



ASBPA 2021 National Coastal Conference  
CALL FOR ABSTRACTS — **Due May 15, 2021**

The Call for Abstracts **has been extended** to May 15th for the 2021 National Coastal Conference to be held September 28 - October 1 at the Hilton Riverside New Orleans. We look forward to being back in NOLA and in person! Please note that if uncertainty around travel restrictions could be an issue for you, we suggest that you still submit an abstract and we will work out the presentation details with you. This year's theme, "Geaux Resilient", continues to broaden our focus across the entire physical coastal and estuarine system thus making resilience and living shoreline themed papers an area of particular focus.

We will also launch the Blue Flag program in the U.S. at the conference. We are planning to have several sessions focused on criteria related to aspects of the Blue Flag program such as: Beach Accessibility (ADA and ABA standards, and accessibility issues, regulations, practices, and partner solutions for beaches); Environmental Management (focus on balancing recreation and the environment and how to integrate development/use or environmental plans and assessments); Water quality (federal, state or local water standards, collection techniques, how they are addressing poor water quality, notification to the public, etc.); Trash collection; Beach safety; Beach operations (beach driving, domestic animals, harmful algal blooms, beach cleaning, etc.); and Community engagement. We look forward to submissions on these topics!

The National Coastal Conference provides an opportunity for coastal stakeholders and managers to develop collaborative networks to promote best management practices, while learning the latest science, engineering, and policy needed to maintain and improve the health of our beachfront and estuarine shorelines and ecosystems.

Technical, policy-oriented, and coastal floodplain resource and flood risk management presentations or posters are invited for a broad range of coastal & estuarine ecology, science, engineering, economics, and policy. Specific topics include, but are not limited to:

- Beach restoration and management
- Coastal design concepts and projects
- Green/grey infrastructure and living shorelines
- Regional comprehensive coastal studies
- Lessons learned from storms and extreme events
- Coastal & estuarine modeling
- Coastal hazard mapping & analysis tools
- Sea level rise guidance, planning, and policy
- Lagoon, wetland, marsh, and estuary restoration
- Regional sediment management
- Economics of coastal resources
- Federal, state, and local coastal policy, regulatory and legal issues
- Sand source availability and sand rights
- Coastal infrastructure management
- Resiliency and adaptation policy
- "Nuisance flooding" and urban flooding challenges
- Lessons and issues in coastal communication and outreach

Presentations may be PowerPoint or poster format. Abstracts (up to 500 words) are due by May 15, 2021 for PowerPoint Presentations and August 20, 2021 for Poster Presentations. Submit abstracts via the online form by visiting our Conference page at <https://asbpa.org/conferences/>. Presenters are responsible for their expenses including travel, lodging, and registration fees. Notification of presentation status will occur by June 25, 2021.