This year's ARC Annual Meeting, co-hosted with the Central Arizona-Phoenix LTER, will be a workshop format. The objective of the workshop is to bring together managers, researchers, and stakeholders involved in the Salt River as it “flows” through the Phoenix metropolitan area to engage in a dialog on how to make the River a more accessible and desirable place for people and wildlife. On Thursday, invited speakers will share their experiences in developing, managing, and restoring urban rivers in other arid land cities. Friday will be a workshop divided into three sessions, each initiated by short presentations by panelists with particular expertise in the Salt River. In the first session, we will discuss vegetation, wildlife, and green space. Environmental flows, water sources, and water quality are the key topics for the second session. The third session focuses on strategies for taking action and engaging the public. Workshop participants will break into groups to discuss the session topics, led by a series of guiding questions. The outcome of the workshop will be a web-available synthesis of what is known about the Salt River riparian ecosystem, management challenges and data gaps, and effective approaches that have been taken (or could be taken) to restore desired outcomes for this long-overlooked reach of the river.

When: Thursday, April 4, 2013, 11:30 am to 5:00 pm - Lunch, Poster Session and Plenary Speakers
See the Movie, "Rock the Boat- Saving America's Wildest River " at Skysong at 5:00 pm AND again at the Dinner event at Monti’s La Casa Vieja 5:30 pm

Friday, April 5, 2013, 8:30 am – 4:30 (lunch provided)

Saturday, April 6, 2013, 8:00 am – 12:00. Field trip to the Rio Salado Audubon Center and the Phoenix Rio Salado


Call for Posters – Due March 15, 2013
Individuals are invited to submit abstracts for a poster session on research, monitoring, and restoration of desert rivers.

Abstract Guidelines – Abstracts should be around 250 words. Please send your abstract in Word or WordPerfect format to: Cindy.Zisner@asu.edu. Abstracts should begin with the author(s) name, followed by profession address, abstract title, and the body of the abstract. Recommended poster size is 36” x 48” (h x w). Posters should be no more than 4 ft wide.

For more information and registration, click on http://azriparian.org/

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