

Announcement

**International Seagrass Biology Workshop (ISBW-7),
Zanzibar, September 10–16, 2006**

The workshop will be held at the Zanzibar Beach Resort (see <http://www.africapoint.com/hotels/hotel.asp?hotelid=438>).

Rooms are US\$ 80 per night for single and US\$ 105 for double rooms (including breakfast). For information on Zanzibar and its surroundings, please see <http://www.tanzania-web.com/zanzibar/home.htm> or <http://www.tanzaniaodyssey.com/>.

The following Symposia Themes were chosen for ISBW-7:

1. Cellular Biology: From Molecules to Processes.
2. Ecophysiology and Ecological Interactions.
3. Ontogeny, Phylogeny and Taxonomy.
4. Biodiversity, Mapping and Management.

Keynote lecturers will include Salomao Bandeira (on East African seagrasses and their adaptations to various environments), Michelle Waycott (on seagrass taxonomy and evolution) and Paul Lavery (on environmental threats and seagrass management).

In addition to lecture and poster presentations, the workshop will include methods demonstrations and round-table discussions, and an excursion to Chwaka Bay on Zanzibar's East coast (featuring very special seagrass habitats of and *Thalassodendron ciliatum* and *Enhalus acoroides*, as well as intertidal algal farming).

Please pre-register to the workshop as soon as possible by e-mail to Matern Mtolera (mtolera@ims.udsm.ac.tz). In your pre-registration, please provide name, affiliation, e-mail address and your tentative presentation title. Registration will be finalised by paying the registration fee (US\$ 300) plus one hotel night (banking details will be provided to all pre-registered persons). The registration fee will include transportation to and from Zanzibar airport, an Abstract Booklet, a first-night cocktail mixer, lunches, coffee/tea, a conference dinner and the excursion. If you need a letter of invitation, please ask Matern Mtolera to have the workshop secretariat send you one.

Anyone wishing to give a talk or show a poster at the workshop should send an Abstract, via e-mail, to Sven Beer (svenb@tauex.tau.ac.il). The following format should be

adhered to: Title line, Authors and Affiliations line, Text lines. The abstract should be sent as an attached Word document, should contain ca. 250 words (left aligned, single spaced lines, Times New Roman font, 12 pt.), and should in any case NOT exceed a 1/2 A4 page (20 lines). In your e-mail, please indicate whether you would like your presentation to be oral or as a poster. The first author name on the Abstract should be that of the presenter. We allow for only one Abstract per presenter, but you may be non-first author name on other abstracts.

While we will fit the abstracts into uniform formats for printing an Abstract Booklet, no excessive reviewing will be done. Thus, it is the authors' responsibility to send in abstracts that are as flawless as possible. Depending on the number of contributions, and on the titles, the Organizing Committee may decide to change a wanted oral contribution to a poster.

- Deadline for paying the registration fee: June 1, 2006.
- Deadline for sending in the Abstract: June 15, 2006.

All the best from the Organising Committee of ISBW-7; please feel free to contact any of us at any time. We hope to see you in Zanzibar!

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