

First Announcement



CIAC 2015 in Hakodate: Recent advances in cephalopod science

The Cephalopod International Advisory Council (CIAC) is pleased to announce that its triennial conference will be held during November 8-14, 2015, in Hakodate, a beautiful and historic port city located in northern Japan. The conference will bring together researchers, educators, and students from around the world who study cephalopods, which play important roles in marine ecosystems as keystone invertebrates.

Information about the conference is provided in this brochure. Updated and more detailed information will be available soon at the conference web site, which will launch in February 2015.

Important dates

Registration opens	Late March
Early registration deadline	July 1
Abstract submission deadline	July 1
Abstract acceptance notification	August 1
Workshops	November 8-9
Plenary sessions	November 10-14

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General information

CIAC was founded in 1983 to stimulate, accelerate and influence the direction of cephalopod research; to provide help and advice on aspects of cephalopod biology, including those relevant to the management of cephalopod fisheries; and to spread information on past and current research. One of its most important activities is to hold triennial conferences and publish the results in book or journal form.



Program

The conference will comprise workshops, plenary sessions, and a poster session. The first two days will be devoted to topical workshops, followed by four days of plenary sessions. Session topics will be announced soon. Topics that have been suggested include the following:

- Behavior
- Biodiversity and conservation
- Cephalopods and climate change
- Culture
- Fisheries
- Genetics and evolution
- Life history
- Physiology
- Processing and marketing
- Reproduction
- Roles in marine ecosystems
- Stock assessment and management
- Systematics and biogeography

Workshops

There will be about six workshops. Tentative workshop topics are:

- A review of the Cephalopoda collections used by Madoka Sasaki
- Artificial fertilization and live squid handling
- Mapping and forecasting of cephalopods using habitat modeling
- [Others to be determined]

Registration

Registration fees		
Registrant	Before July 1	After July 1
Professional	US\$300	US\$400
Student	US\$150	US\$200
Guest	US\$150	US\$150

The Professional and Student registration fees provide full participation in the conference and optional pre-conference workshops, including registration materials; admission to the welcome reception, poster session and banquet; and refreshments during the session breaks (lunches are not included). The Guest fee covers the reception, poster session, and banquet. The student fee does not apply to post-docs.

If you need a formal written invitation to attend the conference, please request one by e-mail from the conference secretariat. Please include the subject WRITTEN INVITATION REQUEST in the subject line. Include the following information in your message: name, e-mail address, home institution, and full address.

For registration details, please consult the conference web site (February).



Hakodate

Hakodate is the third largest city on Hokkaido Island. It was one of the first two ports in Japan to open to foreign trade following the visit of Commodore Matthew Perry's "black ships" in 1853. Several western nations set up consulates in the city and many ships, especially whaling and sealing vessels, used Hakodate's port facilities. Hakodate has had a long history as a fishing port, with kelp one of its early exports. Today it remains an important fishing port and is famous for its seafood, especially tuna, salmon roe, sea urchin, crab and squid. It is also famous for its spectacular views from the top of Mount Hakodate.

Accomodations

Attendees must make their own hotel reservations. A list of area hotels will be provided on the conference web site. Information is also available here:

<http://www.hakodate.travel/en/places-to-stay/>

Venue

The tentative conference venue is the Hakodate Kokusai Hotel, Hakodate, Japan
(http://www.hakodate-kokusai.jp/index_en.php).



Visas

In addition to a valid passport, some foreign nationals are required to obtain a visa, issued by the Japanese embassy or a consulate in your country, to enter Japan. If you need an invitation letter to obtain a visa, please request one by e-mail from the conference secretariat. Please send a copy of the passport photo page and include the following information in your message: name, e-mail address, home Institution, full address. Please include the subject VISA REQUEST in the subject line.

Information about visa requirements is available here:
<http://www.jnto.go.jp/eng/arrange/essential/visa.html>

If you have questions, please consult the Japanese Embassy or a consulate in your home country
(http://www.mofa.go.jp/about/emb_cons/mofaserv.html).

Proceedings

The conference proceedings will be published as a special volume(s) in a peer-reviewed journal(s).

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CIAC and the city of Hakodate look forward to seeing you in November!