

Dear ABLS Members:

We enthusiastically invite you to join us for at the annual American Bryological and Lichenological Society (ABLS) meeting in Providence, Rhode Island, July 30-August 4, 2010. "**Botany 2010**," will be a joint meeting of ABLS, the Botanical Society of America (BSA), the American Fern Society, and the American Society of Plant Taxonomists. The setting is beautiful and the meeting promises to be engaging, stimulating and enjoyable.

The ABLS and other societies are planning a full slate of activities, including field trips, workshops, discussion sessions, scientific presentations, special speakers, symposia and social activities. For a complete list of activities, accommodations and a meeting timeline visit <http://2010.botanyconference.org/> **Register by June 25 and save \$120.** Special Graduate student member registration is as low as \$130.

You and your students are especially welcome to attend and present a paper or poster in the Bryological and Lichenological section of the scientific meeting that begins on Monday, August 2. **Abstracts are due April 1, 2010** and must be submitted on-line at <http://www.botanyconference.org/engine/login.php?next=abstract>). Students who are members of the ABLS and present in the Bryological and Lichenological section are eligible for travel support. When submitting your abstract, make sure you chose the Bryological and Lichenological section in the drop down menu to be part of the ABLS session.

Two separate one-day ABLS field trips are offered through the BSA website. Scott LaGrecca will lead at trip entitled **Bryophytes and Lichens of Myles Standish State Forest** on Saturday, July 31, 2010 from 10-AM- 5- PM. The cost is \$55, including transportation and lunch. On Thursday Aug. 4, 2010, Elizabeth Knniper will lead a trip from 8-AM- 5-PM to the **Great Swamp Wildlife Management Area** in West Kingston, RI. The cost of the trip is \$100, which includes transportation and lunch (limit of 14).

Two great ABLS workshops are also planned. **All workshops are Free!** On Sunday Aug. 1, 2010 from 8- AM to noon a workshop entitled- **Symbiotia: a software package for virtual floras** will examine computer accessed floras. The second workshop from 1–5-PM, Sunday Aug. 1, 2010, is entitled- **Cladonia Systematics: What can we infer from morphology and molecules?** And will explores the complementary roles of plant morphology and molecules in systematics, This workshop will be led by Michele Piercey-Normore, James Lendemer, and Brendan Hodkinson.

There will be plenty of time to interact with colleagues at the ABLS breakfast, business meeting and ABLS mixer. Don't miss this exciting annual event. Contact us if you need assistance. We will be looking for you in Rhode Island!

Sincerely,

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