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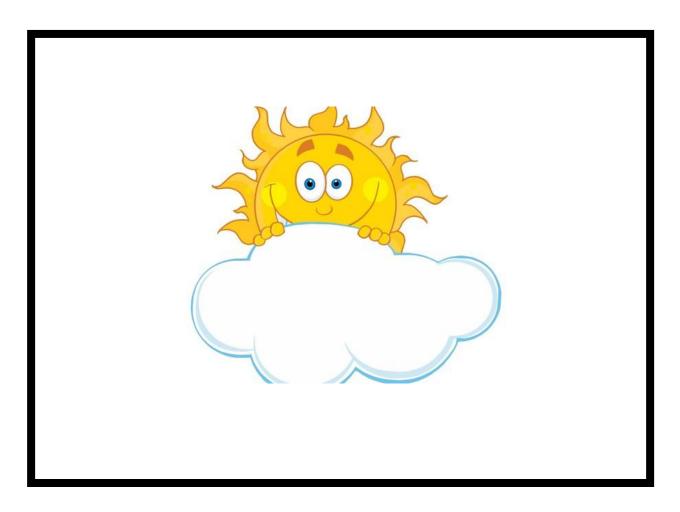
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Dear colleagues,

Time is really like an arrow! Only few days are away from the IsIMCo. Our Greek colleagues are doing their hard work for all of us, and will give us warm welcome. I believe in that this conference will show us full of cultural scent from the ancient history. I am also sure all of us would wonderful and beautiful enjoy environment at Crete. I have to express my sincere thanks to local organizing committee and Dr. Nikolaos Lampadariou for their all efforts for the conference. See you everyone very soon in wonderful island.

Wonchoel Lee

Message from Chair of 16th International Meiofauna Conference (IsIMCo)

Dear colleagues,

Many of you are in the midst of the summer period and I hope that you are all looking forward to a stimulating and relaxing week at IsIMCo. As we are only a few days away from the conference, a very exciting program has been put together which is available at the conference website (http://isimco.hcmr.gr/). Meanwhile, you can see a general overview of various social activities and scientific sessions at the end of this letter.

Each day of the conference will start with a keynote talk followed by a variety of scientific sessions and topics. In addition, two talks of cultural interest are scheduled during the first two days of the conference, one on the marine life in the ancient Minoan Crete and another one on the decryption of the mysterious Phaistos Code.

During the conference, the IAM Business Meeting will also take place (Thursday afternoon) where several issues will be discussed (e.g., replacement of members of the Board whose term expires, next conference venue, etc.). During the last day and just before the closing session, the general assembly of the Society will take place where we shall vote for or discuss important issues.

This year, IAM will once again provide 10 student travel awards from the Bertil Swedmark Fund to help young scientists participate at the meeting. The eligible students have been already notified and the grants will be awarded at the Conference.

These travel awards are raised through the donation of souvenirs that participants bring

from their countries institutions. The raffle is during the drawn Symposium Dinner and is followed by the traditional and

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limerick contest. So, please, remember to bring something nice to donate to the raffle (anything will do, mugs, t-shirts, drinks ... whatever) and be prepared to write some inspiring poetry to comment on events and facts that will occur during the week.

Nikolaos Lampadariou Chair of IsIMCo

Upcoming conferences

19th International Conference on Marine Biology (ICMB), Phuket, Thailand, March 6 -7, 2017.



Abstracts Submission Aug 31, 2016 Notification of Acceptance Sep 20, 2016 Final Paper (Camera Ready) Submission & Early Bird Registration Deadline Feb 10, 2017 Conference Dates Mar 6-7, 2017

Objective: 19th ICMB aims to bring together leading academic scientists, researchers and research scholars to exchange and share their experiences and research results on all aspects of Marine Biology. It also provides a premier interdisciplinary platform for researchers, practitioners and educators to present and discuss the most recent innovations, trends, and concerns as well as practical challenges encountered and solutions adopted in the fields of marine biology.

Topics: Topics of interest for submission include, but are not limited to:

- ➤ Biodiversity and ecosystem function
- Ocean acidification and biodiversity
- ➤ Marine Biotechnology
- Molecular Genetics
- Climate change
- Marine Ecology
- Evolution, systematics and developmental biology
- Mapping habitats and determining ecological status
- > Sustainable management of the ocean
- Biodiscovery and bioresources
- ➤ General Marine Biology
- > Hydrothermal vents and mining
- ➤ Marine Research Stations and Infrastructur

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 19^{th} International Conference on Biodiversity, Ecology and Conservation of Marine Ecosystems (ICBECME), London, UK, March 14-15, 2017.



