

# Society for Conservation GIS International Conference

## **CALL FOR PAPERS AND PRELIMINARY INFORMATION ON REGISTRATION, LODGING, AND EVENTS**

San Jose, California USA  
June 24-28, 2006

Call for Abstract Submission & Instructions

**Submission Deadline is April 19, 2006**

PLEASE NOTE: there will be no extension on the submission deadline this year, no exceptions

### **SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE**

SCGIS is holding its 2006 International Conference in conjunction with the Society for Conservation Biology (SCB) in San Jose, California, with formal conference activities scheduled from Saturday, 24 June 2006 through Wednesday, 28 June 2006. The theme for both conferences is “Conservation Without Borders”, with four main “threads”:

1. Local-level and regional-level conservation
2. Marine and freshwater conservation
3. 21st century conservation
4. Trans-boundary conservation

We ask that your presentation address or highlight in some way the overall theme and/or one (or more) of the four threads. While the incorporation of GIS technology is an obvious aspect of 21<sup>st</sup> century conservation, we encourage you to use your imagination to broaden the scope of your presentation to include one of the other threads as well. The sharing of this common theme and threads is one of the key ways to more tightly integrate the two conference’s activities and the relationships between participants. Please see <http://www.ConservationBiology.org/2006/Theme.cfm> for more information and ideas for your presentation.

Please indicate which of the following types of presentation you would like to make. You may select more than one option.

**Paper Presentations:** These presentations will be approximately 15 minutes. We will group paper presentations into 90 minute blocks that will include three or four 15-minute presentations, with time for more in-depth discussion.

**Posters:** Hard-copy posters will be displayed for the duration of the conference. Authors should be present during the poster reception (Monday evening 26 June) to explain their posters and answer questions. Individuals presenting papers are encouraged to bring a poster as well – please indicate on your application if you wish to present *both* a paper and a poster. Posters automatically will be accepted if the presenter registers and attends the SCGIS conference; however, you **MUST** still submit an abstract for your poster.

**Symposia:** A panel discussion is a great way to bring the conservation GIS community together, and to give voice to a variety of perspectives on an issue. These are sessions in which the participants do not present individual research, but interact in a roundtable discussion led by one or more facilitators. Symposia will be at least 90 minutes devoted to in-depth discussions on a particular topic. In order to stimulate thought-provoking dialogue and high-quality questions from the audience we recommend including a diverse mix of people on the panel. Each panelist will have a chance to speak about the topic, followed by discussion and question and answer session amongst the panelist and audience participants. Along with a symposium title and a brief description of the topics to be addressed, please include in your abstract the names, contact information, and affiliations of all the facilitator(s) and panelists. We ask that you invite at least three panelists.

**Workshops:** These will be 90 minute presentations that will go into more depth than traditional paper presentations. Previous years' topics included but were not limited to cartography, international metadata standards, application development, spatial analysis, and modeling. Workshop topics are expected to provide an exceptional professional development experience.

Please feel free to submit additional suggestions for activities you would like to participate in or facilitate at the conference, as we would be more than pleased to hear your suggestions. We will incorporate as many of them as possible!

*NOTE: All conference participants, regardless of activity type, must register for the conference – registration fee waivers are not granted to participants. The Conference is the main fundraising event for SCGIS and provides income for our scholarship program. Conference registration fee waivers are available to those in need, but it is imperative that all who can afford it pay. Details on applying for a Conference fee waiver will be available on the registration page when it becomes available. Thank you for your honest and continued support.*

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Please send an e-mail (with SCGIS in the subject header of the e-mail) to our Abstract Coordinator, Lata Iyer, at Abstracts@scgis.org by April 19, 2006 with the following information:

- Name (indicate the presenter if there are multiple authors)
- E-Mail Address(es)
- Physical Address(es)
- Phone Number(s)
- Web site(s) (if applicable)
- Activity Type (list all that apply: paper presentation, poster, symposium, workshop)
- Special Needs (days you can not present, special equipment needs, etc)
- Title of Paper/Activity (approx. 15 words or less)
- Abstract (approx. 250 words or less)

#### **Additional Guidelines**

- Do not write in all CAPITAL LETTERS. Remember, the information you enter is used for publishing purposes (i.e., Web site, Agenda)
- Paper submissions and presentations must be in English
- There are a limited number of presentation slots available. We cannot guarantee that all submissions will be accepted.

You will be notified of your acceptance status by April 24th.

#### **Technical Logistics**

A computer and projector will be available for all presentations. We ask that you arrange to bring your presentation on a CD or on your laptop – we encourage you to do both as a contingency for potential for technical difficulties. Please indicate special equipment and technical needs when submitting your abstract and we will do our best to accommodate you.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

#### **Conference Registration**

All presenters must register for the conference. Conference registration will be available in early April and will be approximately \$100 (US). Acceptance of your abstract *does not* register you for the conference. *Registration fees are required* of all presenters and you must register online when the registration Web site is available. We will send out an announcement when the registration pages are available.

#### **Lodging**

All conference participants are responsible for securing their own hotel reservations/lodging arrangements. We encourage you to make reservations at the following hotels, all of which are either attached to the San Jose Convention Center or within one block. Reserving rooms at any of these hotels will help us meet lodging targets that ensure the lower rates and the complimentary use of hotel facilities for conference activities.

[San Jose Marriott](#) (NOTE: Where all of the SCGIS presentations will occur, so we strongly encourage you to stay at this hotel)

Single or Double Room	\$125
Rollaway Bed	\$15

No more than four adults and two beds, including rollaways, are permitted per room.

