



Symposia, Field Trips, and Workshops Overview SWS 2025 Annual Meeting

Application Forms:

- [Symposia Application Form](#)
- [Field Trip Application Form](#)
- [Workshop Application Form](#)

Please contact the Local Planning Committee with any questions: SWS2025LPC@gmail.com

OVERVIEW

Symposia: Symposia to be held between Wednesday, July 16, 2025, through Friday, July 18, 2025.

A typical symposium provides a well-integrated synthesis of a given topic or theme with broad applicability and appeal for the field of ecological restoration, land reclamation, policy, and/or wetland science. It can be structured as a series of formal talks or a moderated panel discussion allowing for greater audience participation. Symposia will be held concurrently with regular conference sessions.

Symposia should include a minimum of 5 speakers and a maximum of 6. Each symposium will have an allotted time of 90 minutes. In some cases, multiple time slots may be granted for a longer symposium at the discretion of the Local Program Committee (LPC). Generally, speakers will each have 15 minutes for their presentations (12 minutes for their talk and 3 minutes for questions), unless short flash presentations are integrated.

Field Trips & Workshops: Field Trips & Workshop will be held on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 and will generally run for half or one full-day (e.g. from 09:00-17:00).

Field Trips will focus on tours within 1.5 hours of the Convention Center and accessible by bus. Field trips may include existing, proposed, or completed projects or may highlight local ecological resources.

Workshop courses focus on practical applications and professional development, and are intended to impart specific knowledge, skills or methodologies. The programming and structure of each workshop is determined by the instructor(s). Workshops may be held exclusively on-site at the Convention Center (half or full day) or may be half-day in the Convention Center with a half-day off-site field visit.

The Local Planning Committee will determine minimum/maximum attendance of field trips & workshops and other details that may have financial or logistical implications for the conference.

Fee: Participants will pay a separate fee over and above the cost of conference registration, and courses will be open to all attendees on a first-come, first-served basis. All participants will be required to register and pay for the conference and to cover their own travel expenses.

Additional Information:

- All participants in symposia and workshops must be registered with the SWS conference.
- The LPC will provide meeting space and on-site logistical support for all symposia, field trips, and workshops.



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PROPOSAL SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- All symposia, field trip, and workshop proposals must be submitted through the online submission form no later than **December 20, 2024**.
- Proposals must be submitted in English.

Symposia Proposal:

- Will require identification of a Symposia Chair to lead organization efforts, and identification of a minimum of 5 potential speakers.
- Symposia to be held between Wednesday, July 16, 2025, through Friday, July 18, 2025.

Field Trips & Workshops Proposal:

- Will require details including, but not limited to the title, location, capacity, duration, and a description.
 - Following proposal submission, instructors will be asked to provide an estimate of course registration fees to cover any applicable expenditures, materials, or logistical arrangements needed.
- Field Trips & Workshops to be held on Tuesday, July 15, 2025.

Please note: Symposia may be scheduled at any time during the conference. Except under compelling circumstances, the Program Committee may not be able to accommodate special scheduling requests.

PROPOSAL EVALUATION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

All submitted proposals will be peer-reviewed by members of the LPC. Proposals will be reviewed on a rolling basis (i.e., reviews will be ongoing throughout the submission period), and acceptance notices will be sent as early as possible to allow sufficient time for organizers to finalize programming, coordinate with speakers, and seek institutional support as necessary. For this reason, we encourage you to submit your proposal at the earliest date possible.

All proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Scientific merit, with emphasis on new research results, cutting-edge developments, novel perspectives, and innovative or interdisciplinary approaches
- Clear relevance to the conference theme and its ecological, social or cultural dimensions
- Broad applicability for restoration professionals working in a variety of contexts, ecosystems, or geographical locations
- Submission of a complete and compelling proposal



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RESPONSIBILITIES AS A SYMPOSIA, FIELD TRIP, OR WORKSHOP ORGANIZER

- All symposia and workshops must have a lead organizer who serves as the primary point of contact for the LPC. We will also ask you to name at least one alternate contact.
- Organizers will need to help ensure that all of their speakers submit abstracts through the online submission form before the specified deadline. Speakers must submit abstracts and register for the conference by their respective deadlines. Speakers who fail to submit an abstract and register by the deadline may be excluded from the conference program.
- We encourage symposium organizers to proactively communicate with their speakers about any updates or changes affecting their session, such as scheduling details, cancellations, and other circumstances as they arise.
- Please make sure your invited speakers are aware of this when they agree to participate as Symposia may be scheduled at any time during the conference. Due to the large number of presenters and sessions we expect to receive, the Program Committee will be unable to honor special scheduling requests.
- Cancellations: If an individual presenter from your symposium cancels or withdraws or fails to register for the conference before the deadline, we ask that you find another speaker to replace them. If you are unable to secure enough speakers to complete your symposium or to fill any such gaps, the Symposia Committee may assign an appropriate speaker to your session from the general pool of contributed abstracts. The Committee will make every effort to coordinate with you and obtain your approval if this occurs.

Please note: the conference is not able to provide any travel or accommodation assistance, registration subsidies or waivers, or any other forms of support for the organizers or individual speakers named in any of the proposals.