



Mares Conference on Marine Ecosystems Health and Conservation

November 17th to 21st 2014

Olhão, Portugal

The first [Mares Conference](#) will be held in Olhão, Portugal, from **November 17th to 21st, 2014**. This international and open conference will bring together scientists from different levels and disciplines to discuss and address main issues about marine ecosystems health and conservation.

Marine environments are generally considered as highly valuable and their health and conservation status are seen as top priorities. Marine wildlife and habitats are facing multiple anthropogenic threats ranging from eutrophication to overfishing and ocean acidification. There is an urgent need to advance our understanding of the menaces on the marine environment and to provide constructive guidelines for management strategies. The first Mares Conference will take place in this context, aiming to address the main issues dealing with both marine ecosystems health and conservation.

Six themes will be developed through the conference, and for each one a keynote speaker will be invited:

1. Future Oceans : temperature changes - hypoxia – acidification: [Sam Dupont](#) (TBC)
2. Understanding biodiversity effects on the functioning of marine ecosystems : [Lisa Levin](#)
3. Biological invasions: [Gregory M. Ruiz](#)
4. Natural Resources : overexploitation, fisheries and aquaculture: [Rainer Froese](#)
5. Ocean noise pollution: TBA
6. Habitat loss, urban development, coastal infrastructures and Marine Spatial Planning: [Michael W. Beck](#)

The conference will be dynamic, innovative and participative, mixing oral presentations, round table discussions, science café and posters/ digital objects sessions. The small-scale, relax and multigenerational nature of this event will ease knowledge exchanges, networking and building of new collaborations between universities, schools, companies and experts from all around the world.

More information on the Mares Conference here: www.maresconference.eu

Call for abstracts is open, submit your abstract here: www.maresconference.eu/callforabstracts.

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