



Friends of the Environment

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Call for Contributed Papers and Posters

Deadline: November 1, 2009

Friends of the Environment will hold its 4th biennial Abaco Science Alliance Conference in Marsh Harbour, Abaco, January 7th- 10th 2010. The meeting will include contributed papers (oral presentations), and contributed posters panel discussions. We invite submission of contributed papers and posters on the findings of your research on the natural history of the Abaco's/Bahamas at this conference. Papers will not be published, so we encourage reports from the author's most recent scientific investigations and management experiences.

All contributed papers (oral presentations) will be scheduled for 30 minutes, which includes 20 minutes for the presentation and 10 minutes for questions. Oral presentations are limited to Microsoft PowerPoint; no other formats (such as slides, overheads, or video) will be accepted.

We urge participants to consider presentation of their work as posters. Posters provide an opportunity for authors to participate in more detailed communication with attendees. Posters are displayed from Friday January 8th to Saturday January 9th and authors are requested to attend their posters during scheduled breaks. Posters will be displayed on horizontal cloth-covered boards 3ft X 4ft, or double area 6ft X 8ft poster stand.

Instructions for Submitting Abstracts

A maximum 300 words. Abstract should include a statement of objectives, brief description of methods, principal results, and conclusions. Include scientific names in the abstract but not in the paper/poster title. Also, do not abbreviate place names (e.g. state or country) in the paper/poster title. Do not include paper/poster title or author information in the abstract.

Abstract Evaluation

Papers and posters will be accepted based on their technical merit and contribution to our knowledge of species, populations, communities, ecological processes, management practices, conservation initiatives, education models, or policy issues. Papers and posters should present results from completed studies or completed phases of long-term projects. All abstracts will be

reviewed by at least two reviewers in a blind review process. Please note that presentations from students are welcome but are not given preferential treatment. However, time/space is a limiting factor and we may not be able to accept all papers/posters submitted (whether from students or professionals).

Notice of Decision

Notice of acceptance will be made by November 15th, 2009.

Registration

All presenters **MUST** register and pay the appropriate conference registration fee. Advance registration is strongly recommended. See the below registration form. Registration forms will also be posted on Friends website, www.friendsoftheenvironment.org in September, 2009.

Questions

Questions about the conference may be directed to Anita Knowles at anita@friendsoftheenvironment.org.

Date.....

PRESENTER ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM

PRESENTER'S SURNAME

First Name

Qualifications/Student status

Title of Paper

Co-authors

Presenter's Institution/Organization:

Postal address

Email address

Contact phone number:

PAPER DESCRIPTIONS

In general, papers should be of 20 minutes duration, with 10 minutes for questions between papers.

Audiovisual aids that will be made available include a data projector, computer (for PowerPoint presentations).

All presenters are asked to submit a brief abstract or short description of their presentation, which will be included in the Conference Proceedings.

Please submit your abstract with this form by November 1st, 2009 to (and remember you also have to register):



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ABACO SCIENCE ALLIANCE CONFERENCE (ASAC)

TOPIC

A CONFERENCE TO SHARE SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE OF ABACO AND THE BAHAMIAN ENVIRONMENT.

Meeting Registration Form

REGISTER BY MONDAY December 7th, 2009

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Province/Country _____

Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Fax _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Complete and mail this form along with your full payment; registration will

NOT be accepted by telephone. Registration may also be done online at

<http://www.friendsoftheenvironment.org/asac2010.html>

The full registration fee is \$100.00 per person and includes the cost of workshops.

Enclosed Payment: Check # _____ Check Amount _____

Visa/MasterCard# _____ Expiration _____

Signature _____ Date _____

QUESTIONS: (242) 367-2721

anita@friendsoftheenvironment.org

Additional information

Copies of the "Abstracts and Program" will be distributed upon your arrival at the conference site.

The conference's schedule will consist as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Thursday January 7th 2010	Welcome Reception	7:00pm–9:00pm
Friday January 8th	Presentations	9:00am–5:00pm
Saturday January 9th	Presentations	9:00am–12:00noon
	Free time	
Saturday January 9 th	Closing Reception	6:30pm-8:00pm
Sunday January 10th	Departures	

Accommodations:

Regattas <http://www.go-abacos.com/abacoregattas/index.html> Can accommodate up to 6 people per room and has kitchen facilities. It is also within walking distance of the majority of restaurants etc. in Marsh Harbour. Contact them directly for reservations and get the Friends of the Environment special.

Tel: 561-531-5125 and ask for Chris or Rowena.

Conference site: The hall at New Vision Ministries will be our conference site. Transportation will be provided to and from the conference site from Regattas.

Airport and transportation information:

Marsh Harbour International Airport, located outside Marsh Harbour, is where all flights to Marsh Harbour arrive.

Airlines serving Marsh Harbour:

American Eagle <http://www.aa.com/>

Continental Connection http://www.gulfstreamair.com/default_02.asp

USAir <http://www.usairways.com/>

BahamasAir <http://www.bahamasair.com/ss/>

Airlines from Nassau are

BahamasAir <http://up.bahamasair.com/>

Sky Bahamas <http://www.skybahamas.net/>

AbacoAir (242-367-2266) <http://abacoaviationcentre.com/Abacoair1.html>

Ground transportation:

Taxis are located outside the customs area at the airport. Taxi fare from the airport to Regattas is approx. \$ 15.00.

Rental Cars:

If you are interested in renting a car while in Marsh Harbour,

Sea Star Rentals <http://www.go-abacos.com/seastar/>

A&P Car Rentals 242-367-2655

Quality Star Rentals <http://www.qualitystarrentals.com/>

Rental Wheels <http://www.rentalwheels.com/>

WEB SITES TO VISIT FOR MORE INFORMATION

<http://barometerbob.com/>

<http://www.go-abacos.com/>

<http://coconuttelegraph.net/forums/>

<http://www.abacoinet.com/>

<http://www.abacoinfo.com/>

<http://www.abacos.com/>

<http://oii.net/>

<http://oii.net/alburysferry/>

We hope the above information will be a help in your travel plans.

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