Telephone 1-800-314-0935, 6:00 A.M. - 11:00 P.M. Pacific Standard Time

Please ask for the **group rate** for **Society for Conservation Biology**

Reservations must specify dates of arrival and departure, estimated time of arrival, and room preference (single or double, smoking or non-smoking). A major credit card (including expiration date) will be required to guarantee your reservation.

A first night's deposit will be required. This deposit is refundable until 6:00 P.M. on the scheduled day of arrival.

Check-in: 3:00 P.M.  
Check-out: 12:00 noon

Registered guests receive complimentary use of the hotel's fitness center, open 24 hours.

### [Hilton San Jose & Towers](#)

Single or Double Room	\$129
Additional Person	\$20
Towers-level Upgrade	\$20
Executive or Hospitality Suite	\$295

Telephone (408) 287-2100 or 1-800-HILTONS  
FAX (408) 947-4489

Please [follow this link](#) to access the Hilton's reservation page for SCB. If you are making a reservation by telephone, please use the **group code BIO**. This will allow you to receive the group rate for the concurrent meetings of SCGIS and SCB.

A first night's deposit (payable by major credit card) may be required. This deposit is refundable until 72 hours prior to scheduled arrival.

Check-in: 4:00 P.M.

Check-out: 1:00 P.M.

Registered guests receive complimentary use of the hotel's fitness center, open 6:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

### Crowne Plaza San Jose

Single or Double Room	\$125
Triple	\$135
Quad	\$145

Telephone 1-800-2-CROWNE

Please ask for the **group rate** for **Society for Conservation Biology**. All reservations must be guaranteed by either a first night room deposit or a major credit card.

Cash or credit card deposits are refundable until 24 hours prior to scheduled arrival date. At the time of check-in, you will be required to leave either a valid credit card number or a \$25 cash deposit for incidental expenses.

Check-in: 3:00 P.M.

Check-out: 12:00 noon

Registered guests receive complimentary use of the hotel's fitness center, open 24 hours.

### Dormitories

Dormitory suites at San Jose State University, approximately four blocks from the Convention Center, also are reserved for meeting participants. Each suite has four bedrooms (two twin beds per room), two bathrooms, and a common room. Basic bed and bath linens are included in the room rate. The rate is \$250 per person for a total of five nights (24–28 June). We cannot accept reservations for fewer than five nights, although you may arrive late or leave early. No more than two people may stay in one room. Guests may use university athletic facilities for a small fee. You must identify a roommate before you make a dormitory reservation (unless you wish to reserve a two-person room for \$500). We cannot find a roommate for you. If you need

assistance finding a roommate, you may wish to visit the bulletin board at <http://www.ConservationBiology.org/2006/Bboard>. Please contact Erica Fleishman ([efleish@stanford.edu](mailto:efleish@stanford.edu), 650.725.9914), chair of the Steering Committee for the SCB meeting, to make reservations for the dormitory rooms.

### **Field Trips**

As one of the benefits of integrating our two conferences, SCGIS members are permitted to register for the nine field trips organized by SCB. Learn more about these field trips at <http://www.ConservationBiology.org/2006/FieldTrips.cfm>. If you wish to register for the field trips, please contact Erica Fleishman ([efleish@stanford.edu](mailto:efleish@stanford.edu), 650.725.9914). You must be prepared to give Erica your credit card number to confirm your reservation.

### **Courses/Training**

Again as one of the benefits of our integration, SCGIS member are permitted to register for the short course being offered by SCB (<http://www.ConservationBiology.org/2006/Shortcourses.cfm>). If you wish to register for one of these courses, again please contact, Erica Fleishman ([efleish@stanford.edu](mailto:efleish@stanford.edu), 650.725.9914). Because short courses will be run concurrently, you may register for only one course. All of the SCB short courses will be offered on Saturday 24 June.

**Mark your calendars....** Tuesday, 27 June, 8:00 P.M.  
**Society for Conservation GIS and SCB Benefit Auction**

We have invited SCB to join in on our Annual Silent and Live Auction. Again we want to invite you to gather together to share treasures and artwork from around the globe. We invite you to donate an item from your culture, community, or country and come to the auction prepared to bid on some wonderful and exotic items. All donations are appreciated and cherished; no item is too big, too small, or too unusual. Suggestions for donations include artwork, pottery, baskets, jewelry, books, photographs, specialty foods or spirits, or anything else you can think of! Share your work, your history, and your passion with other conservation colleagues.

Each item will be displayed with an auction bid sheet that provides a short description, cultural significance, origin information, and suggested minimum bid. If your donated item has a special story or unusual history, please share it with others. Please contact Michelle Kinzel at [kinzel@cox.net](mailto:kinzel@cox.net) for any auction-related questions, including shipping arrangements if necessary.

All money received from the auction will be shared by both societies to support international and domestic scholarship programs that provide travel and training assistance to fellow conservationists from around the world. Past auctions have

raised more than \$10,000, helping to support many conservationists in the SCGIS Scholarship Program. Let's all try to make this the most profitable and most enjoyable auction to date.

Even if you cannot donate an item, please come to the auction ready to bid on items and socialize with other conservationists.

**Additional Questions**

Please feel free to contact us with questions:

Abstract submissions: [Abstracts@scgis.org](mailto:Abstracts@scgis.org)

Membership: [Membership@scgis.org](mailto:Membership@scgis.org)

SCGIS Annual Auction: [Auction@scgis.org](mailto:Auction@scgis.org)

Conference (general): [Conference@scgis.org](mailto:Conference@scgis.org)

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in June.

Cheers,  
Susan