

## Second Mediterranean Conference on Marine Turtles 4 - 7 May 2005, Turkey (exact location to be announced soon)

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In view of the success of the previous conference (Rome, 2001), the Second Mediterranean Conference on Marine Turtles aims to bring together field biologists, conservationists, government administrators and other professionals from all Mediterranean countries, involved in sea turtle research and conservation. The Conference is organised by: The Barcelona Convention (RAC/SPA), The Bern Convention, The Bonn Convention (CMS), The Ministry of Environment (Turkey) and The IUCN's Marine Turtle Specialist Group (Mediterranean Region). The Conference will present the most recent scientific findings and developments associated with sea turtle research, management and conservation aspects in the Mediterranean region, emphasizing the value of regional cooperation. This synthesis, in combination with the integration of environmental information with economic and social aspects, is prerequisite for adopting sustainable solutions to the numerous contemporary problems.

### Conference Subjects

The general subject of the Conference is: **Biology and conservation of marine turtles in the Mediterranean.** The Scientific & Programme Committee will classify the submitted abstracts to thematic sessions (e.g., Behaviour, Genetics, Habitats, Legal aspects, Management, Population assessment, Public education, Strandings and rehabilitation, Social aspects, Threat assessment & mitigation). Keynote speakers will introduce thematic sessions. Also, a number of workshops, round-table discussions and specific meetings are scheduled and will be announced later.

### Workshops and Other Events

Participants willing to propose any particular workshop or event that they would like to organize are invited to submit their proposals to the Scientific & Programme Committee (Andreas Demetropoulos <andrecws@logos.cy.net>) by **1 February 2005**. The final decision of accepting a proposal remains within the Organizing Committee.

### Conference Language

The official conference language is English. Financial constraints will not allow simultaneous translation to other languages.

### Submission of Abstracts

Abstracts for oral or poster presentations are invited within the subject of the Conference. Abstracts of no more than 250 words should be submitted on-line via the Conference website (to be announced soon). Specific instructions on abstract submission will be available at the Conference website or supplied upon request from Dimitris Margaritoulis (margaritoulis@archelon.gr). Please note that payment of registration fee is required before you are allowed to submit abstracts. Deadline for abstract submission: **1 February**

**2005.** Abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific & Programme Committee. Authors will be informed on the acceptance of their abstract by 15 March 2005. All accepted abstracts will be included in the Book of Abstracts, published before the Conference. Proceedings including full papers will be published after the Conference.

### Financial Support

A limited number of financial support packages will be made available by the organizers. Eligibility criteria include: (1) the acceptance of an abstract; and either (2a) residence in a developing country or country whose economy is in transition (for senior participants) or (2b) full-time student status.

### Registration Fee

A registration fee of 65 US dollars or 50 Euros will be applied. The fee entitles registrant to receive the Book of Abstracts (on-site) and the Conference Proceedings.

### Organizing Committee

Marco Barbieri (CMS)  
Eladio Fernandez-Galiano (Bern Convention)  
Dimitris Margaritoulis (IUCN's Marine Turtle Specialist Group)  
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*Note: Updates on the Conference will be posted in MedTurtle, the Mediterranean Sea Turtle Listserv. If you would like to subscribe to MedTurtle please contact: Alan Rees <alan@archelon.gr>.*