The 54th Annual Northeast Algal Society Symposium will convene April 17-19th, 2015 at the Genesee Grande Hotel in Syracuse, NY. Your co-conveners Hilary McManus, Gregory Boyer and Molly Letsch are planning an exciting meeting and look forward to welcoming you to our Syracuse symposium.

As always, the NEAS symposium will include a wide range of oral and poster presentations on many phycological topics. The relaxed atmosphere will provide an informal environment for students and professionals to meet with colleagues, exchange ideas and make new friends. Awards will be presented for undergraduate and graduate posters and oral presentations. NEAS members take great pride in their commitment to student advancement, and extend an especially warm welcome for all students to join us in Syracuse.

This year’s theme is Algae in Extreme Environments. Our keynote speakers will present variations on this theme: Lynn Rothschild (NASA-Ames), Louise Lewis (University of Connecticut), Ron Hoham (Colgate University), and Craig Aumack (Columbia University).

We will also have a local focus on the unique ecosystem and restoration of Onondaga Lake, which was once said to be the most polluted lake in the world and is now a model system for restoration efforts. We plan to provide a variety of activities and resources towards these themes.

Registration Information:
Registration will be $65.00 for students and retired members, and $140.00 for professionals. The registration fee includes the Friday evening reception, the Saturday banquet, symposium breaks and lunches on Saturday and Sunday. Extra banquet tickets for accompanying guests are available at the time of registration for $35.00. For those who wish to register online please submit the online registration forms and payment at: [www.e-neas.org](http://www.e-neas.org) (payment and registration must be made together online). For those who wish to register by mail please send the registration form and a check to:

Hilary McManus
1419 Salt Springs Road,
Syracuse, NY 13214

Check should be made out to North East Algal Society with “NEAS 2015” noted on the memo line.
Abstract submission:
Abstracts for posters and oral presentations will be due **Friday March 13, 2015**. They should be typed in MS Word (Mac or PC), single-spaced, using 12 point Times font, with 1" margins on top and sides and must be **no longer than 325 words including the title, authors and affiliations**. For multi-author talks, please underline the presenting author.

Abstracts and submission form should be submitted as MS Word files **attached** to an email sent to [netheastalgae@gmail.com](mailto:nereatestalgae@gmail.com) with words “NEAS Abstract” in the subject line. All abstracts will have editorial review.

**Example abstract:**

**STUDYING TROPICAL ALGAE TO JUSTIFY TRAVEL TO NICE LOCATIONS FOR RESEARCH.** Craig Schneider$^1$ & Gary Saunders$^2$. $^1$Biology, Trinity College, Hartford, CT, 06106, U.S.A.; $^2$Centre for Environmental & Molecular Algal Research, Biology, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB E3B 5A3, Canada.

A recent survey of aging faculty revealed a stunning trend, suggesting that those studying tropical algae were more excited about fieldwork than those working in polar regions...

**Oral & Poster Presentations:**
Oral presentations are scheduled for 12 minutes with 3 minutes of Q&A. Please be certain that your talk is properly timed so that the program can stay on schedule. Moderators will be asked to cut your question period short should the talk exceed 12 minutes. A computer will be provided to run MS PowerPoint presentations. Bring your file on a USB drive and present it to the session moderator for loading prior to the session in which you will be speaking. No personal computers may be used for presentations. Posters should be no larger than 40” high x 34” wide. NEAS will supply the poster mounts and pins to affix them.

**Undergraduate & Graduate Presentation Awards:**
Undergraduate students can compete for the NEAS President’s Award for the best oral presentation or poster, and graduate students for the Robert T. Wilce (oral) and Francis R. Trainor (poster) Awards for presentation and poster. The students will be evaluated by at least three judges for their clarity of presentation, originality of research, experimental design and methods, data presentation and interpretation. Please check (√) on the abstract form (following) if you intend to compete for an award.

