



**Johnson Education Center  
Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute at Florida Atlantic University  
February 5-6, 2015**

**Call for Technical Presentations**

The Indian River Lagoon (IRL) Symposium is the result of a multi-institutional, multi-agency effort to provide a forum for discussing IRL science and its application to management of the lagoon. The symposium is open to scientists, decision makers, students, education and outreach professionals, and the interested public. The intent is to help facilitate better communication among these groups so that the gaps between research and its application can be narrowed. The theme for the 2015 symposium is *Indian River Lagoon: Lessons, Challenges, and Opportunities*. Oral presentations and posters on all aspects of science relating to the IRL are encouraged.

**Potential Participants:** Scientists and students from universities, agencies, non-profit organizations, etc. (as inclusively as possible) conducting or applying science in the IRL or those interested in these topics are encouraged to attend. Although this meeting is open to anyone interested in sharing their knowledge, activities and ideas, contributions by university students and early-career professionals are encouraged. In addition to being welcome to register and attend the whole symposium, the public will be invited to attend the poster session on February 5 and the public forum on February 6 at no cost.

**Venue:** Harbor Branch (for directions, see <http://www.fau.edu/hboi/ContactUs.php>) is located along the Indian River Lagoon in Fort Pierce, Florida, centrally located between the cities of Fort Pierce and Vero Beach.

**Program Schedule:** The technical program on February 5 will include oral presentations and posters on current scientific research on the Indian River Lagoon and its management. To encourage as much participation as possible in the oral sessions, short presentations (“3 Minutes – 3 Slides”) will be scheduled as well as the more traditional 15-minute time slots. Preference for the 15-minute sessions will be given to those speakers who address this year's theme of *Lessons, Challenges, and Opportunities* in the IRL and to speakers who are university students

and earlier-career professionals. The posters will be scheduled as a dedicated session near the end of the day, in combination with a social reception, which will also be open to the public.

A public forum will be held on Friday, February 6, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. In the 2013 *Forum on Lagoon Health* and the 2014 forum with the Indian River Lagoon Counties Collaborative, there was a strong consensus that local communities need to come together and apply scientific approaches to address Lagoon issues. This year, our public forum, will focus on *Citizen Science* – how the public can participate in scientific research on the Indian River Lagoon.

The program schedule for the technical session and other details should be posted by January 10, 2015.

**Registration** (<https://fauf.fau.edu/irls2015>): Registration for the technical session starts November 1. Due to the generosity of sponsors, registration fees are minimal. Early registration fees are \$20 (\$10 for students) and are **due by November 26, 2014, for anyone submitting an abstract. For those not presenting, registration is due by January 15, 2015.** After that date, late registration fees are \$25 and \$15. Registration includes coffee breaks, lunch, and end-of-the-day reception.

**Abstracts for Talks & Posters:** The presenting author should send an abstract (not to exceed 150 words, along with title and authors in the format below) and the form below to [dhanisak@hboi.fau.edu](mailto:dhanisak@hboi.fau.edu) by November 26, 2014. Abstracts will be acknowledged as received. For abstract guidelines, see sample abstract below from IRLS 2013.

#### **Sample Abstract**

(Times Roman, 11 pt; underline presenting author if is not the first author listed)

#### **Brevard Oyster Partnership for the Indian River Lagoon (Oyster PIRL): Brevard Residents Will Help Restore Our Lagoon by Raising Native Eastern Oysters along Their Waterfronts**

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Brevard Zoo is partnering with Brevard County to lead a community based oyster restoration project that will engage County residents living along the Indian River Lagoon. Participating residents will hang predator exclusion modules from their docks and raise oysters from highly vulnerable baby spat to thick-shelled young adults. On a bi-weekly basis, participants will collect information on oyster recruitment, growth rates and survivability and enter their data into a website organized by Brevard Zoo staff and volunteers. Their oyster data will help identify areas where large scale oyster reefs (to be populated by the young adult oysters raised by program) will both thrive and improve lagoon water quality.

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**Submit by November 26, 2014**

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TITLE OF TALK ( ) OR POSTER ( ): \_\_\_\_\_

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If requesting a talk:

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer a full 15-minute time slot

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer to make my presentation in 3 minutes, using no more than 3 slides (these limits will be strictly enforced!).

AUTHOR(S): \_\_\_\_\_

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PRESENTER: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Don't forget to register by November 26; to do so, after November 1 go to:**

**<https://fauf.fau.edu/irls2015>**