

**CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE
ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OF THE
7TH ANNUAL AERE SUMMER CONFERENCE
MAY / JUNE 2019**

*Excellence in Academic Programming
Collegiality in Destinations Worth Visiting*

AERE launched its annual Summer Conference in 2011. The first five conferences were held in:

Seattle, Washington (June 8 – 10, 2011)
Asheville, North Carolina (June 3 – 5, 2012)
Banff, Alberta, Canada (June 6 – 8, 2013)
World Congress year (Istanbul, Turkey), no Summer Conference (2014)
San Diego, California (June 3 – 5, 2015)
Breckenridge, Colorado (June 9 – 11, 2016)
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (May 31 – June 2, 2017)
World Congress year (Gothenburg, Sweden), no Summer Conference (2018)

Organizers have always offered members an excellent program in a beautiful setting with AERE's special brand of collegiality. We anticipate another exceptional experience at the 6th annual conference on May 31 – June 2, 2017 in the mid-Atlantic urban setting of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania—a vibrant downtown nestled among three rivers affording easy access to kayaking and beautiful walking / biking wooded trails.

We are soliciting Expressions of Interest for the Organizing Committee of the 7th Annual AERE Summer Conference that will take place in late May / early June 2019. (There is no conference in 2018 because of the World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists taking place in Gothenburg, Sweden.) The Committee's main task will be to develop the academic programming (including a Keynote speaker and potentially a pre-conference workshop) and related events. Sponsored sessions will be included and their theme is to be chosen by the Organizing Committee in conjunction with government agency and other supporters of the sponsored session tracks.

Administrative and event support from an Event Manager will include contract negotiations for guest rooms, AV, and food and beverage requirements. AERE provides abstract submission and program development software. Plus, a subcommittee of the AERE Board provides additional support for fundraising, and an AERE Board member acts as the liaison between the Organizing Committee and the AERE Board.

Expressions of Interest are solicited from universities, research organizations, or groups of organizations. Normally a team of two to four individuals would be expected to comprise the committee, but the Organizing Committee has latitude to choose its composition as it sees fit. The submission should provide the following:

- i. Name of Organizing Committee chair and/or co-chair and members;
- ii. Previous experience of meeting / conference planning;
- iii. Proposed dates;
- iv. Names of three or four hotels available on proposed dates with sufficient size (see below) that the Event Manager can research for services and costs;
- v. Interest in including a pre- or post-conference Workshop;
- vi. Estimated travel time from airport to proposed location by shuttle and rental car;

vii. Attributes of the proposed site.

Priority consideration will be given to:

- i. Venues large enough to accommodate ten parallel sessions and up to 375 attendees (including a Keynote lunch for the full group);
- ii. Affordability of hotel rooms (including government rate) and food / beverage costs (as determined by the Event Manager and Treasurer in consultation with selected Board members);
- iii. High amenity value in the surrounding area and places not on the usual academic conference circuits;
- iv. Locations that are within a 2-hour drive from the nearest major airport.

AERE strives for diversity in locations for its conference across years (see past conference locations above), but any accessible, desirable location will be considered.

Expressions of Interest should be sent **by March 31, 2017** via e-mail to the AERE President at:

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Subject Line: AERE Conference 2019

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