

## **CALL FOR POSTERS-IOCARIBE INTERNATIONAL MARINE SCIENCES CONFERENCE**

We are pleased to announce that UNESCO IOC Subcommittee for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions - IOCARIBE is organizing the International Marine Science Conference: “Development & Evolution of Marine Sciences over three decades and the contribution of IOC-IOCARIBE for the foreseen future.”

IOCARIBE is responsible for the promotion, development and co-ordination of IOC marine scientific research programmes, the ocean services, and related activities, including Capacity Development at a regional level for the benefit of its Member States. This conference invites contributions addressing research improving the understanding of the Caribbean Sea and Adjacent Regions, and our ability to use its resources.

Posters describing research experience in areas such as, but not limited to, Climate Change & Marine Sciences; Observing System / Data management; Early Warning Systems and Services; Capacity Development; Assessment and Information for Policy Makers; Biodiversity & Sustainable Development Goals are welcome.

IOCARIBE Marine Science Conference will be held in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia on 24th-25th April 2017. Poster presenter attendance is free of charge. IOCARIBE Science Conference provides a valuable opportunity for attendees to learn more about the Wider Caribbean Region and its ecosystem services.

### **Key Dates:**

Call for abstract submissions closes 10 April, 2017.

Authors are required to print and display their poster and should also be available to discuss their work with attendees.

## **General Guidelines for Poster Production**

A poster should be self-contained and self-explanatory, allowing different viewers to proceed on their own while the author is free to supplement or discuss particular points raised in inquiry. Presentation should be kept simple and clear and a mixture of text and graphics is recommended. Remember that the viewer, not the author, as in the case of slide presentations, determines the time spent at each poster.

### **Poster Maximum Size**

120 cm high x 90 cm wide

### **Poster Layout**

Materials should be mounted or printed on poster paper or board. Use matt finish rather than glossy paper. Arrange materials in columns rather than rows. It is easier for viewers to scan a poster by moving along it rather than by zigzagging back and forth in front of it. An introduction should be placed at the upper left and a conclusion at the lower right.

### **Illustrations**

Figures should be designed to be viewed from a distance and should use clear, visible graphics and large type. Each figure or table should have a heading of one or two lines. Additional essential information should be provided below in a legend. Photographs should have good contrast, sharp focus and, if necessary, an indication of scale.

### **Text**

Minimize narrative. Use large type in short, separated paragraphs. Numbered or bulleted lists are effective ways to convey a series of points. Do not set entire paragraphs in uppercase or boldface type.

### **Titles and Fonts**

Titles and captions should be short and easy to read, in Arial font for preference. Use large lettering as this means a number of people can read the poster from a distance without overcrowding. Remember to caption your poster with the abstract title, authors' names and affiliations

# Headings should be a minimum of 48 point size

Whereas, 24 point size is suitable for  
text

## **Abstract and Poster Submission**

Submit your abstracts and posters via email to: [p.wills-velez@unesco.org](mailto:p.wills-velez@unesco.org) cc:  
[jemancerap@unal.edu.co](mailto:jemancerap@unal.edu.co) [c.toro@unesco.org](mailto:c.toro@unesco.org)

When submitting your proposal, please provide all the required information (names, affiliations, contact information), check the accuracy of your contact details and ensure that you have attached the file containing your abstract or poster.

Note: Proposals will only be accepted via email. The Program Committee will select posters that fit with the Conference focus.

Venue: Salón Manzanillo del Mar, Hotel Almirante Estelar. Cartagena de Indias - Colombia

More information about the Conference can be found here (<http://www.cco.gov.co/cco/prensa/noticias/96-not-as-marinos/329-conferencia-internacional-de-ciencias-del-mar-y-xiv-reunion-de-iocaribe.html> )

We look forward to seeing you in Cartagena de Indias.