

7 March 2025

Dear members of the four JMIH societies,

The presidents of the four JMIH societies are sending you this message to encourage your participation in the 2025 Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists, which will be held at the RiverCenter in beautiful St. Paul, Minnesota from 9-13 July 2025.

The [JMIH 2025 meeting website](#) is now active, and the deadline for submitting abstracts is **March 25th**.

The program for the 2025 JMIH will feature three plenary sessions (Day 1 AM and PM, and Day 2 PM) during which distinguished presenters and past presidents will give addresses, and a host of professional awards will be made to our colleagues.

The annual JMIH meetings always attract lots of students, and we hope the same will be true for 2025. To encourage student participation, registration rates for students are deeply discounted, and all four JMIH societies offer grants to support student research and/or travel to the annual conference, as well as awards for best student presentations.

The American Elasmobranch Society (AES) sponsors the [Jeffrey C. & Carol A. Carrier Poster Award](#) and the [Samuel H. Gruber Presentation Award](#) for student members. The American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists (ASIH) awards include the [Gaige Fund for Herpetology](#), the [Raney Fund for Ichthyology](#), the [Robins Award for Marine Ichthyology](#), the [Cashner Award](#) for students historically or currently underrepresented in science, [Stoye Awards](#) in several categories for best oral presentation in Ichthyology and Herpetology (Conservation, Ecology & Ethology, General Herp, General Ich, Genetics, Development & Morphology and Physiology & Physiological Ecology, and the [Storer Awards](#) for the best poster presentation in Ichthyology and Herpetology. The Neotropical Ichthyological Association (NIA) sponsors [Best Student Oral presentation & Best Poster Awards](#), if there are enough entrants. The Herpetologists League sponsors the [Graduate Research Award](#) for student presentations at its annual meeting. The Society for the study of amphibians and reptiles (SSAR) sponsors the [Dean Metter Memorial Award](#) to facilitate field research in herpetology, [Roger Conant Grants in Herpetology](#) for herpetological research, education, or conservation, the [J.P. Kennedy Student Award](#) for the most significant student-authored paper published in the Journal of Herpetology, the [Victor Hutchison Student Poster Award](#) for the best graduate student posters presented at the annual meeting, the [Henri Seibert Award](#) for best student oral presentation, the [George B. Rabb Undergraduate Poster Award](#) for the best undergraduate or high school student poster, the [Founders Fellowship](#) for Pre-College Scholars to support participation of budding herpetologists at SSAR's annual meeting, the [Student Travel Award](#) to help defray the costs of travel to the SSAR's annual meeting, the [Metallinou Postdoctoral Travel Award](#), which provides support for postdoctoral fellows to attend and present their

research at the JMIH, and the [Carl Gans Travelling Fellowship](#) for travel to the annual meeting for students and post-docs. Herpetologists from any JMIH society can apply to the Gans Fellowship.

As you consider applying for these awards, please keep in mind that eligibility for JMIH society awards and discounted registration costs **require membership in the JMIH society that sponsors the award**. Except for Life Memberships, memberships expired at the end of last year and must be renewed. There are no membership requirements for NIA sponsored awards, but entrants must register for the meetings.

A number of symposia are planned for this year's conference:

Artificial intelligence in ichthyology and herpetology (SSAR)

Herpetologists' League symposium TBA (HL)

Human-elasmobranch conflict (AES)

Science in 3D (ASIH)

Thriving in a changing world: host-pathogen dynamics in hyperdiverse communities of amphibians and reptiles (SSAR)

We are also pleased to report that childcare will be available at the 2025 JMIH meeting, sponsored by the local organizing committee and support from the four JMIH societies.

The four JMIH societies have published [public statements](#) communicating their unified support of [Diversity, Equity and Inclusion](#).

We hope that you are as excited about the 2025 JMHI meeting as we are, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,



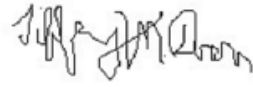
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