

***2009 Midwest Region Cooperative Ecosystem  
Studies Unit (CESU) Joint Annual Meeting***

**Great Lakes Northern Forest CESU, Great Plains  
CESU, and Great Rivers CESU**

**September 2-3, 2009**

**Hosted by; The National Mississippi River Museum and  
Aquarium and Grand River Center, Dubuque, Iowa**

## **Purpose**

The purpose of the joint meeting of three Midwest CESUs (Great Lakes/Northern Forest, Great Plains, and Great Rivers) is to discuss the role of the CESUs to enhance research, technical assistance, and educational needs and opportunities.

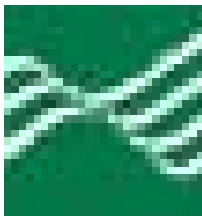
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# Agenda

## Wednesday, September 2, 2009

**Location:** Depot Café-meeting room,  
National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium (NMRMA)  
350 East Third Street

**Moderator:** Della Streaty-Wilhoit, National Park Service (NPS)  
Great Rivers Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units (GR CESU)

**1:00 to 1:45 pm:** Welcome

Jerry Enzler, Executive Director, NMRMA

- Introduction
- History and overview of NMRMA

**1:45 to 3:15 pm: Session I.** CESU Updates

- National CESU Network, Tom Fish
- Great Rivers CESU, Tony Prato
- Great Lakes – Northern Forest (GLNF) CESU, Stella Collier
- Great Plains (GP) CESU, Christine Lockert

**3:15 to 3:45 pm:** Break

**3:45 to 4:00 pm:** Charge for second day  
Tony Prato, GR CESU

**4:00 to 5:00 pm:** Walk-through Museum Tour

**5:00 to 7:00 pm:** Welcome Reception/Mixer

**Dinner on your own**

## Thursday, September 3, 2009

**Location:** Grand River Center, part of Grand Harbor Resort,  
500 Bell Street, Dubuque, IA

**7:00 to 8:00 am:** Breakfast & Networking: RiverSide Room

**Morning Moderator:** Chris Barnett, GR CESU, Center for Applied Research and  
Environmental Systems, CARES

**8:00 to 8:30 am:** Welcome

Gary Vequist, Associate Regional Director, Midwest Region of the National Park Service (NPS), Omaha, NE, Update on NPS Midwest Region

**8:30 to 11:50 am: Session 2.** River issues and challenges

**8:30 to 9:10 am:** Biological issues and challenges facing big rivers in the Midwest, Robb Jacobson, Acting Chief, River Studies Branch, Columbia Environmental Research Center, USGS, Columbia, Missouri

**9:10 to 9:50 am.** Historical and cultural issues and challenges facing Midwest Rivers, Mae Davenport, Assistant Professor, Department of Forest Resources, University of Minnesota

**9:50 to 10:30 am:** Break: RiverSide Room

**10:30 to 11:10 pm:** Management issues and challenges facing scenic and recreational rivers in the Midwest, Mike Madell, superintendent of Missouri National Recreational River (Nebraska and South Dakota), National Park Service

**11:10 to 11:50 am:** Management issues and challenges facing big rivers in the Midwest, Ken Lubinski, River Ecologist and Science Director, USGS, La Crosse, Wisconsin

**12:00 to 1:00 pm:** Lunch: RiverSide Room

**Afternoon Moderator:** Jerrilyn Thompson, GLNF CESU

**1:00 to 2:30 pm: Session 3.** Reaction and discussion of issues and challenges

- Cooperator panel (panel of university coordinators and federal agency representatives responds to: issues and challenges raised by speakers)
- Speaker panel (panel of speakers reacts to cooperator panel's responses and answers questions from audience)

**2:30 to 3:30 pm: Session 4.** Ideas and suggestions for potential future collaboration and funding needs

Meeting participants identify and discuss ideas and suggestions for potential future collaboration and funding needs

**3:30 to 4:00 pm:** Break: RiverSide Room

**4:00 to 4:30 pm:** Wrap-up, Tony Prato

Summary of issues, challenges, opportunities, and recommendations

**4:30 pm:** Adjourn

***Thank you for your support to all participants, committees and sponsors!***

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