



## **IOCARIBE 35th Anniversary – International Marine Science Conference**

**Hotel Almirante Estelar, Cartagena, April 24-25, 2017**

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the IOCARIBE 35th ANNIVERSARY – INTERNATIONAL MARINE SCIENCE CONFERENCE to be held in the city of Cartagena de Indias, April 24 and 25, 2017.

The main objective of the Conference is demonstrate to governments and to the general public, the value and importance of the IOCARIBE Sub-Commission's achievements, and make the international community and its leaders aware of the significant contribution IOCARIBE can make in the future in oceanography and related sciences and services in the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions. The overarching question for the Conference is: “Development & Evolution of Marine Sciences over three Decades and the contribution of IOC-IOCARIBE for the Foreseen Future.”

Key notes and Sessions are open to all participants. Main Themes of the Congress:

Session1: Climate Change in the Marine Environment

Session 2: Collection of and Access to Oceanographic Data

Session 3: Early Warning Systems and Services

Session 4: Capacity Development using the IOCARIBE Experience to build an effective strategy for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Session 5: Marine Biodiversity as indicator of Ocean Health

Session 6: Assessment and Information for Policy

The Conference is open to :

- Authorities responsible for marine sciences, ocean science & technology
- Leading experts and institutions with a leading role in marine sciences
- Scientists, experts and institutions involved in marine science
- Marine Science and biology students

Poster Session available. Poster presenter attendance is free of charge. Please confirm your attendance with your contact details to Dr. Cesar Toro [c.toro@unesco.org](mailto:c.toro@unesco.org) cc: Patricia Wills Velez [p.wills-velez@unsc.org](mailto:p.wills-velez@unsc.org); Myriam Garcia Internacional@cco.gov.co

Further information about the conference can be found in:

<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>.