

The History of Wetland Science – A Forthcoming Series in *Wetland Science & Practice*

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INTRODUCTION TO THE SERIES

The Society of Wetland Scientists was founded in 1980 and will soon be 40 years old. It seems timely to us to begin to document the history of this new science before it is too late. Many of the people, and even institutions, who influenced its development have recently died or closed, and many other pioneering wetland scientists have retired or will soon retire. Given this situation, we would like to capture the early history of our science by getting the people who created it to write about their reasons for becoming wetland scientists and their contributions to the field. This series of articles will focus on two major topics: (1) the contributions of major scientists working in wetlands to the development of wetland science, and (2) the roles of major wetland institutions and organizations in the development of wetland science. Each article will highlight major advances, organizational and/or intellectual, that have shaped wetland science in the United States and around the world.

We have invited a number of distinguished wetland scientists to contribute articles in the series. We also like to invite anyone interested in the history of wetland science to submit an article for this series. We are particularly interested in accounts of the history of wetland science outside of the United States. If you would like to contribute an article to this series, please contact either of the editors of this series, Arnold van der Valk, Ecology, Evolution and Organismal Biology, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011 (valk@iastate.edu) or Gordon Goldsborough, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB R3T 2N2, Canada (gordon.goldsborough@umanitoba.ca). ■