

Conference Information

Conference Dates and Venue

The 10th ICOC will be held from 14-18 July 2008 in the four- star **Asia Pattaya Beach Hotel**, Pattaya, Thailand.

Official Language and Badges

English is the official language of this Conference. No simultaneous interpretation service will be provided.

Please wear your badge at all time, it entitles you to access to the meeting rooms and to all functions. Badges are color-coded as follows:

Local and International Organizing Committees - *Blue*

Participants - *Yellow*

Local Staff - *Purple*

Conference Accommodation

On the challenges for the co-organizers and both local and international organizing committees of the 10th ICOC was to ensure that we could combine both the quality of the scientific program and the quality of the accommodation. In order to guarantee a very comfortable stay to all participants and their accompanying persons at very reasonable prices we recommend that all participants choose to stay at the conference hotel: the 4-star **Asia Pattaya Beach Hotel**. This solution will offer a great opportunity for all scientists to meet each other and to continue the scientific debate in a relaxed environment, after the official program of each day.

Climate

Pattaya has three seasons: hot (March-May), rainy (June-October) and cool (November-February). It is warm and humid year-round, with little difference between the hottest and coolest months. Average temperatures round year is about 27°C.

The months with the most rain are July, August and September. Pattaya's coastal location brings sea breezes and the rain tends to come in short and heavy bursts rather than prolonged over days. No matter when you come, you'll have a good time. Lightweight casual clothing is recommended.

Currency

The monetary unit is the Thai Baht (THB; 1 Baht = 100 Satangs), one US dollar currently being equivalent to approximately THB 32.05 (subject to change) and one Euro currently being equivalent to approximately THB 50.34. Notes are in denominations of THB 1000, 500, 100, 50 and 20. Coins are in denominations of THB 10, 5 and 1. Credit Cards are accepted in most hotels, restaurants and shops. Traveler's checks may be cashed by patrons of most tourist hotels and are also accepted at most shops and restaurants.

We recommend you to change your money at any Thai banks upon arrival at the Bangkok (Suvarnabhumi) International Airport.

Electricity

Electricity is 220 volts, 50 cycles with standard fittings.

Breakfast/ Lunch/ Dinner/ Coffee Break

Breakfast is included in the Conference Hotel (included in room rate). Daily lunch, dinner and two coffee breaks (one in the morning and one in the afternoon) are provided by the conference organizers. Please note that lunch and dinner coupons can be found in your personal registration kit.

Transportation / Bus Schedule

The organizing committee has arranged buses or vans from the Bangkok (Suvarnabhumi) International Airport to the Conference hotel for all registered participants and accompanying persons arriving on **Saturday 12th July 2008** and **Sunday 13th July 2008**. You will meet staff of the local organizer at the **Airport Information Counter** which is situated between **Entrance 7 and 8** of the arrival hall (second floor). Please look for the logo "**10th International Conference on Copepoda**". It takes about 2 hours to reach the Conference hotel by car.

For participants who plan to arrive before 12th July 2008, you can travel by taxi which costs about 2,000-3,000 Baht from the airport to Pattaya. For more information please contact the conference organizer

Location of Conference Secretariat and Internet Room

The Conference Secretariat and Internet Room are situated on the first floor behind **the Conference Room "Samphao A and B"**.

If you have a laptop, wireless internet is also available and the password for using the conference wireless internet is "**10icoc**".

Guideline for Oral Presentations

For oral presentation, the author will have 15 minutes to present the paper plus 5 minutes for discussion. Invited speakers for some symposia will have 25-30 minutes to present the paper plus 5-10 minutes for discussion.

All speakers should familiarize themselves with date, time and place of their respective sessions. They are responsible for their designated session rooms at least 5 minutes before the beginning of the session, and for identifying themselves to the session chairperson. Speakers using Power Point format for their presentations are requested to submit it on a CD-ROM, the day before their allotted time slot.

Each session room will be equipped with the video-projector connected to a PC with MS Office XP (compatible with all versions), overhead projector and a laser pointer.

All speakers are required to strictly adhere to their allocated time. Moderators are advised to stop the speakers promptly when their time has expired.

Guideline for Poster Presentations

Posters will be presented at the Corridor beside **the Conference Room, Samphao A and B**. A 100 cm (W) x 120 cm (H) bulletin board will be provided to all poster presenters. Thus, the **poster size 90 cm (W) x 110 cm (H)** is recommended. Participants are responsible for putting their posters on display and removing them. The local secretary of the 10th ICOC will provide the equipment needed for mounting posters. Presenters should set up their posters on the board displaying their presentation number. The poster sessions will be held during the lunch time every day of the Conference except Wednesday.