**Housing information:**
Room rates at The Genesee Grande Hotel ([www.geneseegrande.com](http://www.geneseegrande.com)) are $119.00, singles, doubles and suites available; no extra charge for additional people in the room. Room rates at the ParkView Hotel ([http://www.theparkviewhotel.com](http://www.theparkviewhotel.com)) are $99.00, single and double rooms available with on site breakfast included; no extra charge for additional people in the room. Indicate you are attending NEAS when booking your room to receive these rates.

**Venue Information:**
The Genesee Grande Hotel ([www.geneseegrande.com](http://www.geneseegrande.com)) offers a relaxed setting for our meeting, with hotel rooms, conference facilities, and dining in one building. There is free parking on site. Downtown Syracuse is an easy walk from the Hotel and with additional restaurant areas an easy walk, drive, or shuttle ride away.

Local museums ([www.most.org](http://www.most.org)), the zoo ([www.rosamondgiffordzoo.org](http://www.rosamondgiffordzoo.org)), shopping at Destiny USA ([www.destinyusa.com](http://www.destinyusa.com)) and numerous parks ([www.onondagacountyparks.com](http://www.onondagacountyparks.com)) offer ample recreational opportunities for accompanying family members.
**Student Book Awards:** Students and post-docs will be able to compete for awards of a professional book pertinent to their program of phycological study. See the attached application form to apply. Application due date **March 1st**.

**Student Travel Awards:**
The NEAS Student Development fund will be offering competitive student travel awards of up to $100 to attend the annual meeting. A maximum of 25 awards will be made to student applicants to offset travel and registration costs for this year’s meeting. See the attached application form to apply. Application due date **March 1st**.

**Student Research Grants:**
Robert Wilce has always been a strong supporter of student research. To honor Wilce’s 90th year the NEAS Student Development fund will be awarding two $500 grants to facilitate student research. The grants are intended to help defray research expenses that the student may otherwise need to cover with personal funds. Application details will be on the NEAS web site ([www.e-neas.org](http://www.e-neas.org)). Application questions should be sent to Gregory Boyer at [glboyer@esf.edu](mailto:glboyer@esf.edu).

**Annual NEAS Auction:**
We encourage you to bring items to donate for the Society auctions (live and silent). These may include books, important reprints, phyco-art and other things phycological, as well as non-phycological items of value that will help raise funds for the students in our Society. Compromising photographs of fellow phycologists are particularly sought by the auctioneer! So now is the time to start thinking about such items. If you already know of some items you’ll be bringing, please send a list (and possible value for tax purposes) to northeastalgae@gmail.com. We will ask you to bring your items to the registration desk on Friday night (or early Saturday morning) of the NEAS weekend.

**Call for nominations:** The following NEAS Officer positions will become vacant in 2015 and need to be filled by election during the NEAS meeting, April 17th-19th, 2015.
· Vice President/President-Elect: 2015-2016 (vice president) and 2016-2018 (president)
· Member At Large: 2015-2018

Please submit nominations to Jang Kim ([jang.kim@uconn.edu](mailto:jang.kim@uconn.edu)) with "NEAS nomination" in the subject line.
NEAS REGISTRATION FORM

For those who wish to register by mail please send this registration form and a check to:
Hilary McManus
1419 Salt Springs Road,
Syracuse, NY 13214

*Please fill in your full address as you wish for it to appear in the membership directory.*

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*as you would like it to appear on your name badge*

Meeting Registration: ($65 student / $65 emeritus / $140 professional) $______________

Includes attendance at welcome reception, all sessions PLUS meals, Saturday mixer, breaks, and banquet

Membership Dues: ($10 student / $10 emeritus / $20 professional) $______________

NEAS Companion Ticket: ($65) $______________

Includes attendance at welcome reception, all meals and the Saturday Banquet.

Extra Banquet Ticket (no regular meals): ($35.00) $______________

Donation to the Barry Colt Student Development Fund $______________

T-shirt Costs ($10 each): (see details below) $______________

Coffee Mug Costs ($16 each): (see details below) $______________

Total Amount Due: $______________

Check should be made out to North East Algal Society with “NEAS 2015” noted on the memo line.

