



## **NINTH WIOMSA SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM**

### **THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA), University of KwaZulu-Natal and Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) have the pleasure of announcing the Ninth WIOMSA Scientific Symposium that will take place in two provinces of South Africa!

The event itself will be held at the Wild Coast Sun Hotel in the Eastern Cape, South Africa from Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> October – Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015. Most of the delegates will be accommodated in the small town of Port Edward in the province of KwaZulu-Natal, a short distance, across the river, from the Wild Coast Sun.

More information on the symposium can be found at <http://symposium.wiomsa.org>

### **SYMPOSIUM STRUCTURE**

The symposium will comprise a combination of plenary and parallel sessions. Prominent experts from within and outside of the region will be invited to attend the symposium and deliver keynote presentations. Posters will be displayed throughout the symposium and a dedicated poster session will be arranged to facilitate discussions with the presenting authors. Keynote presentations, oral and poster presentations are scheduled from 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

Day 4, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015 will provide an opportunity for special sessions focusing on particular issues to be held and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015 is dedicated to excursions and tours to different places of interest in the area.

**SYMPOSIUM THEME:** Knowledge - improving lives in ocean and coastal systems

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### ***Keynote presentations***

The following six keynote presentations will be delivered during the symposium

- HUGH GOVAN - Promoting Community Resource Management in developing countries – What governments need to do?
- CHRISTINA HICKS - Valuing coastal and marine resources: how to use economic values to influence practices and decision-making processes
- IVAN NAGELKERKEN - Ecological connectivity among tropical coastal ecosystems – current insights and threats
- TUNDI AGARDY - Marine Spatial Planning: From theory to practice-Experience from different countries
- ISSUFO HALO - Drivers of Mesoscale Ocean Variability in the Southwest Indian Ocean: Impact on the Marine Ecosystems
- MICHAEL WATKEYS - The ever-changing canvas on which the portrait of life evolves

Keynote presentations have been allocated 45 minutes.

### ***Oral presentations***

Oral presentations have been allocated 20 minutes each. Chair persons will be very strict in time management, so limit your presentations to 15 minutes and allow five minutes for questions, discussions and changeover to the next presenter. Oral presenters are urged to give more time to the objectives of their studies and scientific results obtained rather than to literature review, materials and methods and /or description of the study sites.

All presentations should be handed in at the conference office a day prior to presenting in order to preload presentations thus enabling the smooth running of sessions (contacts: Innocent Wanyonyi ([innocent@wiomsa.org](mailto:innocent@wiomsa.org)) or Ms Tarryn Newman ([TNewman@csir.co.za](mailto:TNewman@csir.co.za))). Monday's, 26 October 2015, oral presenters will have to hand over their presentations to the Secretariat at the venue on Sunday, 25 October 2015, from 10am to 5pm.

### ***Poster presentations***

A session dedicated to poster presentations will be on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015 afternoon. Posters will be displayed throughout the symposium. Presenters should hand over their posters to the poster venue technician as early as possible on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015 through to early Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015. Standard poster size is A0 (1189x841mm) and the poster board size is 2400x950 Each poster should contain the title, author(s) name and address of the presenter (institution, city, country). If possible, attach a passport-sized photograph of the presenter to the upper right hand corner of the poster.

## **SPECIAL SESSIONS:**

Some of the special sessions that will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015:

- Coral Reefs: a Common Heritage
- Reforestation in Africa
- Fellowship and Short-Term Training Grant Application Writing Workshop
- Coral reef monitoring
- Effective Conservation Communication in the Western Indian Ocean

The deadline for expressing interest to organize special sessions is **31 August 2015**.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

A number of special events will be held before and during the Symposium, including:

- MASMA Grantees Meeting –23 - 24 October 2015
- Workshop on “Getting into Print” – 25 October 2015
- The MASMA Programme Committee Meeting – 25 October 2015

### **EXHIBITIONS:**

Requests for exhibition spaces have been received from:

- National Research Foundation (NRF)
- Marine Stewardship Council (MSC)
- Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
- Leibniz-Center for Tropical Marine Ecology (ZMT)

More spaces are available for organizations, programs, projects and commercial companies. Please contact the WIOMSA secretariat (secretary@wiomsa.org) for more details.

### **REGISTRATION:**

#### *Pre-symposium registration*

For planning purposes, it is important all participants attending the Symposium to register online and pay their registration fees by **15 October 2015**. Please note there will be no payment of registration fees at the venue. Please register from <http://symposium.wiomsa.org/symposium-registration-form/>

After registering online, you will be directed to the payment page where options for payments of registration fees are provided. Please note that students will be required to provide student ID numbers. Paid members will also need to provide a receipt number of their latest membership payment.

#### *Payment of Registration Fees*

Registration fees are as follows:

- US\$ 200 for non WIOMSA members,
- US \$ 150 for PAID WIOMSA members, and
- US\$ 75 for students.

### ***Registration during the Symposium***

Registered participants will receive the symposium documents, name tags and registration fees receipts at the venue on 25 October 2015 from 10am to 5pm and on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015 from 7am to 8:45am.

