Preparation and Progress of the 11th WESTPAC International Marine Science Conference 2020

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Manila, the Philippines, 2-5 April 2019
Proposed Place, Time, Participant and Theme of Conference

- **Time and Place (tentative):**
  - 25-28 August 2020
  - Makassar or Jakarta, Indonesia

- **Main event:**
  - The main event of IMSC 2020 will be held in Four Points Hotel, Makassar
  - Located in downtown of Makassar (17.5 km from airport) and of about 3 km to the beach
  - 2 Ball Rooms with capacity of 2,000 persons (for plenary)
  - 19 Meeting Rooms (parallel seasons)
  - Cost: USD 75-80 per room per night
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- **Hotels surrounding the main event**
  - There are some hotels around the Four Points Hotel that can be reached by walking

- **Participant:**
  - Estimated at 500-700 persons coming from Asia-Pacific countries
Four Points Hotel Facilities

2 ball rooms

19 meeting rooms
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Conference Theme

“Charting the course of ocean science for a prosperous Indo-Pacific: Transformations in the UN decade of ocean science for sustainable development (2021-2030)”

Sub-themes:
- Sub-theme A: Understanding Ocean Processes and Climate in the Indo-Pacific
- Sub-theme B: Ensuring Marine Biodiversity, Food Safety and Security
- Sub-theme C: Maintenance of Ocean Health
- Sub-theme D: Enhancing Knowledge of Cross-cutting and Emerging Issues
- Sub-theme E: Exploring Deep Sea and Open Ocean Ecosystem
Workshop and Side Events

- Blue Partnership Workshop
- Science Communication Workshop
- Bringing Marine Science into Public
Time Schedule

 Announcement
   - Circular I  : 1 May, 2019
   - Circular II : 2 August, 2019

 Submission Date of:
   - Abstract Submission: September 15 to December 15, 2019
   - Travel Grant Application: September 15 to December 15, 2019
   - Best Young Scientist Award Application: September 15 to December 15, 2019

 Deadline submission: December 15, 2019

 Abstract Acceptance & Travel Award Notification: March 15, 2020

 Early Registration: September 15, 2019-April 15, 2020

 Regular Registration: April 16-August 16, 2020

 On site Registration: August 23, 2020

 Deadline for Confirmation of Presenters (oral & poster): April 15, 2020

 Pre-Symposium: August 24, 2020

 Symposium Event: August 25-28, 2020
## Registration Fees

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Publication

- KIOST journal
- Marine Research in Indonesia (MRI)
- IOP for local participants
Challenges

- **Location of the conference**
  - Makassar and Jakarta have advantages and disadvantages

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<td>Makassar</td>
<td>□ Strong supporting from local government and University</td>
<td>□ limitation of international flight access (regular flight from Malaysia, Singapore and Jakarta)</td>
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<td>Jakarta</td>
<td>□ Easy for foreign participant to come to Jakarta (many international flights)</td>
<td>□ Weak support from local government and University</td>
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<td>□ Easy to invite higher level of government, such as Ministry</td>
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- **Distribution or circulation of conference announcement to reach all potential participants around the regions**
Workplan (April 2019 – March 2020)

- **April 2019:**
  - Discussing, Negotiating and Signing Agreement with Event Organizer

- **May 2019:**
  - First announcement of conference
  - Development of conference’s website

- **June 2019:**
  - Disseminate and distribute the first announcement of conference through IOC headquarters in Paris (during IOC/UNESCO annual meeting)

- **July 2019:**
  - Development of Second announcement
Workplan (April 2019 – March 2020)

August 2019:
- Circulate the Second announcement through the website conference and IOC WESTPAC website
- Scientific Steering Committee Meeting (together with IOC WESTPAC Advisory Group Meeting) → to designate the convenors of conference

September to December 2019:
- Receiving and managing the submitted abstracts
- Distribute the submitted abstracts to the related convenor
- Receiving the Travel Grant Application and Best Young Scientist Award Application
- Declare the closing of submission through the website conference
Workplan (April 2019 – March 2020)

- January to February 2020:
  - Collecting the results of abstract reviewed from the convenor
  - Develop the list of travel grant application and best young scientist award application

- March 2020:
  - Conducting the Scientific Steering Committee Meeting:
    - Time: 3-4 March 2020 or 10-11 March 2020
    - Location: Jakarta or Bangkok
  - Scientific Steering Committee Meeting to decide:
    - Accepted abstracts
    - Accepted travel grant
    - Accepted best young scientist award
  - Notification (March 15, 2020) of:
    - Abstract Acceptance. Travel Award & Best Young Scientist Award
Expected outputs and/or outcome

1. Scientific exchanges on advances in marine science and identifying knowledge gaps for future cooperative studies
2. Capability building for young scientists
3. Ocean science literacy for stakeholders
4. Galvanize exchanges with stakeholders in the policymaking and business sectors
Recommendations

*With a focus on how the project can further contribute to UN Decade of Ocean Science and Sustainable Development (2021-2030)*

- To get the higher level contribution of conference to UN Decade of Ocean Science and Sustainable Development 2021 – 2030 ➔ there is an idea, if is it possible we can invite the eminent persons such as a Nobel Prize Awarded to joint the conference as a Keynote Speaker, such as Al Gore, Hillary Clinton, etc.
Thank you