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NaGISA Western Pacific Conference

Tokyo Japan , December 15-16, 2009

Natural Geography In Shore Areas (NaGISA) is hosting an international conference to facilitate the interaction of nearshore benthic ecologists and taxonomists from Western Pacific regions, as well as to present research and results from the NaGISA project.

Location and Details

The conference will be held at United Nations University in Tokyo, Japan with sessions on rocky shore and seagrass bed communities, nearshore taxonomy (macrofauna, macroflora and meiofauna) and an open poster session. In addition, East and Southeast Asia Biodiversity Inventory Initiative (ESABII) is hosting a conference on December 12-14 at the same location, and you may have an opportunity to attend this conference as well. Further details on the ESABII conference will be announced later.

Registration

People who want to attend the conference are requested to fill the registration form and CV form with abstracts for your presentations and send them to NaGISA Wpac office no later than September 30. The presentation can be by oral or poster. However, depend on the final schedules, all presentations could be by oral. Participants without presentations also need to send the registration form but need not to submit abstract.

Paper submission and travel support

NaGISA Wpac will publish a conference volume of "the Publication of Seto Marine Biological Laboratory" in 2010. Submission of your paper is welcome. Travel support will be provided to a limited number of Wpac participants who submit the full paper for the conference volume. Please fill "the paper submission form" and send it with the registration form and CV form by September 30. Deadline to submit full paper is October 30. Selection of the invitees will be tentatively announced on October 2 based on the paper submission form. Final decision of invitee will be announced by November 10 after the submission of full paper.

Introduction to NaGISA

NaGISA is a collaborative effort aimed at inventorying and monitoring coastal biodiversity. NaGISA aims to discover, describe and record the biodiversity of the world's coastal zones by using standardized protocols and by combining the participation of researchers and community groups. The ultimate goal is an international network dedicated to monitoring local biodiversity via globally distributed sites covering the nearshore from the high intertidal zone to 20m depth.

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