

53rd AASP – TPS ANNUAL MEETING at LSU, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (May 26-30 2020)



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The 53rd annual meeting of the AASP – The Palynological Society will be held on the beautiful campus of Louisiana State University, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana between Tuesday, May 26th and Saturday, May 30th 2019.

Note that this is unusually early for our society's annual meeting, but this is a necessary decision to avoid holding the meeting during hurricane season.

The meeting will be convened by Sophie Warny from CENEX (LSU Department of Geology and Geophysics) along with Kam-Biu Liu and Sibel Bargu Ates from the LSU College of the Coast & Environment.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our beautiful campus and the unique ecosystems of the great state of Louisiana.



The tentative agenda for the meeting is as follows:

Tuesday, May 26 2020

Pre-conference field trip to Mississippi delta and marshes thanks to a partnership with LUMCON, in Cocodrie, Louisiana (see picture above). We reserved the 58 feet R/V Acadiana and will take participants to Terrebonne Bay.

Ice breaker

Wednesday, May 27 2020

Technical meeting
Tour of CENEX facilities and LSU MNS collections

Thursday, May 28 2020

Technical meeting
Conference dinner at Nottoway Plantation.
The dinner will include a 5-course menu designed to share Louisiana's unique cuisine with our international guests.

Friday, May 29 2020

Technical meeting

Saturday, May 30 2020

Post-conference field trip to Louisiana swamps and visit of the Tabasco plantation, located on a salt dome.



Nottoway Plantation is a magnificent 1850's sugarcane estate, and is the home of the South's largest existing antebellum mansion, now stunningly restored to its original architectural design.

Nottoway's Mansion Restaurant offers classic Louisiana cuisine, Creole-inspired, with outstanding service and stunning views of century-old oak trees.

The 3-day sessions will include various palynological topics such as:

- a) Paleo-climate and paleo-environmental reconstruction.
- b) Phytoplankton as indicator of water quality from past to present (HABs, etc.).
- c) Holocene coastal palynology and paleotempestology
- d) A Paleozoic Palynology session in memory of Gordon Wood, with a focus on Permian to honor Dr. George Hart, LSU Alumni Professor and one of the founding fathers of AASP.
- e) The importance of palynology for biostratigraphy and biosteering.
- f) Forensic palynology and melissopalynology.

Airports:

Our campus is located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The most convenient airport (located about 15 to 20 minutes from campus by car) is the Baton Rouge airport.

The New Orleans airport often has lower fare flights, but this airport is located about 1.5 hours from our campus, and public transportation is not adequate at the moment. Renting a car would be necessary to travel to Baton Rouge.

Hotels:

We will not be signing a contract with a specific hotel as there are many lodging opportunities on and around campus. We highly recommend the LSU campus hotel: The Lod Cook (see image below).

It has free on campus parking, a gym, swimming pool, complementary breakfast and wifi, and it is about a 20-minute walk to the auditorium where the conference will take place. The hotel is also on the free LSU bus route (we will need to confirm whether or not the bus operates in May).

Space is limited at that hotel, so we encourage you to book immediately.



<http://www.thecookhotel.com/>



Details on post-conference fieldtrip:

The post-conference field trip will take the participants about two hours west of our campus, towards Lafayette, Louisiana.

We will first visit the world famous Tabasco plantation and factory on Avery Island. This will include a visit of their garden with a botanist. He will share with us the many Louisiana native species. The Tabasco plantation is located on a salt dome amongst the marshes

- thus the site name of Avery "island". Salt is actively being mined at that location.

We will then have lunch at the Tabasco restaurant, well known for its cajun meals.

We will finish the day by immersing guests into Louisiana's beautiful, vast, and mysterious Atchafalaya swamp where guests will view alligators, diverse populations of birds, and navigate in the middle of Louisiana's swamp cypress.



MARK YOUR AGENDA!

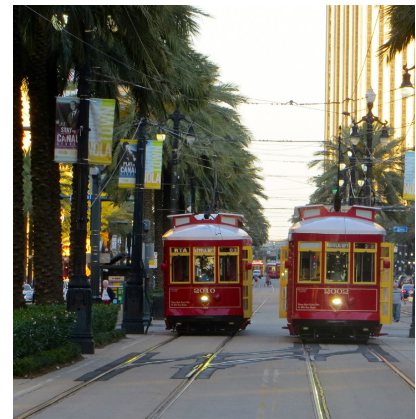
The 53^d AASP CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD MAY 26-30, 2020 ON THE BEAUTIFUL LSU CAMPUS, IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

The campus is located about one hour west of New Orleans.

The conference will be hosted by the Center for Excellence in Palyology (CENEX) and the Center for Energy and Environment at Louisiana State University

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