Online Registration: To register online please use the link on our website (www.e-neas.org/). If you are registering online you must pay by PayPal or Creditcard.
Please indicate your Banquet Entrée Selection for yourself and others in your party if you have purchased companion tickets:

☐ Chicken Chardonnay – Parmesan Crusted Chicken with Chardonnay Sage Butter Sauce
☐ Grilled Salmon Fillet With Citrus Buerre Blanc
☐ Grilled Eggplant Rollups filled with roasted vegetables (Vegan)

Please indicate any dietary restrictions/allergies:

☐ Vegan ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Gluten Free ☐ Dairy Free
☐ Other (please describe):

Presentations and Judging: Please indicate if you are willing to judge in the following categories.

☐ Poster Presentation ☐ Oral Presentation ☐ No Preference

Moderators: Are you willing to be a moderator for any of the sessions at NEAS-2105?

☐ YES ☐ NO

☐ I am interested in participating in a free post-symposium trip to Onondaga Lake restoration site on April 19th.

Meeting T-shirts: This year’s NEAS logo, will be available on short-sleeve shirts, Men’s and women’s style are available.

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Meeting Coffee Mugs: This year’s NEAS logo, will be available on a limited amount of Coffee Mugs and MUST be pre-ordered here.

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NEAS ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM

Due Date: Friday, March 13, 2015
Submit to: northeastalgae@gmail.com

Presenter’s Name: _______________________________________________________
Institution: _______________________________________________________________
Department: _______________________________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________________________
City: _______________ State/Province: _______ Zip/Postal Code: ___________
Country: ___________ Phone #: ___________________ Email: _______________________

• Preferred presentation category: Oral _______ Poster _______
• Are you willing to prepare a poster if all the oral slots are filled? Y _____ N _____

Oral presentations will be delivered using PowerPoint. Bring your (.pptx or .ppt formatted) file on a USB drive and present it to the moderator for loading prior to the session in which you speak. Personal computers cannot be used for presentations.

For students only:
   a) Would you like to compete for one of the awards listed below?
      _____ The NEAS President’s Award (undergraduate poster or oral presentation)
      _____ The Robert T. Wilce Student Paper Award (graduate oral presentation)
      _____ The Francis R. Trainor Poster Award (graduate poster)

      b) If yes, list the name of your major professor: _______________________________

For multi-author talks, please underline the presenting author. All abstracts will have editorial review and should be limited to 325 words or less.

Abstracts and the abstract form should be submitted as MS Word files attached to an email sent to northeastalgae@gmail.com subject line “NEAS Abstracts” by 13 March 2015.
NEAS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
2015 NEAS BOOK AWARD

Book Award RFP
NEAS will offer awards on a competitive basis to support students and post-doctoral fellows in developing a professional phycological library. The intent of this award is to encourage an interest in phycology and promote professional development. The Book Awards are supported by funds raised by the Barry Colt Student Development Committee.

Eligibility
Student and post-doctoral NEAS members who will be attending the 54th Symposium in Syracuse NY may apply for up to 100% of the cost of a single phycological text or written work. Applications can be graduate students or post-doctoral scholars in any stage of their studies however a strong preference is given to applicants that did not receive a book award in the prior year. Only one application per year can be submitted per applicant.

Application
This book award is competitive. Awards may be full or partial. Applicants must complete the attached form and return it in electronic form to Greg Boyer at glboyer@esf.edu. All applications must be received by March 1, 2015 to be considered. Applicants should make a convincing case for how the acquisition will improve their development. The application must be endorsed by the candidate’s advisor/mentor. The explanation for proposed funding should not exceed the space allotted on the following form (12pt font, same margins). Brevity is appreciated. If your application is not acknowledged by Greg within a few days after sending, please email him to be certain he indeed did receive it.

