

Subject: Call for Abstracts for the 4th International Marine Conservation Congress is now open

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IMCC4 will be held from 31 July - 3 August 2016 at the Delta Conference Centre, St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador, Canada (YYT). We are now accepting abstracts for oral (spoken), speed (short spoken), and poster presentations, as well as proposals for *OceansOnline* facilitated discussions. *OceansOnline*, held 4 August, is a full add-on day to IMCC4 focused on communication and online tools for marine science and conservation.

All abstracts must be submitted online by 5pm (GMT) on 7 March 2016. Decisions will be made by the end of March 2016. Complete instructions for submission are available at the meeting website: <http://conbio.org/mini-sites/imcc-2016/registration-participation/call-for-abstracts/>. The selection process is highly competitive.

The overall theme of the congress is *Making Marine Science Matter*. For marine conservation to be effective, marine conservation science must matter to stakeholders, policy makers, and practitioners. To accomplish this, the congress will be organized around specific topics of interest for marine conservation in general, as well as for the local area. This list is not meant to be exhaustive, but merely a guide for proposers. Other topics of interest are welcome.

- Fisheries, aquaculture and the oceans
- Marine food security
- Conservation and management of the Arctic and Antarctic
- Conservation engineering
- Ocean science technology
- Marine energy
- Climate, ocean acidification, and the changing oceans
- Culture and the marine environment
- Advancing marine conservation through international treaties
- Effective marine conservation planning
- Communicating marine conservation
- Participation in marine conservation science (e.g. citizen and indigenous science)
- Marine tourism
- Marine policy
- Estuary and coastal restoration
- Conservation at the land-sea interface

In addition, the SCB Marine Section developed a list of 71 research questions critical to the advancement of marine conservation (<http://conbio.org/mini-sites/imcc-2016/about/71-questions/>). We encourage proposals that address one or more of these questions but welcome all abstracts related to marine conservation science and practice.

Thank you for helping IMCC *Make Marine Science Matter!*

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