



CNAES
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Funding
Visit report

1. Exchange information

Visitor: **Marta Zaffaroni, MSc student, Western University, CNAES Project 2.4/2.5**

Supervisor: **Dr. Irena Creed**

Conference: **ASLO 2017 Aquatic Sciences Meeting - Mountains to the Sea, Honolulu, Hawaii, Feb 26- Mar 3**

2. Objective/Purpose

The purpose of my trip to Honolulu was to attend to the ASLO 2017 Aquatic Sciences Meeting. More specifically the objective was to present my research (No wetland is an Island – Quantifying the contribution of individual wetlands to the resilience of species-at-risk on a prairie pothole landscape. Project 2.4), which was selected for a poster presentation.

3. Description of the visit

The visit consisted of a five-days conference focusing on this theme: “From the Mountains to the Sea” emphasizes the connectivity of our planet’s aquatic systems, and underscores the urgent need to share knowledge, insights, discoveries, and different world views about the lakes, rivers, streams, aquifers, wetlands, and oceans that comprise our Earth’s hydrosphere. The daily schedule was composed by morning plenary session, followed by concurrent oral sessions where presenters show their research in various field. Then the Award Talk Sessions ended the conference day. During the day, there were two poster sessions: I used to stay next to my poster in order to explain my research. Many people stopped and asked me about the work: they seemed interested in what I’ve done and they gave me several interesting suggestions for my research. I also attended two very interesting workshops: one focused on careers in non-academic fields, the other one focused on making presentation more engaging and appealing to those outside your specialty.

Overall, I consider my trip to Honolulu very successful. Presenting my poster to many people allowed a maximum exposure for my research and allowed me to get feedback and suggestions to improve it. Moreover, attending the oral sessions showed me the variety of themes that deal with water and gave me many new ideas about my research. This will surely be beneficial for my future work for the CNAES network. I am thankful to the CNAES Scientific Committee that funded this trip for me.