Call to the Post for the 2014 AESE annual meeting

The 48th AESE annual meeting will be held in Lexington, Ky., the Horse Capital of the World, October 7–10, 2014. Technical sessions will be held at the offices of the Kentucky Geological Survey on the University of Kentucky campus. Lodging is reserved at the nearby SpringHill Suites. Call the hotel direct at (859) 225-1500 and ask for the Earth Science Editors group rate of $94/night. The cut-off date for the group rate is September 6, so make your reservations early. Keeneland—Lexington’s Thoroughbred race course—will be in session at that time, so room rates will go higher.

The SpringHill Suites is five miles from Blue Grass Airport and minutes from downtown Lexington and the university. The hotel provides complimentary Internet access, parking, and hot breakfast. All rooms are suites with two queen-size beds; living area with work desk and sofa sleeper; mini refrigerator and microwave; and exercise room and swimming pool.

Lexington was founded in 1775, when William McConnell and other explorers camped at what is now McConnell Spring heard that the first battle of the American Revolution had been fought in Lexington, Massachusetts. The area is underlain by limestone, which gives rise to rolling hills covered with bluegrass—the foundation of the Thoroughbred horse-breeding industry.

Field trips are planned to Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, Camp Nelson Heritage Park, and Perryville Battlefield State Historic Park. Shaker Village is a National Historic Landmark on the site of a religious community that was active from 1805 to 1910. The Shakers believed in celibacy and that God is both male and female; their name was derived from their fervent dancing during religious services. The Shakers were skilled farmers and especially prospered because of the village’s location on the Kentucky River, which was ideal for marketing. After the society declined in 1910 (that celibacy thing made it tough to find new recruits), the property changed hands several times until the nonprofit corporation Friends of Pleasant Hill raised funds to buy and restore the property. Today Pleasant Hill’s 34 original buildings sit on 2,800 acres.

During the Civil War, the Shakers used their resources to feed thousands of soldiers from both armies, particularly around the time of the Battle of Perryville, the largest Civil War battle to take place in Kentucky, and one of the most intense in the entire war. On October 8, 1862, more than 7,600 soldiers from both sides were killed or wounded at Perryville in the Confederacy’s last serious attempt to control Kentucky. The battle is reenacted each year on the weekend closest to October 8, and the site today looks virtually the same as it did in 1862.

Many of the Union dead were buried at Camp Nelson, a massive base of operations for the North that once covered 4,000 acres with 300 buildings and fortifications. Camp Nelson was the third largest recruiting and training depot for African-American soldiers. Many of these soldiers brought their families with them, and the army eventually established a refugee camp there. Today the Civil War Heritage Park is a National Historic Landmark.

Lexington is located at the junction of Interstates 64 and 75, making it easily accessible by car. If you fly into Blue Grass Airport, you’ll approach the runway over the world-famous Calumet Farm, home of Kentucky Derby winners Whirlaway and Citation.

An icebreaker will be held October 7, and technical talks will be held October 8–10. AESE members and other interested persons are encouraged to give a talk or chair a session. Possible session topics include
GIS and its application to publishing, public geoscience, research methods, general correspondence/writing styles, communication theory/understanding workplace communication, writing for mass media, and ethics of journalism and mass communication. Suggestions for other topics are welcome. Individual talks within a session will be 20 minutes.

If you are interested in presenting or have any session topic ideas, please contact Karen MacFarlane, AESE vice president/technical program chair, at karen.macfarlane@gov.yk.ca or Meg Smath, host chair, at msmath@uky.edu.
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E-mail (for registration confirmation) ____________________________________________

Registration

Full registration fees cover admission to all sessions, opening reception, business lunch, awards banquet, and field trip.

**AESE Members**

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Registration includes membership for the remainder of AESE’s fiscal year.

**Guest registration** (includes opening reception, awards banquet, field trip)

$150 (U.S.) each for __________ person(s) $ __________

If guest wishes to attend the business lunch on Wednesday, please add $25.00 $ __________

Guest name(s) ________________________________________________________________

**Total fees enclosed** $ __________

I plan to attend:

__________ Opening reception (Tuesday evening) ____________ AESE business luncheon (Wednesday noon)

__________ Awards banquet (Thursday evening) ____________ Field trip (Friday)

Dietary and/or transportation restrictions __________________________________________

For further information about the meeting events, e-mail Meg Smath
msmath@uky.edu

Mail registration form and check* or money order payable to AESE in U.S. funds to

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*All checks must be electronically transferable to a U.S. bank that is imprinted on the check and includes the 9-digit routing number between “smiley faces.” Checks without the 9-digit routing number will be returned.