

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

Scientific symposium 2015:

“Tools for assessing status of European aquatic ecosystems”



Time: May 6 - 7, 2015

Venue: Hotel Elite Plaza, Malmö

Welcome to the scientific symposium “Tools for assessing status of European aquatic ecosystems” organized by the research programmes WATERS, DEVOTES and MARS. The symposium brings together scientists and environmental managers to present and discuss state-of-the-art indicator development and assessment methods for ecological/environmental status of freshwater and marine ecosystems. The focus of the presentations will be related to the implementation of EU Water Framework Directive and EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive.

Key topics include:

- Development of indicators for assessing ecological/environmental status of streams, lakes, transitional, coastal and offshore waterbodies
- Validation of indicators against pressures
- Assessing uncertainty of indicators
- Combining indicators into overall ecosystem assessments
- Compatibility and consistency of assessment criteria across policies and environments

Target audience:

- Scientists involved in research applied to the directives
- Managers in local/national/EU agencies and regional conventions
- Other stakeholders interested in scientific development of assessment tools

Time schedule

December 1st 2014: Abstract submission opens • Registration opens

March 1st 2015: Deadline for abstract submission

Registration fee: 2 900 SEK (2 300 SEK excl VAT) by March 1st 2015 (includes attendance to the symposium, the programme including the Book-of-Abstracts, refreshments (tea/coffee), two lunches, the official Conference Dinner and one overnight stay at the conference hotel).

Scientific committee:

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