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ICAIS

**14TH INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON AQUATIC
INVASIVE SPECIES**

**MAY 14 TO 19, 2006
KEY BISCAIYNE, FLORIDA**



Hosted by The United States Geological Survey

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Call for Abstracts

The Technical Program Committee invites the submission of 500-word abstracts of presentations and posters relevant to the focus of the conference. Abstracts are to be submitted in electronic format to the Conference Administrator before September 16, 2005. Email to profedge@renc.igs.net.

Suggested Topic Areas

Policy and Programs

- International cooperation on policy development
- Monitoring and rapid response to new invaders
- Developing and implementing effective management plans and programs

Ecological and Ecosystem Impacts

- Preserving native biodiversity
- Regions at risk
- Pathogen introductions and impacts
- Habitat/ecosystem changes
- Nutrient cycling
- Blue-green algal blooms

Socio-Economic Impacts

- Invasive species and human health
- Economic impacts of invasive species

Scientific Data Exchange

- Data coordination and database compatibility
- Addressing data needs for early warning and detection
- Data interpretation and response

Education and Outreach

- Effective education and outreach programs
- Local monitoring initiatives
- Raising awareness at the political and decision-making levels
- Volunteerism, stewardship and other grassroots initiatives

Vectors of Introduction

- Ballast water
- Hull fouling
- Recreational boating
- Aquaculture and live food-fish industry
- Water garden industry
- Pet trade industry

Control Technologies for Industrial and Non-industrial Settings

- Barrier technologies
- Biological control
- Chemical control
- Non-chemical control

Conference Location

All conference sessions are being held at the Sonesta Beach Resort and conference center in Key Biscayne, Florida – 20 minutes from the Miami International Airport and 50 minutes from the Ft. Lauderdale International Airport.

A block of guest rooms is being held for ICAIS participants at the preferred rate of USD\$138 plus 13% taxes per room per night based on single or double occupancy. There is an additional mandatory fee of \$10 per room per night that includes complimentary high-speed Internet access, up to 20 minutes of local and credit card calls per day, complimentary incoming faxes, entrance to the spa/fitness center, use of the tennis facilities, beach chairs and umbrellas, daily newspaper delivery, and in-room coffee makers and coffee.

Reservations should be made directly with the hotel by calling 305-361-2021. It is strongly recommended that room reservations be made well in advance of the cut-off date to ensure accommodation at the hotel. The cut-off date for reservations is April 1, 2006.

Conference Registration

The early conference registration deadline is January 31, 2006. Please complete the form at the back of this brochure, or on-line through the Conference Web site, and send payment by check or money order in \$USD payable to **AIS Conference**. Send payment to:

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To pay by Visa or MasterCard please contact the Conference Administrator and provide the information by telephone, or send the completed form by fax to the number indicated above. Please note that for currencies other than \$USD, the rate will be converted to the currency of the card at the applicable exchange rate at the time the transaction is processed.

Refund Policy

Registration fees are refundable, less a \$50 administration fee, provided that written notification of cancellation is provided to the Conference Administrator at the address indicated above by April 1, 2006. Refunds will not be issued until after the conference.

The introduction and spread of invasive species in freshwater and marine environments is a worldwide problem that is increasing in frequency. There are various pathways by which non-indigenous invertebrate, fish, and plant species are being introduced, becoming established and causing significant damage to coastal and freshwater ecosystems, and to the economies that depend upon them.

The US Geological Survey is hosting the 14th International Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species (ICAIS) that will be held in Key Biscayne, Florida, from May 14 to 19, 2006.

This conference series has evolved over the last decade into the most comprehensive international forum for the review of accumulated scientific knowledge; presentation of the latest field research; introduction of new technological developments for prevention, monitoring and control; and discussion of policy, legislation, public education and outreach initiatives to raise awareness of the impacts of aquatic invasive species and prevent new introductions. The conference typically involves over 400 participants from 30 countries representing academia, industry, government agencies, ENGOs and other stakeholders involved in the issues and seeking opportunities for cooperation and collaboration to address them.

Registration Form

Please complete this form, enclose payment in full by check or money order in US funds, payable to **AIS Conference**, and mail to:

Conference Administrator
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You may also pay by Visa or MasterCard by completing the credit card payment information indicated below and faxing to 613-732-3386.

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Registration Fees

Early Registration

(by January 31, 2006) \$USD
 Speaker/Poster Presenter/Session Chair \$300
 Conference Participant \$400
 Full-time Student \$150

Late Registration

(February 1, 2006 or later) \$USD
 Speaker/Poster Presenter/Session Chair \$350
 Conference Participant \$450
 Full-time Student \$200

Registration fees include participation in all sessions, registration materials, breakfast vouchers, luncheons each day and a networking reception.

Total Enclosed	\$	Total Enclosed	\$
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