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TO: Environmental Science and Engineering Students & Faculty

FROM: PWEA Research Committee
John M. Regan, Ph.D. – Committee Chair

SUBJECT: **CALL FOR PAPERS, RESEARCH SESSION, PENNTEC 2012**

PENNTEC 2012, the Annual Conference of the Pennsylvania Water Environment Association (PWEA) will be held at the Penn Stater Conference Center (State College, PA) June 3-6, 2012. The Research Session is devoted to student (graduate or undergraduate) research. Its intent is to provide a showcase for ongoing research activities in the field of wastewater, water quality, and environmental management relevant to Pennsylvania.

We strongly urge faculty to have students submit a short, 200-word abstract *with identification information provided on the following page*. **Abstracts must be kept to 200 words and may include up to two figures or graphs.** Suggested topics include (but are not limited to) wastewater treatment, sludge/biosolids management, collection systems, water quality issues, groundwater and stormwater issues, watershed management, and industrial waste treatment. Abstracts will be evaluated by the Research Committee on the basis of overall quality, technical content, originality, and relevance to issues related to wastewater treatment, water quality, and environmental management in Pennsylvania.

Five student submissions will be selected for the Student Research Award. Winning students will be asked to provide a poster and PowerPoint presentation, which they will be expected to present at PENNTEC 2012. The Student Research Award will consist of registration, lunch, an engraved plaque, a certificate, a cash prize of **\$250.00**, and the abstract being published in *Keystone Water Quality Manager*. In addition, the winners will be asked to submit an extended abstract. Of these five students who submit an extended abstract and present at PENNTEC 2012, one will be chosen to write a conference paper (by July 1, 2012) that the winning student will present at the National 2012 WEFTEC Conference (September 29 - October 3, 2012) in New Orleans, Louisiana. Expenses of up to \$1200 will be provided to the overall winner to cover plane-fare, registration, hotel stay, and meals.

The deadline for submission of 200-word abstracts is January 14, 2012. Students will be notified by sometime late February, whether or not their abstract is one of the winning five. Final information regarding submission of extended abstract, poster, and PowerPoint presentation will be forwarded to winning students at that time.

Please circulate this memo to your colleagues, announce to your students, and post. Questions and concerns are being handled by Dr. Jay Regan (email jregan@enqr.psu.edu).

Lastly, we would like interested professionals and faculty to consider joining PWEA Research Committee. Let us know if you are interested and someone from the research committee will contact you.

Please encourage your students to join the PWEA!

Please provide the following information as a cover page to the WORD file containing your 200 word abstract. Send the complete file as a single attachment to jregan@engr.psu.edu.

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