



7th Passive Sampling Workshop and Symposium

April 24-26, 2007 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

**Location: USGS National Center, Reston, VA, USA
(Washington DC area)**

Welcome

The planning committee would like to welcome everyone who has an interest in passive sampling techniques to the 7th Passive Sampling Workshop and Symposium to be held in Reston, VA, USA on April 24-26, 2007. This will be a wonderful opportunity for newcomers and experienced users to share ideas and results from their research. The acceptance of passive samplers is growing worldwide and we hope you can join us at this event.

Scientific Program

The main program will comprise a mix of *platform* and *poster presentations* and *topical discussions*. This workshop is open to users of passive samplers of all types (SPMDs, POCIS, DGT, Chemcatcher, etc.). The scientific focus of the meeting will be on *in situ* passive samplers for the environmental monitoring and risk assessment. Other subjects may include the use of passive samplers to carry out the surveillance, operational, and investigative monitoring that are necessary to meet the needs of regulatory agencies will be discussed. With the continued maturation of passive sampling tools, this upcoming meeting will also offer more 'hands-on' discussions to tackle specific practical applications of these tools. This meeting will be beneficial to *scientists* (experts to first-time users), *policy makers* (regulatory authorities, accreditation bodies), and *end users* (companies, laboratories, and municipalities that have a need for monitoring environmental pollution).

Tentative Topics for Presentations and Discussion

(subject to change upon abstract submissions and audience response)

- New Advances in Passive Sampling Technologies
- Design of Successful Field Deployments
- Practical Issues of Laboratory Processing
- Emerging Contaminants
- Combination of Bioindicator tests with passive samplers
- Regulatory Issues (TMDLs, etc.)

Please visit the website for regularly updated information.

http://www.cerc.usgs.gov/research/Passive_Conference/psws.htm

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Important Dates

Early Registration: September, 2006 to March 23, 2007

Call for Abstracts: September 15, 2006 to February 1, 2007

Preliminary Program

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Tuesday, April 24	Wednesday, April 25	Thursday, April 26
8 am – 5 pm Registration Introduction Opening Remarks Plenary Sessions Lunch Posters Topical Discussions	8 am – 5 pm Welcome Plenary Sessions Lunch Posters Topical Discussions	8 am – 12 pm Welcome Topical Discussions Adjourn Safe trip home

Registration

Registration forms and instructions can be found on the workshop's website http://www.cerc.usgs.gov/research/Passive_Conference/psws.htm. Both on-line registration and downloadable forms are available along with instructions for payment.

Registration Fees

	by 23 March 2007	On-Site
Attendee (full meeting)	\$50	\$75
Attendee (single day)	\$25	\$30
Student (full meeting)	\$40	\$60
Spouse/Guest	\$25	\$25

Abstracts

Abstracts can be submitted following instructions found on the workshop's website. Both poster and platform presentations are welcomed. Presentations will be grouped according to the type of sampler, environmental compartment sampled, and/or application.

Topical Discussions

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Each day will wrap up with a discussion expanding on information previously presented and to introduce new topics of interest to the group. Groups may include the entire audience or small break-out discussions may be formed based on the audience's interest. The workshop is scheduled to officially end on Thursday, April 26 at 12 pm. However, people wishing to continue discussions are welcome to stay throughout the afternoon.

Venue, Lodging, and Surrounding Area

The workshop will be held in the National Auditorium of the USGS National Center, John Wesley Powell Federal Building in Reston, Virginia, USA (Washington DC area – see website for maps and directions). A block of rooms at a nearby hotel have been held for workshop attendees (details on website). Shuttle service to and from the Dulles International Airport (nearest airport) and the workshop venue will be available from the hotel. Nearby attractions include shopping, the Smithsonian Udvar-Hazy Air & Space Museum, and within a short train ride are the Washington DC museums and memorials. Numerous Civil War battlefields and points of American history can be reached in a short drive.

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