



August 2016

## ***Greetings:***

Fall is quickly approaching and the Michigan Space Grant Consortium Conference is just around the corner! This year's conference has been scheduled for Saturday, October 8, 2016. You are cordially invited to register for this year's event; a registration form is located on **the MSGC website: [www.mi.spacegrant.org](http://www.mi.spacegrant.org)**. The conference will be held in the François-Xavier Bagnoud (FXB) Building (same location as previous years - 1320 Beal Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109). Registration is due no later than Monday, September 19. If you would like to present a lecture or poster at the conference, your abstract *must* be submitted when you submit your registration.

## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

We are pleased to announce that Professor Ryan Eustice will be the keynote speaker for the conference. Professor Eustice recently joined the Toyota Research Institute, a network of fellow robotics' experts that encompasses the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford, and now the University of Michigan. He retains his post as a faculty member at the University of Michigan.

## **REGISTRATION**

Please register early to provide us with an idea of how many people we can expect for the various activities planned. Remember . . . we need a registration form for *each and every person* attending the conference (including those who will not be participating with a lecture or poster presentation) in order to make adequate plans for seating, refreshments, and lunch. Should you need overnight accommodations, we suggest that you make reservations as soon as possible (see ***Lodging***). Students, please see information within this letter under ***Travel for Students***.

## **CALL FOR LECTURES AND/OR POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

We would like to have presentations on both MSGC ongoing or previous programs (Fellowship, Internship, Pre-College Education, Public Outreach, Teacher Training, Research Seed Grant, and K-12 Educator Incentive Programs) **and non-MSGC** supported but related activities or other space science or aerospace-related research and/or development projects. We are soliciting abstracts for short lectures (not longer than 15 minutes, **however**, specifics will be determined once we receive abstracts) or poster presentations detailing the progress or results of your program, research, or activity. Morning and afternoon poster sessions will be scheduled to give conference participants and guests plenty of time to see each poster and the opportunity to ask questions. **Note: The MSGC Fall Conference Planning Committee will make every effort to provide a time slot for those requesting a lecture. If time does not allow, we encourage poster presentations and will provide an easel and foam core board.**

Please see the **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS** on the MSGC website. Abstracts *must* be submitted at the same time the Registration Form is submitted **no later than Monday, September 19, 2016**. Easels (see photo within this letter) will be provided for displaying the posters along with a foam core board. The foam core board is 32 inches x 40 inches and can be used horizontally or vertically. If you have a tri-fold poster, please request a table from Bonnie Bryant prior to the conference.

### **TRAVEL FOR STUDENTS**

The Michigan Space Grant Consortium offers the following to students, *currently or recently participating in MSGC activities*, who are interested in attending the conference:

- Students, if you need overnight accommodations, please contact Bonnie Bryant **no later than September 15, 2016**. She will make reservations at the Residence Inn Ann Arbor North or the Holiday Inn. Hotels less than 5 minutes or so away from the conference location.
- MSGC will reimburse mileage costs at a rate of .54 cents per mile (up to \$200.00) or up to \$200.00 as partial reimbursement toward other modes of transportation. MTU students, please contact Bonnie Bryant (blbryant@umich.edu).

### **LODGING FOR NON-STUDENTS**

For those of you requiring overnight accommodations, please contact the Residence Inn Ann Arbor North at (734) 327-0011. Please note: there is a five-second delay between dialing the number and hearing the ring.

Residence Inn Ann Arbor North • 3535 Green Court • Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Telephone: (734) 327-0011

Website: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/arbrn-residence-inn-ann-arbor-north>



*Easel with Foam Core Board*

We look forward to the Fall Conference of the Michigan Space Grant Consortium and hope that many of you will be able to participate in the festivities on Saturday, October 8, 2016. Registering early will help us with the organization of the conference, and securing lodging reservations as soon as possible is strongly suggested.

Best regards,

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