

Sent by UNEP on behalf of the 7IMDC

Dear colleagues,

Please find below some important updates on the 7th International Marine Debris Conference (7IMDC), which is scheduled to take place from 18-23 September 2022 in Busan, Republic of Korea.

The Call for Abstracts and Posters is Open!

The Call for Abstracts and Posters for the 7IMDC was launched on the 31st of March 2022, and is open until Friday the 29th of April, 2022. Successful abstract proposals will be offered a speaking time within the Technical Session to which the abstract is submitted, while successful poster proposals will be offered a space at the conference's poster event. Abstracts and posters will be evaluated on their technical merit as well as on their interest and relevance to the greater marine debris and plastic pollution community. For more information, please review the [Abstracts and Posters page](#) on the 7IMDC website, where you will also find the link to the online submission form, which will be via the [ExOrdo Platform](#). Each submitter will need to create a unique user ID and password in Ex Ordo (at no cost) to submit an abstract or poster.

Technical Sessions Selected

The Call for Technical Sessions was open from November 2021 to January 2022, and it received an impressive response – the number of proposals submitted was almost double what the conference can accommodate. The selection process was rigorous, and in the end 115 Technical Sessions were accepted by the 7IMDC's Executive Committee, organized around 9 thematic tracks. All final Technical Sessions, with titles and full descriptions, can be found on the [Technical Sessions page](#) of the 7IMDC website . Proposal submitters were notified by email on 13-14 March 2022 of their proposal's status – if you did not receive any notification, please check your spam folder or contact info@7IMDC.org. If your proposal was not accepted as a Technical Session, we strongly encourage you to consider resubmitting your proposal as an Abstract or a Poster.

Conference Format

Please note that the 7IMDC will be optimized to be primarily an in-person event, however the conference will have hybrid elements and will provide options for remote attendance. Session chairs and presenters will be kindly requested to attend the conference in-person, however should this not be possible then pre-recorded presentations will be considered. We will have more guidance on this available on the website in due course.

Registration

Registration for the conference will open soon, and more details will be posted on the 7IMDC website in due time.

Travel Awards

A limited number of travel awards will be made available to enable the participation of persons from low-income countries and small island developing states who may not otherwise be able to attend the conference. More information will be posted on the 7IMDC website by the time registration opens.

As always, we encourage anyone interested in the conference to subscribe to our [mailing list](#) to remain up to date on the latest news and developments. We also encourage everyone to share this email with friends, colleagues, or mailings lists of relevance in order to help us reach the broadest audience possible. Thank you and we hope to see you in Busan later this year!

Best regards,

The 7IMDC team

7th International Marine Debris Conference (7IMDC)

For more information on the 7IMDC, please visit our website at www.7imdc.org and subscribe to our mailing list at www.7imdc.org/signUp/mailling

Key dates for the conference can be found here: <https://7imdc.org/sevenImdc/importantDates>



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