



Early Life History Section - American Fisheries Society

Announcement and Call for Abstracts

The **41st annual Larval Fish Conference (LFC2017)** will be held July 12-16, 2017 as part of the Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists (JMIH) at the Renaissance Hotel, in the Arboretum District of north Austin – “the hippest town in Texas.” If our last joint meeting with “Ichs and Herps” in Austin (17th LFC) was any indication, it should be an event to remember for science, networking, and socials.

The 2017 Larval Fish Conference will include a number of timely theme sessions, opportunities for contributed papers and posters, a special Early Career workshop and, of course, LFC and JMIH socials.

Theme Sessions and Workshops

The Effects of Climate Change on Marine Fish Early Life Stages: Which Stressors are Most Important and How Do They Interact? – Conveners: Hannes Baumann, University of Connecticut - Avery Point (hannes.baumann@uconn.edu) and Marta Moyano, University of Hamburg (marta.moyano@uni-hamburg.de).

Complexity and Performance Change During Physiological Development of Larval Fishes. – Conveners: Warren W. Burggren (warren.burggren@unt.edu) and Prescilla Perrichon, University of North Texas (prescilla.perrichon@gmail.com).

Nutrition and Feeding of Fish Early Life Stages. – Convener: Kenneth A. Webb, University of Texas Marine Science Institute (ken.a.webb@utexas.edu).

Assessing and Evaluating Phenotypic Variation in Fish Early Life History Stages: Field Studies, Experiments, and Modeling. – Conveners: Klaus Huebert, University of Maryland Horn Point Laboratory (khuebert@umces.edu), Tom Miller, University of Maryland Chesapeake Biological Laboratory (miller@umces.edu), and Chris Chambers, NOAA Northeast Fisheries Science Center (chris.chambers@noaa.gov).

ELHS's Early Career Workshop: How to Find the Right Scientific Career for You. – Conveners: Marta Moyano, University of Hamburg (marta.moyano@uni-hamburg.de) and Alison Deary, NOAA Alaska Fisheries Science Center (alison.deary@noaa.gov).

Registration is now open through the conference website: conferences.k-state.edu/JMIH-Austin-2017. Begin by creating an account with the abstract submission system. Registration and abstract submission instructions will follow. Be sure to choose LFC/ELHS options (group association, themes, workshop, social, ELHS awards) when you register. **The deadline for abstract submission is 22 March 2017.**

Details and logistics about the JMIH meeting (registration, abstract submission, schedule, accommodations, travel, and local area) can be found at the JMIH website. More details about the 41st annual Larval Fish Conference, including the descriptions of the theme sessions, workshop, and social, will be available on the ELHS website (earlylifehistory.fisheries.org) and in the ELHS newsletter, *STAGES*.

We are looking forward to giving you a warm Texas welcome this summer in Austin!

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Co-conveners of LFC2017.