



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

2017 Annual SWPARC Meeting to be held in
Denver, CO June 1-4, 2017

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: May 12, 2017

We invite members of Southwest Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (SW PARC), Colorado PARC (CO PARC), and other interested parties to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations for the first ever Joint SW PARC/CO PARC Meeting! The meeting will be held in Denver, Colorado, USA, June 1-4, 2017. Presentation topics are open to any reptile and/or amphibian conservation work in the Southwestern United States and Mexico, but we are particularly interested in presentations related to our 2017 meeting theme, which is *Operationalizing PARC's Strategic Plan*. Strategic areas on which PARC will focus for the next five years are network growth, habitat conservation, and species conservation. See below for the seven subgoals (IA, IB, etc.) under the strategic areas. We welcome presentation on how you, your agency, institution, or organization is already contributing to implementing one or more of these subgoals, or how you can or will contribute to accomplishing these goals.

STRATEGIC AREA I: Network Growth

Goal: Strategically grow and enhance the PARC Network with partnerships that directly impact conservation actions.

I A. Identify, establish, and strengthen connections among partners that impact important amphibian and reptile habitats and populations.

I B. Enhance and improve communication within the amphibian and reptile conservation community.

STRATEGIC AREA II: Habitat Conservation

Goal: Identify, restore, and create important amphibian and reptile habitats and connectivity.

II A. Refine, support, develop, integrate, and promote Priority Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Areas (PARCAs) across the United States and North America.

II B. Broaden opportunities for habitat management and conservation training and certifications.

STRATEGIC AREA III: Species Conservation

Goal: Support rangewide species conservation collaborative actions and complementary efforts.

III A. Facilitate collaborative development of, or implementation of existing, rangewide species conservation action plans for priority species.

III B. Identify new conservation research needs and opportunities, particularly those that could increase rigor and scientific integrity of species conservation assessments, or that could facilitate future assessments, as appropriate.

III C. Operationalize species conservation plans and actions at the agency and institutional levels.

The SW PARC and CO PARC Program Committee strongly encourages participants to consider submission for poster presentations.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

- Presentations must be based on original work. Abstracts must contain sufficient information to convey the main theme.
- Abstracts (maximum 200 words) will be evaluated on relevance to the subject of herpetological conservation, originality, quality of writing, and adherence to required guidelines.

Before submitting an abstract, authors should be confident that they will attend the meeting. At least one of the authors on the abstract should register for the meeting. Withdrawal of papers creates problems. If cancellation is necessary, please contact Danny Martin at greatplainsreptile@gmail.com as soon as possible.

- Please conform to the submission instructions. Failure to do so will result in your abstract being returned and possibly rejected.

Submission Procedure:

All abstracts for oral and poster sessions must be submitted to Danny Martin at: greatplainsreptile@gmail.com no later than 11:59 PM (Pacific Time) **Friday, May 12, 2017**.

Use the following format for your abstract, and refer to the example below:

- Use MS Word, 12 pt. Times New Roman font, single-spaced, left justified
- Use UPPERCASE for authors and indicate presenter
- Include affiliation and address after names; email address (remove hyperlink) and phone number.
- Indicate presentation type: **Oral** (or) **Poster**
- Indicate presentation topic or theme
- Leave a single space between TOPIC line, Abstract title, and abstract section
- Use **bold title case** for title
- Abstract has a maximum of 200 words
- Limit abstract to one paragraph
- On your e-mail subject line, use: "LASTNAME: SW PARC/CO PARC Presentation Abstract"

Example

E-mail subject line: LOVICH: SW PARC Presentation Abstract

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PRESENTATION: Oral

TOPIC (optional): Rangelwide species conservation

The Flat-tailed Horned Lizard (*Phrynosoma mcallii*) Monitoring and

Management Strategy. The flat-tailed horned lizard (*Phrynosoma mcallii*; FTHL) has the smallest range of all horned lizards in the United States. Restricted to lower Sonoran desert habitats of the states of California, Arizona, and Baja California, in the United States and Mexico respectively, this species has been the target of research studies and conservation actions for multiple decades. Increasing threats to the long-term survival of this species persist, and challenge the long-term persistence of this species throughout its range. These challenges require

rigorous, up-to-date, and accurate status information essential to successful management of FTHL. In order to better understand ...

After you submit the abstract by email, you should receive an acknowledgment via email within 48 hours. For more information, contact Clint Henke chenke@erresources.com or Ian Jessup ian.jessup@gmail.com. The SW PARC Website is: <http://www.swparc.org/>.

PRESENTATION FORMATS

Oral Presentations: Contributed and invited presentations are limited to 15 minutes (including 2-3 minutes for questions and discussion). **Session moderators will strictly enforce these limits.**

Posters: Posters are an excellent medium for detailed and extended discussion of your research and allow for complex charts, graphs, tables, or photographs that are difficult to present in an oral presentation session. Posters must be 36" high x 48" wide. All posters must be displayed by Friday, June 2, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. A formal poster session will take place that evening. Most university websites provide guidelines for preparing effective talks and posters. Please take advantage of these resources (i.e. https://www.cfa.harvard.edu/~scanmer/cranmer_htgat.html; <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1876493>).