

# Visions of a Sustainable Mississippi River

Merging Ecological, Economic and Cultural Values



August 10-13, 2009  
Collinsville, Illinois

## A different type of conference . . .

This conference will attract diverse participants with interest in our nation's largest river, including stakeholders in the recreational, navigation, and agricultural sectors, researchers, and natural resource professionals. Through conference presentations, panel discussions, and workshops, attendees will formulate new and useful insights and recommendations on four issues critical to the sustainable management of the Mississippi River and the human communities that depend on it. The conference will culminate with a special Policy Forum where recommendations will be delivered directly to key politicians and decision makers in the Mississippi River Basin.

## Alexandra Cousteau Keynote Speaker August 12, 8:00 p.m.

*"This Blue Planet"* will be presented by Alexandra Cousteau, founder of Blue Legacy International and granddaughter of the legendary Jacques-Yves Cousteau, at Lewis and Clark Community College, Hatheway Auditorium.

### TOPIC 1: Ecosystem Services and the Economic Value of Mississippi River

Speaker 1 – **Dr. Steven Kraft**, Chair, Department of Agribusiness, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Speaker 2 – **Dr. Kenneth Lubinski**, River Ecologist, Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center, US Geological Survey

Speaker 3 – **Dr. Stephen Polasky**, Fesler-Lampert Professor, of Ecological/Environmental Economics, University

### TOPIC 2: Floodplain Connectivity, Flood Control and Hydrologic Regime

Speaker 1 – **Dr. Paul Dubowy**, Environmental Program Manager, Mississippi River and Tributaries Regional Technical Center, US Army Corps of Engineers

Speaker 2 – **Dr. Gerald Galloway**, Arthur Maass, Gilbert White Visiting Scholar, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Maryland

Speaker 3 – **Dr. Nicholas Pinter**, Professor, Department of Geology and Environmental Resources and Policy Program, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

### TOPIC 3: Ethanol Production and the Mississippi River

Speaker 1 – **Dr. T. Jack Huggins**, Upper Mississippi River Program, The Nature Conservancy

Speaker 2 – **Mr. Mike Hubbs**, Director, Ecological Sciences Division, Natural Resources Conservation Service, US Department of Agriculture

Speaker 3 – **Dr. Silvia Secchi**, Assistant Professor of Energy Economics and Policy, Department of Agribusiness Economics, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

### TOPIC 4: Clean Water and the Mississippi River – Uses and Threats

Speaker 1 – **Dr. William Franz**, Upper Mississippi River Team Manager, Region 5, US Environmental Protection Agency

Speaker 2 – **Dr. David Soballe**, Research Biologist, Engineer Research and Development Center, US Army Corps of Engineers

Speaker 3 – **Mr. Matt Rota**, Director, Water Resources Program, Gulf Restoration Network

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# Conference Fees and Registration

On-line registration at: [www.conferences.uiuc.edu/mississippiriver/index.html](http://www.conferences.uiuc.edu/mississippiriver/index.html)

## Registration includes:

- Welcome Reception on August 10th
- Confluence Field Station Sneak Preview and Reception on August 11th
- Mississippi River Stakeholders' Banquet with Keynote Speaker Alexandra Cousteau on August 12th
- Keynote Address by Alexandra Cousteau on August 12th
- Policy Forum Luncheon on August 13th

## Early Registration (by June 1, 2009)

- Inclusive Rate ..... \$150
- Student Rate ..... \$85

## Standard Registration (from June 1, 2009)

- Inclusive Rate ..... \$200
- Student Rate ..... \$100

NOTE: Registration will be closed at 8:00 am, August 11. *No walk-in registrations.*

## Accommodations



Hotel Collinsville  
1000 Eastport Plaza Drive  
Collinsville, IL 62234  
(618) 345-2800

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hotel Collinsville. Hotel reservations must be made by July 10 to ensure the conference rate. Rates are \$79 per person. All rooms are non-smoking. Place your reservations directly with the Hotel Collinsville by calling the number listed below. Ask for the *Mississippi River Conference* to receive a confirmation number. Directions to the hotel are available at [www.conferences.uiuc.edu/mississippiriver/index.html](http://www.conferences.uiuc.edu/mississippiriver/index.html).

## Call for Poster Presentations

You are invited to submit an abstract for a poster to be presented at the conference dealing with various aspects of the ecology of natural resources, policy and management, or socio/economic issues relevant to the Mississippi River.

The conference will consist of invited podium presentations and contributed poster presentations. For instruction on submitting an abstract, please request the official call for posters from [vbojic@lc.edu](mailto:vbojic@lc.edu).

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