



TO: IAGLR Members
FROM: IAGLR Board of Directors
DATE: February 7, 2018
SUBJECT: Call for Session Proposals (Lake Geneva; 23-28 September 2018)

Later this year, we will celebrate the first-ever joint international conference between IAGLR and the European Large Lakes Symposium (ELLS). This “Big Lakes – Small World” meeting will be held September 23-28 at Lake Geneva (Evian, France), and much of the initial conference planning has already taken place. More details and a preliminary conference schedule can be found here: <https://symposium.inra.fr/ells-iaglr-2018/>.

Currently there are seven keynote speakers and topical sessions that have been confirmed for this conference (**see website**), and we are now launching a **special, competitive call for proposals** for the remaining two sessions. A small committee of ELLS and IAGLR members from the U.S., Canada, and Europe have volunteered to help coordinate the selection process, and we are cordially inviting your participation at this time.

Details of the submission and selection process are as follows:

1. Session proposals must include the following:
 - Session title
 - Topical description (200 words or less)
 - Up to four co-chairs, with contact information (preferably of diverse nationalities)
 - A proposed keynote speaker for the session who has **confirmed their interest and availability**, should your session be selected. (Note: Registration, lodging, and airfare for all keynote speakers will be paid for by the ELLS/IAGLR conference)
2. Session proposals will be reviewed and evaluated based on the following criteria:
 - Intellectual merit: Established or emerging scientific topics that are at the forefront of large-lake limnology and that have global relevance to large-lake research
 - Distinction from existing sessions (see conference website for list of sessions)
 - Likelihood of drawing significant participation, based on choice of session topic, keynote speaker, global relevance, etc.
3. Please **e-mail** your session proposal as a Word or PDF document to Dr. John Lenters (jlenters@wisc.edu) **no later than March 16, 2018**.
4. Proposals will be reviewed and ranked by the committee, with the top two choices **notified by March 30**, shortly before the opening of conference registration.

Thank you in advance for your participation in planning for this important event in the history of IAGLR and ELLS! The success of endeavors such as these depend on the enthusiasm and support of our members. If you have any questions about the ELLS/IAGLR Special Session proposal process, please contact John Lenters (jlenters@wisc.edu).