

**AMERICAN WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL WATER RESOURCES CONFERENCE  
NOVEMBER 12-15, 2011 Jacksonville, Florida  
CALL FOR SPECIAL SESSIONS**

AWRA is coming to Jacksonville, Florida for its 47th Annual Water Resources Conference. The AWRA Annual Conference is host to a multidisciplinary group of water resources professionals who gather to present their latest research and case studies, discuss current hot topics, and share new ideas. Conference attendance is usually between 400-500 people. At this time, the Conference Planning Committee is seeking Special Sessions for the conference. The Special Session organizers' role is to propose a relevant and timely subject, attract and recruit speakers to submit abstracts on the subject, and to moderate the actual session during the conference. Those interested in organizing and hosting a special session are invited to submit the following information:

- Title of proposed Special Session
- A brief description (less than 350 words) stating the importance of the topic and the rationale for the proposed session
- Organizer(s), including brief biography and contact information
- List of potential presenters and topics

There is no fee to submit a proposal for a Special Session (note that there is a \$25 fee for all abstracts submitted during the general call for abstracts). The above information should be submitted directly to both of the Technical Co-Chairs by February 13, 2012:

- Michael DelCharco at [mdelcharco@taylorengineering.com](mailto:mdelcharco@taylorengineering.com)
- Chris Martinez at [chrisjm@ufl.edu](mailto:chrisjm@ufl.edu)

Proposals for Special Sessions will be evaluated by the Technical Chairs, with help from the Conference Planning Committee. Proposals will be evaluated based on the timeliness and relevance of the topic, and the degree to which the topic will bring together key researchers in the area and disseminate recent advances to the water resources community.

If accepted, the Special Session will be listed in the General Call for Abstracts. Abstracts submitted to an accepted Special Session will be subject to the same submittal and review process as all other abstracts; additionally, these abstracts will be reviewed by the Session Organizer(s).

**Important dates:**

Proposals for Special Sessions due: February 13, 2012  
Notification of Special Sessions acceptance: February 20, 2012  
General Call for Abstracts (with accepted Special Sessions listed): February 23, 2012  
Abstracts due: May 14, 2012  
Notification of Abstract acceptance: mid-June of 2012