

# VIRGINIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE 85th ANNUAL MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 24 - SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2007

James Madison University

Harrisonburg, Virginia

## Pre-registration Packet

The University community welcomes you to the 85th annual meeting of the Virginia Academy of Science (VAS), Thursday, May 24 through Saturday, May 26, 2007 at James Madison University. The 66th Annual Meeting of the Virginia Junior Academy of Science (VJAS) will be held Wednesday, May 23 through Friday, 25.

### The 85th annual VAS meeting features:

- Sydney S. Negus Memorial Lecture by **Walter R. T. Witschey, Ph.D.**
- Paper and Poster Presentations by Academy members from across the Commonwealth
- JMU President's Reception
- Annual Banquet

We look forward to seeing you in May. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help enrich your experience of the Academy here at James Madison University. All registration information and forms may be found either on this website or on the VAS website at <http://www.vacadsci.org/>.

## VAS General Information

### Registration

All persons attending the meeting are expected to register, with the exception of special guests invited by the executive committee. At least one author of any paper or poster presented must be a member of the Academy. To be eligible for the Best Student Paper Award, the Student presenter must be an Academy member. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged so that the Academy can anticipate attendance at meeting activities. Nametags, which will be distributed at the registration table in the lobby of the HHS Central Hall, are required for admission to meeting sessions and other activities. Please complete a registration form for each person registering and mail to Bonnie Powell, Attn: VAS 2007, James Madison University MSC 3501, Harrisonburg, VA 22807. The basic registration fee includes admission to the paper sessions, Negus Lecture and meeting booklet. In order to avoid the higher cost of late or on-site registration, your pre-registration form must be received at James Madison University no later than May 1, 2007. You may register to attend the Friday evening banquet at an additional fee of \$25. (E-mail confirmations will be mailed to those pre-registered by May 1, 2007.)

Questions about registration or refunds should be addressed to Bonnie Powell at (540)-568-8043 or [powellbs@jmu.edu](mailto:powellbs@jmu.edu). Requests for refunds will be honored if received in writing by May 1, 2007. A \$25 administration fee will be deducted and no refunds will be processed after May 1, 2007.

### **Membership information**

At least one author (including students) of any paper or poster presented must be a member of the Academy. A membership application is located at <http://www.vacadsci.org/membapp.htm>. Please submit membership dues and completed forms to VIRGINIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE at 2500 W. Broad St., Richmond, VA 23220 before April 28, 2007.

On-campus lodging is available in student dormitories at the rates printed on the registration / participant forms. All linens will be provided (folded, beds are not pre-made), including pillows, pillowcases, sheets, blankets, towels, and a washcloth. If you are generally cold in nature, then you may want to bring an extra blanket as the rooms are air conditioned. There are TV's available in the lounge on each floor, but no VCR's are available. Snack and soda machines are located on the ground floor of the dorms, but there are no ice machines. There is a kitchen with a refrigerator in each residence hall, but everyone has access to that area. In order to keep drinks cold in your room, you may want to bring a cooler to store ice and cold snacks. These rooms are within easy walking distance to the paper sessions and food facilities. Mark your Participant Registration Form appropriately for a reservation.

Wireless Internet is not available in the residence halls. However, access to the JMU network is available with a Guest log in and password provided by JMU at check-in. Please bring an Ethernet cord if you plan on using the JMU network, as there aren't any available. You may access the internet at computer terminals in JMadds (located in the Festival), or use the CISAT library; the buildings in which your registration will be held.

The University Recreation Center (referred to as UREC), is not available for student use. Adults may use UREC at a fee. Money may be added to conference cards through on-campus DART machines.

### **Lodging**

The following hotels, Courtyard by Marriott (540) 432-3031, Jameson Inn (540) 442-1515, Hampton Inn (540) 432-1111, Holiday Inn (540) 433-2521, and Sleep Inn (540) 433-7100, are located within a five minute drive from the JMU East Campus. We have reserved a block of accommodations for conference guests under the name VAS. Please make your reservation directly with the hotel and ask for the "VAS Conference" rate listed in the chart below.

<b>Hotel Name</b>	<b>Rate Per Night</b>	<b>Reservation Deadline</b>
Courtyard by Marriott	\$79/night	May 1, 2007

Jameson Inn	\$74/night	May 1, 2007
Hampton Inn	\$75/night	May 1, 2007
Holiday Inn	\$60/night	May 1, 2007
Sleep Inn	\$75/night	May 1, 2007

On-campus lodging is available in the student dormitories at the rate of \$35.00/person/night for a single room. Mark your registration form under "on-campus lodging section" to reserve a room.

### **Meals**

Meals are available on a cash basis at the Festival Conference and Student Center Cafeteria and at several restaurants located within easy driving distance of campus.

### **Banquet**

The annual Academy Awards Banquet will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 25 in the Festival, Ballroom A. A limited number of banquet tickets will be available for late registrants.

Reservations for this event must be made in advance. Please see the VAS registration form. Admission price is \$25 per person for the banquet. Payment must accompany the pre-registration form.

### **Projection equipment**

All rooms will be equipped with an overhead projector for transparencies and with a computer with LCD projector. All of the computers are equipped with easily accessible USB ports, and CD/floppy drives. Do not bring your own computer. It is best to bring a PowerPoint presentation on a USB flash drive (preferred), CD, or floppy disk. Each computer has PowerPoint installed as part of Office 2003. Please bring your own 35mm slide projector if one is needed. (All equipment is PC - no Macintosh equipment is available.)

### **Poster session**

JMU has a limited number of tri-fold poster stands, and standard poster clips for those involved in the Poster session. It is recommended that presenters bring their own poster backing and their own clips if there is a concern with the JMU clips damaging the poster. Easels and tables will be provided.

### **Parking**

When parking on campus, please park in any legal lot; not in metered space, a handicapped space (unless you display both handicap tags and JMU pass), or fire lanes. Spaces should be available near

the meeting site. Parking is complimentary, but please display the parking pass which you received. You may obtain another copy of the parking pass by [clicking here](#).