

SWS ANNOUNCES FOUNDATIONS OF WETLAND SCIENCE: EDUCATIONAL MODULES

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The Education Section of SWS has developed a program, *Foundations of Wetland Science*, which is designed to provide the general public, students, instructors, and professionals with freely accessible online educational modules about wetland science for general knowledge or as resources for the classroom and outreach activities. Each electronic module will provide foundational knowledge about a specific topic of wetland science, with the first modules covering basic topics (targeting the general public and high school and undergraduate classes) and later ones addressing more specialized topics (for more advanced users, including graduate classes). The first two modules are 1) *An Introduction to Wetlands* and 2) *An Introduction to Wetland Functions and Values*. These are the two most basic modules, with more specialized modules scheduled to follow. Once established, the intent of the program is to enable users to pick and choose, from an extensive set of options, whatever materials will best serve their particular needs. Each module will be first released through *Wetland Science and Practice* but will also be housed with free online access to all through the SWS website (<https://www.sws.org/>).

Each module will have been developed by established scientists and educators with expertise in the specific topic. All will have undergone peer and editor review. All will be designed to be accessible to non-specialists but still provide value for people versed in wetland science. We intend that the array of modules will grow over the years, and we encourage people who would like to develop a module on a topic of interest to them to contact the SWS Education Section Chair about their idea. In order to make the modules as broadly accessible as possible, we also intend to have them translated into other languages, with the translations also available on the SWS website. People interested in translating a particular module are encouraged to contact the SWS Education Section Chair.

The first two modules follow this announcement.