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SECOND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: *Submissions due Sunday March 17th, 2013*

The organizing committee for the Sustainable Ocean 2013 conference is pleased to invite interested students to submit an abstract for oral or poster presentations

The **environmental, social and economic** concerns that currently plague our **oceans** and those who depend upon its ongoing well-being are numerous and complex. With this realization, we have come to recognize that the solutions will not be simple. Particularly in this time of fiscal austerity and with the current political climate in Canada, whereby we have seen extensive changes to many Canadian environmental policies and legislation including the *Fisheries Act*, the *Navigable Waters Act*, and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, questions arise as to how best we can encourage **responsible ocean management and development**.

It is for this reason that “**Connecting the science, policy, and public spheres**” is an overarching theme for the Sustainable Oceans 2013 conference. The **student-led conference** aims to Build Bridges by bringing people together – voices from all sectors – so that we can **collaboratively develop a strong voice** on ways to move forward on ocean management issues. The event will include a panel discussion, workshops, oral presentations and poster presentations.

The keynote address will be given by Ms. **Sarika Cullis-Suzuki**. Sarika is currently finishing her PhD at the University of York, UK, examining the effects of anthropogenic noise on fish along the BC Coast. She is also passionate about science communication, and has filmed three episodes for the series 'The Suzuki Diaries' for CBC's The Nature of Things.



The three sub-themes for the Sustainable Oceans 2013 conference are:

❖ ***Responsible industry development***

- **Content:** fisheries and aquaculture, oil and gas, transportation, coastal development

❖ ***Stakeholder engagement and public participation***

- **Content:** environmental impact assessment, environmental education, First Nations participation

❖ ***Communicating information for effective ocean governance***

- **Content:** law, policy, information management

Attendance is free (but registration is required). Winners will receive a monetary award and be provided a publication opportunity in the Marine Affairs Program technical series, and all accepted papers and posters will be published in the conference proceedings.

Topics for papers and posters: Individual papers or co-authored group projects written for any course during the current and previous academic years and from multiple disciplines are encouraged and accepted. **Nine** (9) outstanding graduate abstracts for oral presentations and **Twelve** (12) graduate and undergraduate poster abstracts, addressing sustainable oceans in the context of the above sub themes are being sought.

Abstract Submissions: should be between **300-500 words**. In your submission please also consider the following questions:

- How does your chosen topic facilitate or deter communication/collaboration between those involved in ocean management? and
- How do you think we should address the problem/issue that you have identified?

Complete and submit your abstract submission form to OceansConf@dal.ca

Selection Process: Qualifying abstracts will be selected by members of the Marine Affairs Program student community.

Monetary awards of up to \$100 will be given for the best presentation and poster in each of the student categories (Graduate poster and oral presentation, undergraduate poster).

Accepted poster abstracts are also eligible for a \$30 stipend to help offset printing costs. Successful applicants will be notified by mid-March. Please complete and submit your abstract submission form to the conference organizers at OceansConf@dal.ca

Final Deadline for submissions: Sunday, March 17th, 2013.

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Please contact the conference organizers at OceansConf@dal.ca if you have any questions