

Call for papers

The History of Marine Animal Populations program invites papers for the conference

Oceans Past III: Stories from the sea - history of marine animal populations and their exploitation

Date: 18-20 November 2010

Venue: Synge Lecture Hall, Trinity Long Room Hub, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland

The first decade of international, multi-disciplinary “History of Marine Animal Populations” (HMAP) research program culminates in 2010. At this juncture, it is appropriate to reflect on the project’s major achievements, to look ahead and consider the future of marine environmental history and historical ecology, and to consider how the knowledge assembled to date can be applied to marine resource management and conservation.

Themes

1. New evidence of historical change in marine animal populations and ecosystems

This theme session includes papers which report on new evidences of the dynamics of marine animal populations and ecosystems at various spatial and temporal scales. Amongst others, contributions from the following disciplines are invited: archaeology, paleo-ecology, environmental history and population dynamics. Expected papers range from single, local-scale studies to cross-regional synthetic analysis. Of special interest are process-oriented approaches which relate the observed dynamics of marine animal populations to climate variability and temporal changes in human-induced stressors.

2. Data management, modelling, and visualization in marine historical ecology

Papers in this session will focus on the development of bio-statistical, economic, climatic, and ecological modelling techniques with examples or case studies of their application to modelling historical data. In addition, this session will include topics such as the management and storage of historical climatic or biological data, and the visualization and digital mapping of marine animal populations and habitats of the past.

3. Linking history and science to policy and management

Papers in this theme will focus on the approaches and opportunities to use historical knowledge in policy development for marine resource management, conservation and/or education. Papers may emphasise local, regional or global policy implications of a project or projects. National agencies will be most interested in the results of local projects and in many cases specific results relevant to their

policy or management mandate. Other agencies with broader mandates will be interested in a more synoptic overview.

4. Stories from the Sea: narratives, perceptions and representations of marine animals

This session will analyse historical narratives, anecdotal evidence, scientific observations, popular perceptions and artistic and literary representations of marine animals. Over time, many people who interacted with the marine environment in various ways recorded their activities and perceptions in diaries, literature, art, photo albums and other media (including scientific reports). Their narratives were shaped by social and cultural circumstances of their activities. Looking on marine animals through the eyes of experts and exploiters not only provides fresh evidence of change in marine ecosystems, but also enhances understanding of the evolving relations between humans and marine nature.

5. Interaction between Human and Marine Animal Communities - long term changes in social and economic priorities

This session is focused on understanding human driving forces for the exploitation of marine animal populations and adaptation to changes in the marine environment. The session particularly invites analyses of the demand and supply sides of human consumption and utilization of the marine and coastal environment and the complex interaction between human lifestyle, societal institutions and marine animal populations.

Proposals should include a list of authors, the corresponding author and a max. 300-word abstract in English. The proposal must state at which thematic session they wish to present and include the participant's institutional affiliation and mailing address, email address, and telephone number.

All abstracts must be sent electronically to oceanspast@gmail.com.

Deadline for submission: 1 March 2010

Confirmation of acceptance of papers: 1 April 2010

Registration for the conference will be open the 1 January 2010

Information on this conference and HMAP is available at www.hmapcoml.org

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