

UMS to organise ICOMSA 2016 on March 23 to 24

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KOTA KINABALU: The Borneo Marine Research Institute (BMRI), Universiti Malaysia Sabah will be organising the International Conference on Marine Science and Aquaculture (ICOMSA 2016) on 23rd and 24th March 2016, at The Pacific Sutera Hotel, Sutera Harbour Resort, Kota Kinabalu.

The theme for ICOMSA 2016 is 'Nurturing Innovation Ecosystems for Sustainable Oceans & Societal Wellbeing', with specific sub-themes covering a wide range of topics including fish feed and nutrition, seafood security, climate change adaptations, marine conservation, and marine policy.

This topic is of global relevance and is particularly important for a country such as Malaysia where marine ecosystem services play a significant role in socio-economic development, aquaculture industry is growing at a fast rate and seafood consumption is high.

ICOMSA is held annually to bring together international experts to share and advance scientific knowledge of the ocean ecosystem, to identify the elements which can foster a culture of applying innovative solutions to problems associated with production of seafood resources, to provide opportunities for multi-stakeholder dialogue oriented to developing creative solutions to unresolved challenges in research, policies and programmes, and to bring renewed awareness as well as commitment to addressing the need for synergy between science and entrepreneurship related to marine biological resources.

This will be the third time ICOMSA is held, and is expected to attract participants from universities and research institutions from within and outside of the Southeast Asian region.

Both oral and poster presentations will be held, and invited speakers include a keynote lecture by Mr. Francis Lee Choon Hui (Vice Chairman and Independent Director, Sutera Harbour Group Sdn. Bhd., Malaysia), and three plenary lectures by Prof. Dr. Shi-Yen Shiau (Lifetime National Endowed Chair Professor, National Taiwan Ocean University, Taiwan), Prof. Dr. Michael Borowitzka (Emeritus Professor of Marine Phycology, Murdoch University, Australia) and Prof. Dr. Shigeharu Senoo (Professor, Fisheries Institute, Kinki University).

For further details, please visit our website <http://www.ums.edu.my/ipmbv2/icomsa/index.html>, or contact the Conference Secretariat at 088-320000 ext. 2589. – (PR)