### **HOTEL ACCOMMODATION:**

A sufficient number of good hotels are found in the vicinity of the venue of the Symposium. WIOMSA sponsored participants will be contacted by the Secretariat to be informed of where they have been booked. Self-sponsored participants are asked to select the hotel of their preference amongst the hotels listed below when registering and fill in that information when registering. Symposium organizers have contracted a Durban based company, Event Solutions, to handle all the accommodation arrangements and the person responsible for accommodation arrangements is Mr. Reece Le Grange ([reece@eventsolutionskzn.co.za](mailto:reece@eventsolutionskzn.co.za) & tel: [+27 31 564 0664](tel:+27315640664)). Bookings are on a first come first serve basis. The rates given below are in South African Rand and are on a Bed and Breakfast basis. To book your hotel, please visit <http://symposium.wiomsa.org/conference-accommodation/>. Participants who want to share accommodation are asked to organise themselves into groups that fit the houses/challets available.

The hotels selected for the Symposium participants include:

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Price per person per night (ZAR)</b>
Wild Coast Sun	<b>Garden Facing Luxury King</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Double room:</li><li>▪ Single room</li></ul>	893 1 621
	<b>Garden Facing Luxury Family</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Double room</li><li>▪ Single room</li></ul>	1 031.50 1 898
	<b>Sea Facing Luxury King</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Double room</li><li>▪ Single room</li></ul>	949 1 733
	<b>Sea Facing Luxury Family</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Double room</li><li>▪ Single room</li></ul>	1086 2 007
Peermont Mondazur Hotel at San Lameer	▪ Sharing	1255
	▪ Single	1105
San Lameer Villas	▪ 1 Bedroom Villa	730 – 1100
	▪ 2 Bedroom Villa	1400 – 1650
	▪ 3 Bedroom Villa	1950 – 3100
	▪ 4 Bedroom Villa	2150 - 3950
*Carribean Estates	▪ 6 sleeper apartment	1760
	▪ 6 sleeper house	1980

	▪ 8 sleeper house	2640
The Estuary Hotel	▪ Double ▪ Single	1441.90 1054.50
Premier Hotel Edwardian	▪ Sharing ▪ Single	705 1105
*Port Edward Holiday Resort	▪ B Block: 4 sleeper ▪ B Block: 5 sleeper ▪ D Block: 6 sleeper ▪ M Block: 4 sleeper ▪ G Block: 4 sleeper	847 902 924 528 418

\* Self-catering facilities recommended for students

### **COMPETITIONS:**

During the Symposium four competitions will be organized. These are: Best Student Poster competition; Best Student Oral competition and Best Photo competition. For the first time, a Best video clip competition will be introduced in this Symposium. Winners of these competitions will be awarded special prizes. Details of the competition can be found at [symposium.wiomsa.org](http://symposium.wiomsa.org).

### **VISA REQUIREMENTS:**

Passport holders from Tanzania, Seychelles, Mauritius, Mozambique, and La Réunion, do not need entry visa for South Africa. Participants from Madagascar, Comoros, Kenya and Somalia, will need valid entry visas from South African High Commissions and Embassies.

Please visit the South African Home Affairs website for details on visa requirements; <http://www.home-affairs.gov.za/index.php/applying-for-sa-visa>. Please note that yellow fever vaccinations are required from many of the member states of WIO region.

The following documents will also be required for your visa application:

- Proof of accommodation (to be provided after the booking has been made)
- Letters of invitation (to be provided after registration).

### **POST-SYMPOSIUM TOURS:**

Different types of post-symposium tours have been arranged by organizers, details of which are found. For those who are interested to take any of these tours on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015, could find details of these tours including prices from <http://symposium.wiomsa.org/conference-accommodation/>. The list of recommended tours:

- Ushaka Marine World and Phezulu Tour
- Lake Eland Game Reserve Tour
- Aliwal Shoal Shark Cage Dive – half day
- Aliwal Shoal Reef Dive (1 Dive) – half day
- Aliwal Shoal Reef Dive (2 Dives)

Arrangements for pre and post tours to other places of interest in South Africa and neighbouring countries such as:

- Zululand (KZN)
- Sabi Game Reserve (Gauteng)
- Shamwari and Addo Elephant Park (Eastern Cape)
- Victoria Falls (Zambia)

Please contact Mr. Reece Le Grange ([reece@eventsolutionskzn.co.za](mailto:reece@eventsolutionskzn.co.za)) or the tour operator, Zulwini Tours & Safaris ([info@zulwini.co.za](mailto:info@zulwini.co.za)) directly for more info and prices of these tours.

## GOLF SHIRTS/T SHIRTS:

The Symposium organizers are producing special high quality Golf shirts and T shirts for the Symposium. These shirts will be branded/embroidered with the Symposium logo and will be on sale at the Symposium venue. Each shirt will cost R250. If you are interested, please indicate your size at <http://symposium.wiomsa.org/conference-accommodation/>.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more details, please contact: Ms. Omolo ([lilian@wiomsa.org](mailto:lilian@wiomsa.org)) or Ms Tarryn Newman ([TNewman@csir.co.za](mailto:TNewman@csir.co.za)). Please also visit [www.wiomsa.org](http://www.wiomsa.org) for more detailed information about the Symposium and associated events and activities.

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