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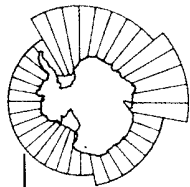
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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AND THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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The Commission agreed at its 2002 meeting to co-sponsor the 'Deep Sea 2003' Conference to be held in New Zealand from 1 to 5 December 2003 (CCAMLR-XXI, paragraph 14.19). Please find attached the latest information on the Conference which includes essential information on such matters as deadlines for abstract submission, travel and session themes.

Dr D.G.M. Miller
Executive Secretary

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a Deep Sea 2003 conference update

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Registration for Deep Sea 2003 opens

Registration for the world's first global conference on deep sea fisheries is now officially open.

Conference organisers expect registrations, which can be made via the event website www.deepsea.govt.nz, to be high with more than 30 countries having already registered an interest in attending.

Registrations to Deep Sea 2003, to be held in Queenstown, New Zealand, from 1-5 December, are limited to 500 people.

Delegates at the five day conference will discuss issues ranging from deep sea fisheries population biology, harvesting issues and the technology required to manage and harvest deep sea resources, to resource management and conservation strategies as a basis for future governance and management of deep sea areas.

Full conference delegate registration is \$975 (NZD) if received by October 16, 2003, and \$1,100 for registrations received after this date.

There is also a student registration fee of \$500 available for students with identification.

The cost includes the Sunday night welcome cocktail function, official conference opening, conference satchel and handbook, list of attendees, admission to all sessions, morning and afternoon teas and lunches during the conference, poster session cocktails, airport meet and greet, transfer to accommodation on arrival and departure, and the conference gala dinner.

Daily registration is \$250, and includes a conference satchel and handbook, morning, afternoon teas and lunch during the day, and admission to sessions on the selected day.

There are also registration options for partners and children, which include organised activities.

To register, visit www.deepsea.govt.nz, or for more information email eidre.sharp-brewer@fish.govt.nz or vickie@deepsea.co.nz. Registration brochures and forms are also available for those who cannot register via the website.



Media welcome

Organisers of Deep Sea 2003 look forward to welcoming fisheries media from around the globe to Queenstown in December. Media wanting to attend the conference should fill out the online registration form at www.deepsea.govt.nz (remember to tick the media box) or contact eidre.sharp-brewer@fish.govt.nz to receive a paper registration form.

Major sponsors

Organisers welcome the National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA), Census of Marine Life (CoML), and Unilever as major sponsors of Deep Sea 2003. They join the earlier announced major sponsor National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research Limited (NIWA).

Supporting sponsors

The Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences (GNS) joins the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), and the Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA), as supporting sponsors of the conference.

Event sponsors

Austral Fisheries Pty Ltd will sponsor the Gibbston Valley dinner, and New Zealand's Orange Roughy Management Company, the Hoki Fisheries Management Company, and the Squid Fisheries Management Company combine to bring delegates a Kiwi Country Night at the Moonlight Barn. For more information on these events go to the conference website www.deepsea.govt.nz.

Call for papers date extended

Due to the high level of interest, the call for papers submission date has been extended. Papers on one of the eight event themes should now be submitted by the 30th of June, 2003. All abstracts will be considered with the programme committee informing the successful participants by the end of July or, at the latest, early August. For more information on the themes and the required format and process for submitting abstracts visit the conference website www.deepsea.govt.nz.

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1-5 December 2003
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World experts to speak

Dr Michael Sissenwine, director of scientific programmes and chief science adviser for the United States National Marine Fisheries Service, will join the leading line up of fisheries experts to speak at Deep Sea 2003.

Dr Sissenwine has over 20 years experience as a research scientist and has coordinated research programmes across the USA in various roles for a number of years. He has provided expert scientific input to a wide range of international scientific, policy and management forums to assist in conservation and resource management decision-making.



Other confirmed speakers are:

Mr Mike Sutton, of the David and Lucile Packard Foundation in California, Mr Alastair Macfarlane, General Manager Trade and Information at the New Zealand Seafood Industry Council, and Dr Amos Barkai of Ocean and Land Resource Assessment Consultants. These speakers join Dr Andre Punt, Dr Andy Rosenberg, Dr John Gordon, Dr Wendy Craik, Professor Douglas Johnson, Professor Moritaka Hayashi, and Mr Michael Lodge as confirmed speakers.



Pre-conference meetings

A range of interesting meetings will take place prior to the main conference. These meetings will focus on specific and important issues relating to deepwater fisheries, and will provide the opportunity for in-depth examination of issues prior to the conference.

Topics currently to be covered in the pre-conference meeting programme include:

- * Management of deep water artisanal and small scale fisheries
- * Marine bioprospecting
- * Conservation and management of deepwater elasmobranchs
- * Assessment and management of deepwater fisheries.

There will be no registration fee for these meetings which will be held in Dunedin at University of Otago. Travel across to Queenstown will be organised for those attendees who have registered for Deep Sea 2003.

Contact the organisers for each of these meetings via the email link on the Related Meetings section of the conference website.

New Zealand – a few facts

The All Blacks, the Americas Cup, Kiwifruit, Lord of the Rings and let's not forget sheep... This is just a short list of icons and images that epitomise the international idea of New Zealand - but there's more, much more:

- * Dutch navigator Abel Tasman first discovered New Zealand in 1642
- * Captain James Cook claimed it for Britain in 1769 and produced a map of the country
- * New Zealand's indigenous Maori make up about 14% of the population
- * The Maori name for New Zealand is Aotearoa - the land of the long white cloud
- * The two islands combined are slightly larger than Great Britain
- * The New Zealand population passed the 4 million mark last month
- * The South Island is known to Kiwis as the mainland, despite housing only a quarter of the population
- * Mount Cook is New Zealand's highest peak
- * The Tasman Glacier in the Southern Alps is the largest glacier in New Zealand
- * Fiordland in New Zealand is one of the world's largest National Parks
- * Queenstown is home to the first, and original Bungy Jump, still running after 15 years
- * Sir Edmund Hillary of New Zealand, and Tenzing Norgay of Nepal, were the first people to climb Mount Everest in 1953



Pre and post tours

There is a large selection of pre & post conference tours available, and these can be booked when registering for the conference.

Queenstown is widely known as New Zealand's adventure capital and is set in one of the most beautiful locations in the world.

Tour options include visits to a golf resort, guided walks through alpine landscapes, food and wine tasting opportunities, river rafting, and fishing expeditions.

More detailed information, and prices, can be found on the conference website www.deepsea.govt.nz.

Coming up in the next edition of Fish Tales

- *The latest news on speakers and papers and posters*
- *More information on NZ and Queenstown*
- *More conference sponsor information*
- *Information on our co-sponsors*
- *Other meetings this year relevant to Deep Sea 2003*

For conference updates go to www.deepsea.govt.nz.

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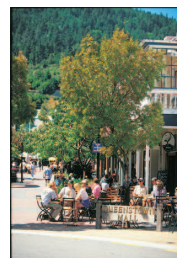


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