

# 17<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on



with focus on  
*Impact of Climate Change in the Mediterranean Region*

Organized by



**MESAEP**

Mediterranean Scientific Association  
of Environmental Protection

in collaboration with



Istanbul Technical University  
TURKEY



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Previous symposia were held in Athens/Greece (1981), Crete/Greece (1983), Istanbul/Turkey (1985), Kavala/Greece (1987), Blanes/Spain (1989), Como/Italy (1991), Antibes/France (1993), Rhodes/Greece (1995), Sorrento/Italy (1997), Alicante/Spain (1999), Limassol/Cyprus (2001), Antalya/Turkey (2003), Thessaloniki/Greece (2005), Sevilla/Spain (2007), Bari/Italy (2009) and Ioannina/Greece (2011).

The Executive Committee of MESAEP, the Steering and the National Organising Committees have the pleasure to forward this invitation to attend the 17<sup>th</sup> International MESAEP Symposium that will be held in Istanbul/Turkey from September 28<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup> in 2013.

## OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the symposium are to provide opportunities for academics, policy makers, regulators, and practitioners in different countries to

- ❖ exchange recent results related to the processes of environmental pollution and its effects on public health in the Mediterranean region
- ❖ discuss current technological and legal measures to avoid or reduce the degradation of the environment
- ❖ present suggestions and recommendations to the regulatory authorities on environmental quality and safety in the Mediterranean Region and its neighbouring countries.

This year's symposium will focus on **Impact of climate change in the Mediterranean region**

## MAIN SUBJECTS

Impact of climate change in the Mediterranean region

Soil pollution and control

Water pollution and control

Air quality and pollution

Biodiversity and ecosystem functions

Ecotoxicity

Environment and health

Waste management

Renewable energy sources

Emerging pollutants

Ecological disasters

Environmental policy and education

### **Round tables:**

Mediterranean megacities

Sustainable tourism in the Mediterranean Region

## ORAL & POSTER PRESENTATIONS

The program of the symposium will include plenary and keynote lectures, oral and poster and two round tables. Oral and poster contributions are scientifically equivalent in the program. Special focus will be devoted to the brief presentation of posters of original papers in full audience sessions. All presentations (oral and poster) should be in English.

## PUBLICATION

For oral and poster contributions, a one-page abstract should be submitted through the abstract submission system <http://www.abstractagent.com/2013mesaep/> not later than April 30, 2013.

The book of abstracts will be distributed in USB-stick to all participants upon registration at the Symposium.

Poster or oral presentation will be accepted if at least one of the authors is registered and present at the symposium for personal communication.

The Steering Committee of the Symposium will notify the authors on the acceptance and on the form of presentation by May 31, 2013.

All papers presented at the symposium will be eligible after peer review for publication in the international journal FRESNIUS ENVIRONMENTAL BULLETIN (FEB), the official journal of MESAEP.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Welcome cocktail  
General Assembly of MESAEP  
Gala Dinner  
Cultural excursion

## REGISTRATION FEES

	Early Registration (€)	Late Registration (€)
MESAEP Members	300	350
Special fee*	250	300
Non-MESAEP members	400	450
Special fee*	350	400
Students	220	250
Special fee*	175	200
Accompanying person	75	100
MESAEP membership	40 (per year)	

\* This fee is applicable only to delegates residing in countries classified as lower middle-income by The World Bank. Please check the classification of your country in the [relevant list](#).

The registration fee includes a final program, a book of abstracts in electronic format (USB stick), hospitality desk, coffee and refreshments during the symposium, lunch, welcome cocktail and certificate of participation. The fee excludes hotel accommodation, gala dinner and cultural excursion. Accompanying guests will be entitled to all the above reception and activities.

Undergraduate and graduate students can register at a reduced fee if they provide a formal institutional letter.

## DEADLINE SCHEDULE

April 30, 2013            Final Date for Submission of Abstracts  
May 31, 2013            Notification of Acceptance to Authors  
June 30, 2013            Payment of early registration fees  
September 28<sup>th</sup> 2013    Symposium, on site registration

## SUPPORT TO YOUNG SCIENTISTS

In memory of Dr. Manos Lahaniatis, founding member and past president of MESAEP, the association established one (1) scholarship to support a young scientist in his/her first year of post-graduate studies. The scholarship will be awarded during the 17<sup>th</sup> Symposium of MESAEP.

The "Manos Lahaniatis Scholarship" is a €5,000 non-renewable award and is intended to support young scientists in pursuit of graduate education.

To qualify, the applicant must:

- ❖ be a graduate student with University B.Sc. degree
- ❖ be up to 30 years of age
- ❖ have already been accepted at a University in a country other than his/her country of origin or residence for M.Sc. or PhD. studies under the general subject: "Environmental pollution and its impact on life"
- ❖ be a national or resident of a country of the Mediterranean Region.

The applicants should fill out and send the application form existing in the MESAEP web-site (<http://www.mesaep.org/scholarship/>) along with a short CV and their B.Sc. degree by the end of May 2013.

A Selection Committee of past MESAEP presidents will be appointed to review the applications.

## LOCATION

Istanbul has been inhabited as early as 3000 BC. In the 7<sup>th</sup> Century BC, Greek colonist Byzas named the city Byzantium after himself. In the 300s, Byzantium became part of the Roman Empire. In 330, the Roman emperor Constantine declared the city as the capital of the entire Roman Empire and renamed it Constantinople which further became the capital of the Byzantine Empire in the 400s. Constantinople was conquered by the Turks in 1453 and was named as the capital of the Ottoman Empire and its name changed to Istanbul. Nowadays, with 15 million population, the megacity Istanbul is the most crowded city of Turkey and the heart of economic and cultural life of the country.

The Symposium will take place at the Elite World Hotel (5\*) located in the Taksim area. The 2<sup>nd</sup> circular will include detailed information on the venue and the facilities available.

## REGISTRATION

Please use the abstract submission system <http://www.abstractagent.com/2013mesaep/> for being registered

Please see also: <http://www.mesaep.org/mesaep/symposia/istanbul-turkey-2013/registration-and-submission-of-abstract>

## ACCOMMODATION

Rooms at favourable price have been reserved at the Elite World Hotel (symposium venue).

The 2<sup>nd</sup> circular will include detailed information on hotel reservation and transportation.

## VISA

In order to travel to Turkey, please check if visa is needed at the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs website in the following link:

<http://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa>

## FELLOWSHIP

A limited number of scientists from MENA countries will be supported financially on the basis of paper submission and upon request.

## INFORMATION

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## LINKS

Homepage of MESAEP: [www.mesaep.org](http://www.mesaep.org)

Symposium venue: [www.eliteworldhotel.com.tr/](http://www.eliteworldhotel.com.tr/)

Fresenius Environmental Bulletin: [www.psp-parlar.de](http://www.psp-parlar.de)