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FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Financial support will be available for a limited number of participants, especially for young scientists from developing countries in the WESTPAC region. Applications for financial support will be evaluated on the basis of the submitted abstract and geographical distribution. The organizer reserves the right for selection of supported participants.

REGISTRATION FEE

No registration fee is charged.



IOC/WESTPAC

7th International Scientific Symposium

Natural Hazards and Changing Marine Environment in the Western Pacific

21-25 May 2008, Sabah, Malaysia



Natural Hazards and Changing Marine Environment in the Western Pacific

INTRODUCTION



The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) is established as a body with functional autonomy within UNESCO to promote international cooperation and to coordinate programmes in marine scientific research, services and capacity-building.



As a regional subsidiary body, the IOC Sub-Commission for the Western Pacific (WESTPAC) was established in 1989, evolving from an IOC regional program. Its main task is to develop and coordinate required regional marine scientific research programmes, ocean observations and services based on priority interests of the Member States in the region and to implement the programmes and activities of the IOC in the regional context.



Since 1994, WESTPAC has its secretariat in Bangkok, Thailand, for which support is kindly provided by the Government of Thailand, through her National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT) during 1994-2005, and Department of Marine and Coastal Resources (DMCR) from 2006.

Encouraged by the success of previous six symposia, the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation of Malaysia and IOC/WESTPAC have joined hands to organize the Seventh IOC/WESTPAC International Scientific Symposium entitled **"Natural Hazards and Changing Marine Environment in the Western Pacific"** in May 2008.



DATE AND VENUE

The symposium will be held from **21-25 May 2008, Sabah, Malaysia**

The venue of the Symposium will be

SUTERA HARBOUR RESORT

1 Sutera Harbour Boulevard, Sutera Harbour
88100 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, MALAYSIA
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LANGUAGE

English will be the official language in the Symposium.

SUB-THEMES AND SESSIONS

The linkage between Western Pacific and Climate Change

1. Marine hazards and its long-term trends
2. Responses of the Western Pacific to climate change
3. Influence of Oceanic Change to the Climate in East Asia
4. Circulation and water exchanges

Marine environmental modeling and data management

1. Ocean modeling on dynamic processes
2. Ocean modeling on ecosystem and water quality
3. Ocean data and information

Coastal processes and managements in the Western Pacific

1. Coastal dynamic processes
2. Marine pollution and management
3. Material transport and their impact on marine environment
4. Observing and monitoring system in the Western Pacific

Marine ecosystem health and assessments

1. Evaluation of marine ecosystem health
2. Marine biodiversity in Asia-Pacific
3. WESTPAC HAB

The Symposium will consist of sessions of invited papers, voluntary papers and posters. Other relevant workshops with WESTPAC programmes are also welcome to be held back to back.

REGISTRATION AND CALL FOR PAPERS

For registration or enquiries, please contact the local organizing committee at the following addresses:

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21 January 2008 - Deadline for the submission of abstract

21 March 2008 - Deadline for the submission of the full manuscripts for proceedings

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