

# CALL FOR PAPERS

April 17-18-19, 2009



THEME: **Bicentennial of Charles Darwin**



Hosted by

**WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY**

Springfield

Abstract Deadline: **Postmarked by November 7, 2008**

## About the Annual Meeting

**T**HE OHIO ACADEMY OF SCIENCE'S Annual Meeting is for academic, governmental, and industrial scientists and engineers, university and pre-college educators, and pre-college, undergraduate, and graduate students, and interested lay citizens in the Ohio region. Annually the several hundred scientific presentations are complemented by workshops, symposia, an All-Academy Lecture, and field trips on local geology and plant sciences.

## Call for Papers

**W**HATEVER YOUR SCIENTIFIC INTERESTS this Call for Papers is your invitation to participate in the 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of The Ohio Academy of Science to be hosted by Wittenberg University, Springfield, on April 17-18-19, 2009. Poster and podium sessions will be on Saturday, April 18. Two basic options are available to present papers: (1) professionals, college students of all levels, and pre-college students who have completed research may submit an abstract; (2) college undergraduates only, may submit an Undergraduate Research-in-Progress Summary. Undergraduates also may submit an abstract if research *results* are included. **All abstracts and summaries will be peer-reviewed.** Acceptable abstracts and summaries will be published in the Program Abstracts issue of *The Ohio Journal of Science* to assure that researchers across Ohio, elsewhere in the United States, and in dozens of foreign countries will have access to your work. The *Journal* also will publish Undergraduate Research-in-Progress Summaries. Symposia, workshops and field trips may be arranged by special permission. Research papers are welcome in ALL FIELDS of science, engineering, technology, education and their applications.

## On the Web

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## Our Host

**W**ITTENBERG UNIVERSITY IN THE HEART OF SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, provides a liberal arts education dedicated to intellectual inquiry and wholeness of person within a diverse residential community. Reflecting its Lutheran heritage, Wittenberg challenges students to become responsible global citizens, to discover their callings, and to lead personal, professional, and civic lives of creativity, service, compassion, and integrity.

Since its founding in 1845, Wittenberg's curriculum has centered on the liberal arts as an education that develops the individual's capacity to think, read, and communicate with precision, understanding, and imagination. We are dedicated to education in the core disciplines of the arts and sciences and in pre-professional education grounded in the liberal arts.

Wittenberg has more than 60 majors, minors and special programs from which students may choose to focus their studies. Among these majors are outstanding interdisciplinary programs, including East Asian Studies and Russian Area Studies.

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What strikes most people when they visit Wittenberg is how genuinely friendly and welcoming people are. There are 1,950 full-time students currently enrolled, representing more than 37 states and approximately 23 foreign countries. 44 percent of students are male; 56 percent are female.

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## HOW TO PREPARE AN **ABSTRACT** FOR PEER REVIEW

**A**N ABSTRACT MUST BE PREPARED FOR EACH PAPER to be presented at the Annual Meeting. An abstract is a **concise summary** of the educational, scientific, engineering, or technological **research contents of the paper**, and not merely a general description of what the paper is about. Tell what the specific facts are, not what they are going to be when you talk.

Quality abstracts are highly structured and contain all of the following elements: (1) background or introduction including goals, objectives, purpose, and hypothesis, (2) methods and materials, (3) results, data or observations, and (4) discussion or conclusion(s). **Phrases like "will discuss, will review, will talk about, or will present" are unacceptable in an abstract.** All important facts should be stated with brevity, but not such sparing use of words as to leave ambiguity. Abstracts should be

250 words or fewer. Tables and graphs should not be included. New techniques or new apparatus and their functions should be mentioned. New constants, critical data or formulae should be included. Names of new species should not be listed in the abstract; use full scientific names for all organisms. Use the term "significant" only if you state the statistical test(s) used. Always define the sample(s), population or trials ( $N=?$ ). The value of abstracts is real and considerable, not only for those in attendance, but also for others unable to attend. All abstracts will be **peer-reviewed**. Acceptable final abstracts --**to be submitted by Email when requested**--will be published in the program abstracts issue of *The Ohio Journal of Science* and **shall be presented by the first author**. It is the responsibility of the first author of multi-authored abstracts to obtain permission from all authors to submit the content of the abstract.

## HOW TO PREPARE A COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH-IN-PROGRESS SUMMARY

**I**N ORDER TO ACCELERATE THE ENTRY OF COLLEGE undergraduate students into the professional world of education, science, engineering, technology, or their applications, The Ohio Academy of Science has adopted the following policy and procedures to accept and publish summaries of college undergraduate research-in-progress in lieu of abstracts for the Annual Meeting. Papers, based on the student's research, may be presented in either podium or poster format. Undergraduates whose research is unfinished by the abstract submission deadline may submit an Undergraduate Research-in-Progress Summary in lieu of an abstract. This summary is a statement following the general typing and submission instructions for an abstract.

**The summary shall contain the following elements:** (1) background or introduction including goals, objectives, purpose, and hypothesis, (2) methods and materials, and (3) if available, initial observations. **Phrases like "will discuss, will review, will talk about, or will present" are unacceptable in a summary.** All important facts should be stated with brevity, but not such sparing use of words as to leave ambiguity. Summaries should be 250 words or fewer. Tables and graphs should not be included. New techniques or new apparatus and their functions should be mentioned. New constants, initial critical data,

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- methods & materials;
- results, data or observations; and
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2. Submission and membership fee (check payable to The Ohio Academy of Science). The submission fee includes the registration fee for the first author ONLY and is non-transferrable.
3. Original summary or abstract typed double spaced within 1" or wider margins on **8.5" x 11" WHITE PAPER** plus **one** identical xerographic copy.
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Type: \_\_\_ ABSTRACT or \_\_\_ \*Undergrad Research-in-Progress Summary

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**\*College Undergraduate Research-in-Progress Summaries** shall not be accepted for publication without the following signed statement from the advisor **whose name appears in the summary:** *I vouch for the accuracy of the College Undergraduate Research-in-Progress Summary being submitted with this form and barring some compelling reason, assure that the undergraduate will present the work, including results, analysis of results, and any conclusions available, at the Academy's Annual Meeting.*

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