

CALL FOR SCIENTIFIC SESSION AND WORKSHOP PROPOSALS

The Program Committee for the Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation's 2011 Conference (CERF 2011) invites proposals for **special sessions** and **workshops**. In addition to convening sessions that consider new findings within CERF's traditional scientific disciplines, we plan to convene CERF 2011 sessions that promote new understanding of the interactions of socioeconomic and ecological systems along the coast. CERF 2011 will explore a theme of increasing regional, national, and international importance: the interactive dynamics of human societies and estuarine and coastal ecosystems. **The Program Committee especially encourages proposals that address this theme, including:**

- Integrated ecosystem and socioeconomic analysis;
- Estuarine and coastal resiliency and vulnerability to global climate change and other sources of broad-scale stress;
- Societal adaptations to changing estuarine and coastal systems;
- Resource use and management, including broad-scale coastal ecosystem management and policy;
- New and expanded uses of coastal resources, especially related to the exploitation of new sources of energy, as well as aquaculture;
- Eutrophication from local to global scales;
- Large-scale ecosystem restoration and adaptive management;
- International cases studies and comparisons among ecosystems, diverse societies, and their management approaches;
- Networks of integrative analysis that enable broad, international comparisons of ecosystem characteristics and trajectories (e.g. from Long Term Ecological Research networks (USA and International LTER) and Land-Ocean Interactions in the Coastal Zone (LOICZ)).

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SUBMITTAL INFORMATION

Proposed special sessions may have an oral, poster, or combined oral/poster format. Poster sessions will be highlighted during coffee breaks, happy hour and during the evening in the poster hall. We encourage proposals for innovative electronic "poster" presentations, e.g. using video or other interactive methods.

For a proposed session, please be prepared to act as the convener and/or identify others who will help develop and chair this session. The Program Committee will work with you to develop diverse participation and options for an integrated synthesis component for each scientific session.

As at past conferences, we plan a limited number of workshops on Sunday afternoon (6 November) preceding the evening Plenary Session. We may also have a few workshops in the week. Please use the new proposal submittal system to send us your workshop proposals.

SUBMIT ONLINE

To submit a proposal, please use the online portal. Go to the Federation's web site <http://www.erf.org>, then link to the proposal submittal site. There you will find further instructions for submitting a session or workshop proposal.

INFORMATION YOU NEED TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL

1. Lead convener name with full contact information.
2. Other convener names (limit to 3 other conveners) and email addresses
3. Identify one of four choices. Is this proposal for a workshop, an oral session, a poster session or a combined oral/poster session? Note that the Program Committee will do its best to give you your choice but cannot guarantee it.
4. Title. 10 words or fewer. If your title is greater than 10 words, we reserve the right to shorten it for publication.
5. Proposals. Submit a short description and optional long description of the session or workshop theme. (No tables or graphics, please.) Please restrict the body of your optional long description to one page (800 words). You will also be asked to provide a short description of 50 to 100 words for inclusion on the web site and in our newsletters, in the call for abstracts and in the program book.
6. Optional. Provide a list of identified or potential participants. Note that each session will include both invited (by you) speakers and contributed (from the abstract submittal process) speakers. Thus, we can only guarantee a limited number (6-7) of invitees per proposed session.

**Proposals for sessions and workshops are due by
17 September 2010.**

**Notification of acceptance
will be emailed in November of 2010.**

SAVE THE DATES!

*21st Biennial Conference
of the Coastal and
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CERF 2011

**SOCIETIES,
ESTUARIES
AND COASTS:
*Adapting
to Change***

**Daytona Beach, Florida, USA
6-11 November 2011**

**Call for Workshops
and Sessions is open
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