Notification
Awardees will be notified during the 54th NEAS meeting. Recipients must be in attendance to receive the award unless special arrangements have been made with Greg Boyer prior to the meeting date.
NEAS BOOK AWARD APPLICATION 2015

Due Date: March 1, 2015
Submit to: Greg Boyer (glboyer@esf.edu)

Student’s Name: ____________________________________________________________

Institution: ________________________________________________________________

Department: _______________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________

City: ______________ State/Province: ______ Zip/Postal Code: _________________

Country: ___________________ Phone #: _________________________________

Email: ________________________________________________________________

Advisor/Mentor’s Name: ____________________________________________________

Degree program: Master’s Ph.D. Post-doc Other (specify):

Year (circle one): 1st year 2nd year 3rd year 4th year 5th year 6th year

Requested Book Author & Title:

ISBN:

Publisher:

Available from:

Cost:

Have you received a NEAS Book Award previously? YES, Year: __________ NO

Explanation of how this book will enhance your phycological program:


I hereby certify that I am the advisor of this student or post-doc and agree with the acquisition of this volume.
Printed name, e-signature, and date:

Development Committee only:

Approved___________ Ordered From: __________________ Date: __________ Received_____________
Application Deadline:
Open but the number of awards is limited.

Purpose:
The NEAS Student Travel Award is designed to promote student attendance at NEAS annual conference by subsidizing a portion of the costs of registration, travel to and from the meeting and housing. Student participation at such conferences is integral to the students' education and it is expected that the student will attend the entire conference to take advantage of the many educational opportunities afforded by attending these meetings.

Number and Value of Awards:
Within its budgetary limits and terms of reference, the NEAS Development Committee will provide up to $100 per person for the costs associated with attendance at the yearly meeting. Partial awards may be given depending on need.

Eligibility:
To be eligible to receive a NEAS Student Travel Award, the applicant must be a currently registered graduate or undergraduate student. Preference will be given to students presenting or assisting at the annual conference, however students who do not present are still eligible to apply. No distinction will be made between poster and oral presentations. Higher priority will be given to students traveling greater distances with demonstrated need that cannot be meet by other sources. All student presenters receiving travel assistance should acknowledge receiving travel support from the NEAS Development Committee in/on their presentation.

Application Procedures:
Application is made on a one-page application form, completed by the student before March 1st and endorsed by his or her advisor or sponsor. Group applications (several students planning to travel in a single vehicle) are encouraged and will be given preference.
Send your applications to the following address:

Greg Boyer, Great Lakes Research Consortium
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
1 Forestry Drive, Syracuse, NY 13210
Phone: 315-470-6825; E-mail: GLRC@esf.edu

Applicants must register for the conference by the registration deadline to remain eligible for the award. Electronic submissions to GLRC@ESF.ESU are encouraged. Please include the words “NEAS Student Travel Award” in the subject line.
NEAS STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD APPLICATION 2015

Due Date: March 1, 2015

Please provide the following information, attach a copy of the submitted abstract and submit both to Greg Boyer, Great Lakes Research Consortium, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, 1 Forestry Drive, Syracuse, NY 13210; Phone: 315-470-6720; Fax: 315-470-6970; E-mail: GLRC@esf.edu.

Applications are due March 1st for optimal consideration but may be submitted at any time before the date of travel. Preference is given to students who present papers and they must acknowledge the NEAS Student Development Fund travel support on their posters or during their oral presentations.

Name: ____________________________________________________________

College/University: ________________________________________________

Department: _______________________________________________________

Street Address/P.O. Box: ___________________________________________

City: _____________________________________________________________

State/Province: __________________________________ Post/Zip Code: ______

Telephone: __________________________ E-mail: _____________________

Degree program _______________________ Expected graduation date: ______

Estimated Expenses

Name of the Conference: NEAS Annual Meeting

Location of the Conference (include state/province) Syracuse, New York

Travel start date: ___________ Travel end date: ________________

Title of Poster or Oral abstract submitted: ______________________________

Are you traveling with a group and if so, with whom? _______________________

Estimated Travel and Vehicle expenses (specify) __________________________

Accommodation expenses (specify): _____________________________________

Registration and meal expenses: _______________________________________

Estimated Total Costs* (US$): _______________________________________

Justification and need for travel support: _________________________________

____________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________

Applicant’s Signature: ___________________________ Date: ________________

Advisors/Sponsors Endorsement_________________________________________

Advisors/sponsors printed name and email address_________________________________

*Travel awards cannot exceed $100 USD and may be prorated depending on need and availability of funds.