

**Subject:** 2016 ESA Annual Meeting - Call for Contributed Abstracts (Talks, Posters, Lightning Talks)

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101st Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America; Fort Lauderdale, Florida; August 7-12, 2016;  
<http://esa.org/ftlauderdale>

Deadline for Submission: Thursday, February 25, 2016. Only complete proposals submitted by 5:00 PM Eastern Time (2:00 PM Pacific) will be considered.

Join us in sunny Fort Lauderdale this summer as we begin ESA's second century with sessions that explore our meeting theme, "Novel Ecosystems in the Anthropocene."

With a rapidly changing climate, altered hydrological and nutrient cycles, dominance of large regions by agricultural and urban ecosystems, and massive movement of species to new continents, the Earth has entered a new epoch characterized by human influence. Understanding the basic principles of ecology will be more important than ever before, to predict how new combinations of species in new environments will develop into functioning, novel ecosystems. We encourage abstracts that address ecosystem structure and function responses to multiple drivers of change, management of developing novel ecosystems, and potential benefits and problems that society will face as we progress into the Anthropocene Epoch. Although abstracts related to the meeting's theme are encouraged, any timely and coherent subject of broad interest to ecologists will be considered. We also welcome abstracts that explore interdisciplinary connections with areas of social and natural science outside of ecology or that relate to ecological education at any level.

All abstracts will be reviewed using guidelines described in the abstract calls. Abstracts will be sorted into thematic sessions based on topics ranked by the submitting author at the time of abstract submission. By submitting an abstract, authors are indicating they expect to be available during any of the appropriate time slots.

Contributed Talks (<http://esa.org/ftlauderdale/abstracts/contributed-talks/>)

Contributed talks are scheduled for 15 minutes plus 5 minutes for questions (20 minutes total). Oral sessions could be scheduled Monday afternoon through Friday morning.

Contributed Posters (<http://esa.org/ftlauderdale/abstracts/contributed-posters/>)

Contributed posters will be scheduled for a two hour session in the late afternoon. Poster sessions could be scheduled Monday through Thursday.

Contributed Lightning Talks (<http://esa.org/ftlauderdale/abstracts/contributed-lightning-talks/>)

Lightning talks are scheduled for 5 minutes with shared discussion time. Lightning sessions could be scheduled Monday afternoon through Friday morning.

### **Student Awards**

Students who would like to be considered for best student presentation for talks and posters (Buell/Braun awards) should apply by following the instructions in the calls for contributed abstracts. The application deadline is the same as the abstract deadline, February 25 at 5:00 PM Eastern (2:00 PM Pacific).

If you have any questions, please contact the Program Chair, Lee Frelich, at [freli001@umn.edu](mailto:freli001@umn.edu) or the Program Coordinator, Jennifer Riem, at [jennifer@esa.org](mailto:jennifer@esa.org).

