

THE NORTH AMERICAN DIATOM SYMPOSIUM: A BRIEF HISTORY OF NADS  
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The Flathead Lake meeting of the The North American Diatom Symposium represents the twenty-first time that diatomists have formally gathered for NADS. The first meeting, called "*Ecology of Freshwater Diatoms*," was held in October 1970 at the Cedar Creek Natural History Area in Minnesota and was organized by Platt Bradbury and Ryan Drum. Four years later, the group gathered again at Hocking Hills in Ohio for the "*Second North American Symposium on Diatom Systematics and Ecology*", a meeting that set the stage for the now biennial gathering of this informal society. In 1978 (Iowa Lakeside Lab) and 1979 (University of Michigan Biological Station) the meeting was held in adjacent years to reset the timing of the meeting to occur in alternate years from the International Diatom Symposium. Over the last 40-plus years NADS has been held in twelve states and once in Canada (1993, Delta Marsh). With use this presentation to gather a brief history of NADS by documenting the first twenty meetings including their programs, photos, t-shirts, highlights, and attendees. The information gathered will be prepared for inclusion on the official NADS website at [www.northamericadiatomsymposium.org](http://www.northamericadiatomsymposium.org).

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