Abstracts Deadline Aug 14, 2016

Notification of Acceptance Sep 14, 2016

Final Paper (Camera Ready) Submission &
Early Bird Registration Deadline Feb 14, 2017

Conference Dates Mar 14 - 15, 2017

Objective: 19th ICBECME aims to bring

together leading academic scientists, researchers and research scholars to exchange and share their experiences and research results on all aspects of Biodiversity, Ecology and Conservation of Marine Ecosystems. It also provides a premier interdisciplinary platform for researchers, practitioners and educators to present and discuss the most recent innovations, trends, and concerns as well as practical challenges encountered and solutions adopted in the fields of Biodiversity, Ecology and Conservation of Marine Ecosystems.

Topics: Topics of interest for submission include, but are not limited to:

- ➤ Biodiversity, Ecology and Conservation of Marine Ecosystems
- Marine Biodiversity , Anthropogenic Impacts and Biological Invasion
- ➤ Marine Biodiversity and Climate Change
- Marine Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
- Marine Biodiversity and Evolution
- Marine Biodiversity Data Management
- ➤ Marine Ecosystem Structure and Functions
- Regional and Global Patterns in Marine Biodiversity
- Strategies for Biodiversity Conservation in Marine Ecosystems
- Sustainable Fisheries and Marine Resources Management

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19th International Conference on Systematic and Evolutionary Biology (ICSEB), Toronto, Canada, June 15 - 16, 2017



Abstracts Deadline Dec 15, 2016
Notification of Acceptance Jan 15, 2017
Final Paper Feb 15, 2017
Conference Dates Jun 15 - 16, 2017

Objective: 19th ICSEB aims to bring together leading academic scientists, researchers and research scholars to exchange and share their experiences and research results on all aspects of Systematic and Evolutionary Biology. It also provides a premier interdisciplinary platform for researchers, practitioners and educators to present and discuss the most recent innovations, trends, and concerns as well as practical challenges encountered and solutions adopted in the fields of Systematic and Evolutionary Biology.

Topics: Topics of interest for submission include, but are not limited to:

- Applied Microbiology
- > Bacteria and Archaea
- > Evolution of Form and Function
- Evolution of Organisms in Time and Space
- Evolutionary developmental biology and morphology

- > Evolutionary ecology and behavior
- Experimental evolution
- Genome evolution and evolutionary systems biology
- Inventorying and Managing Biodiversity
- > Microbial diversity
- > Microbiology
- Paleontology
- > Phylogenetics and phylogeography
- > Speciation and evolutionary genetics
- Systematic and Applied Microbiology
- Systematic and Evolutionary Microbiology
- > Systematics
- > Systematics of prokaryotes
- The Evolutionary Thought: History,Philosophy and Society
- > Trends in biosystematics/taxonomy
- Trends in Taxonomy

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18th International Conference on Biodiversity, Biodiversity Models and Conservation Methods (ICBBMCM) , Zurich, Switzerland, September 15 - 16, 2016



Abstracts Deadline July 15, 2016

Notification of Acceptance July 31, 2016

Final Paper Submission & Early Bird

Registration Deadline Aug 15, 2016

Conference Dates Sep 15 - 16, 2016

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- ➤ Human Biodiversity
- ➤ Biodiversity and Evolution
- ➤ Marine Biodiversity
- > Chemistry and Biodiversity
- ➤ Global Biodiversity
- ➤ Plant Biodiversity
- ➤ Animal Biodiversity
- ➤ Aquatic Biodiversity
- Conservation
- > Endangered Species
- ➤ Global Warming

- Threats to Biodiversity
- Biodiversity and Ecosystem
- Sustainable Development
- Biodiversity Models and Conservation Methods
- > Forestry
- ➤ Biodiversity and Food Security
- Biodiversity Market

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19th International Conference on Biodiversity and Ecological Engineering (ICBEE), Durban, South Africa January 12 - 13, 2017.



