS #2171

New WPIT Certifications

Congratulations to the following individuals who received their WPIT certification between January 1 and October 31, 2011:

Michael J. Bower
Sam Bower
Allary O'Neill Braitsch
Jeremy W. Burger
James Brian Conlon
Dennis J. Costa
Ryan M. Kahlo
Wesley Alan Ket
Sara E. Kreisel

Rebecca J. Mason
John M. McLeod
Nicole R. Olson
Natalie M. Paver
Melanie J. Pelegrinelli
James R. Pflaum
William Jeremy Spires
Tre Wilson
Austin A. Young

New Body of Knowledge Requirement will be in Effect January 2012

As of January 1, 2012, all applicants for certification as a PWS will be required to write an essay describing their education and experience with respect to one to three areas of expertise drawn from the Body of Knowledge (BOK) important for wetland scientists. The essay will be used by SWSPCP to help evaluate applicants for professional certification. Applicants for WPIT are not required to submit an essay. Development of the BOK for wetland scientists was necessary for maintaining accreditation of the SWSPCP through the Council of Engineering and Science Specialty Boards.

The BOK was identified by certified PWS's through a survey, and is available on the SWSPCP web site. The plan is to update the BOK every five years to keep it current.

Is Your Information Current in the Online Directory?

Updating your contact information is fast and easy! Please take a few minutes to verify that we have your correct information. To verify and/or update your information, go to:

http://www.wetlandcert.org/login.html?r=add_chg and log on with your last name and application number.

If you do not know your application number, please contact Michelle Goodrich at the SWSPCP Executive Office.

SWSPCP wishes everyone a wonderful holiday season and a very Happy New Year!

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