

ANNOUNCEMENT – 2007 SRM INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP

2007 Annual Meeting of the Society for Range Management

Location: Reno, Nevada USA

Dates: 12-16 February 2007

<http://www.rangelands.org/>

PURPOSE

The Society for Range Management (SRM) has established a program to support attendance at the annual meeting by rangeland scientists or managers from developing countries and to foster international exchange about advances in rangeland ecology and management.

THE AWARD

We anticipate awarding one International Travel Fellowship (ITF) at the SRM 2007 Annual Meeting. The recipient will receive US \$1,000 at the Annual Meeting. It is the recipient's responsibility to make all transportation arrangements and cover all transportation and lodging costs associated with participating in the meeting.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicants are NOT eligible if:
 - the applicant is a citizen or current resident of the United States or Canada,
 - the applicant is a citizen of a G7 country (France, US, UK, Germany, Japan, Italy, and Canada), or
 - the applicant (of any nationality) is currently studying in the United States or Canada.
2. Applicants must submit an abstract for a paper or poster presentation at the 2007 Annual Meeting. You must submit your abstract by 5 September 2006 at via the SRM web page (www.rangelands.org) for abstracts at <http://abstracts.co.allenpress.com/cgi-bin/rama/index.pl>

IMPORTANT NOTE: You may receive a message that your abstract has been accepted for presentation at the meeting. This message of acceptance of your abstract does not indicate that you have been awarded the 2007 International Travel Fellowship. The winner of the IFT and other applicants will receive separate notification of the fellowship competition results. If you are not able to attend the meeting, please inform the organizers and withdraw your abstract from the program as soon as possible.

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Scientific merit and application to rangeland ecology or social science and management. We will favor applicants who demonstrate that their research advances (i) the scientific basis of rangeland ecology or social science, and/or (ii) the application of rangeland ecology or social science for rangeland resource conservation and management. New and established rangeland professionals are encouraged to apply.

2. Financial need. Applicants must have demonstrated financial need and show that without ITF support, they would not be able to attend the Annual Meeting. Applicants currently studying or residing in G7 countries (other than US and Canada) must demonstrate the extent to which they have pursued travel funding from their host institution.

3. Professional development. Applicants must demonstrate that attending the SRM Annual Meeting will represent a significant professional opportunity for developing their expertise in rangeland ecology and management and establishing working relationships with rangeland professionals from other countries.

4. Clarity of English and expression.

HOW TO APPLY

All application materials must be in English. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. A complete application contains the following:

1. Name, Institution, Email address, Postal Address, Citizenship
2. Curriculum vitae (maximum 3 pages).
3. Title and abstract of the paper or poster you will present at the Annual Meeting. The abstract should also be independently submitted to the Annual Meeting organizers.
4. A summary of your research (500 words maximum) explaining how your research extends the scientific basis or application of rangeland ecology and management (see Selection Criteria listed above).
5. Statement on what you hope to gain professionally from attending the SRM Annual Meeting (200 words maximum).
6. An explanation (200 words maximum) of why you need financial assistance to attend the Annual Meeting (see Selection Criteria listed above).

Submit your ITF application materials to the address below by 15 August 2006 via email to gimenez@warnercnr.colostate.edu or by post (please include a disk copy with all materials in a single file in Microsoft Word, Wordperfect, Rich Text Format or Adobe Acrobat (pdf) format) to:

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Awards will be announced before 15 September, 2006.