Abstracts Deadline			July 20	, 2016
Notification of Acceptance			July 31	, 2016
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Registration Deadline			Sep 10	, 2016
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Objective: 19th ICBEE aims to bring together leading academic scientists, researchers and research scholars to exchange and share their experiences and research results on all aspects of Biodiversity and Ecological Engineering. It also provides a premier interdisciplinary platform for researchers, practitioners and educators to present and discuss the most recent innovations,

trends, and concerns as well as practical challenges encountered and solutions adopted in the fields of Biodiversity and Ecological Engineering.

Topics: Topics of interest for submission include, but are not limited to:

- Biodiversity
- > Human Biodiversity
- ➤ Biodiversity and Evolution
- ➤ Marine Biodiversity
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19th International Conference on Threats to Biodiversity, Biodiversity Models and Conservation Methods (ICTBBMCM),

Singapore, SG January 8 - 9, 2017.



Abstracts Deadline July 8, 2016

Notification of Acceptance Aug 8, 2016

Final Paper Registration Deadline Sep 8, 2016

Conference Dates Jan 8 - 9, 2017

Objective: 19th ICTBBMCM aims to bring together leading academic scientists, researchers and research scholars to exchange and share their experiences and research results on all aspects of Threats to Biodiversity, Biodiversity Models and Conservation Methods. It also provides a premier interdisciplinary platform for researchers, practitioners and educators to present and discuss the most recent innovations, trends, and concerns as well as practical challenges encountered and solutions adopted in fields Threats the of to Biodiversity, Biodiversity Models and Conservation Methods.

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19th International Conference on Marine Biology (ICMB), Dubai, UAE March 11 - 12, 2017.



Abstracts Deadline Sep 11, 2016

Notification of Acceptance Oct 11, 2016

Final Paper Submission & Early Bird

Registration Deadline Nov 11, 2016

Conference Dates Mar 11 - 12, 2017

Objective: 19th ICMB aims to bring together leading academic scientists, researchers and research scholars to exchange and share their

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- General Marine Biology
- Hydrothermal vents and mining
- Marine Research Stations and Infrastructure

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16th International Meiofauna Conference (IsIMCo) Schedule

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0.20	10.00	Monday, July 4th
8:30		Registration
9:00	9:30	Opening Session
		Theme: The response of meiobenthos to environmental changes Keynote 1: Richard Warwick. Evolving paradigms: the history of meiofaunal
9:30	10:15	research
10:15	10:45	Coffee Break
10:45	12:45	Patterns & scales
12:45	14:15	Light Lunch
14:15	15:30	in the deep
15:30	16:00	Coffee Break
16:00	16:45	Prof. Anastasios Eleftheriou. Marine life in Minoan life and culture
16:45	17:45	Climate change & acidification
		Tuesday, July 5th
		Theme: The role of meiobenthos on ecosystem function
8:45	9:30	Keynote 2: Michaela Schratzberger. Meiofauna matters: the roles of meiofauna in benthic ecosystems
9:30	10:15	Biodiversity and ecosystem function
		Coffee Break
		Biodiversity and ecosystem function (continued)
		Meiofauna in the food webs
		Light Lunch
		Meiofauna recovery in case studies
		Coffee Break
		Dr. Gareth Owens. The Phaistos code – The enigma of Minoan Crete
16:45	17:30	Meiofauna recovery in case studies (continued)
		Poster Session
		Wednsday , July 6th
	9:00	Daily Excursion: Gortys - Festos - Matalla
		Thursday, July 7th
		Theme: Taxonomy, systematics and evolution of meiobenthos
8:45	9:30	Keynote 3. Gustavo Fonseca. The contribution of meiofauna to evolutionary ecology
9:30	10:15	Morphology, phylogeny & biogeography
10:15		Coffee Break & Payment of IAM Membership
		Morphology, phylogeny & biogeography (continued)
		Light Lunch
		Morphology, phylogeny & biogeography (continued)
		Methodological approaches & taxonomy
	16:00	Coffee Break & Group photo
		Methodological approaches & taxonomy (continued)
		IAM Executive Committee Meeting
19:00	22:30	Visit to CretAquarium & Gala Dinner
		Friday, July 8th
		Theme: The use of meiobenthos on the assessment of environmental impacts
8:45	9:30	Keynote 4. Tom Moens. Experimental elucidation of meiofaunal trophic interactions: from radioactive tracer techniques to next generation sequencing
9:30	10:30	Meiofauna in bioassays
10:30	11:00	Coffee Break
	13:00	Meiofauna in environmental monitoring
13:00		Light Lunch
14:15		General Assembly Meeting

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