

**Indian River Lagoon Symposium**  
*The Indian River Lagoon – Looking Forward*

**Johnson Education Center, HBOI-FAU, Fort Pierce, Florida**  
**February 9, 2012**

The Indian River Lagoon Symposium is the result of a multi-institutional, multi-agency effort that will provide a forum for current scientific research on the Indian River Lagoon (IRL) and its management. The symposium will be open to decision makers and the interested public so that the gaps between research and its application can be narrowed. The theme for the 2012 symposium, *The Indian River Lagoon – Looking Forward*, is restoration, although oral presentations and posters on all aspects of IRL research are encouraged. This meeting is open to anyone interested to share their research activities and ideas; contributions by university students and earlier-career professionals are especially encouraged.

**Goals of the Symposium**

- Provide a forum for current knowledge, research, and monitoring in the IRL and its management
- Foster collaborations and discussions among scientists and decision makers
- Promote the participation of university students and new scientists, including avenues for interactions and mentoring with senior scientists
- Inform policy related to management of the IRL
- Increase public awareness of the IRL and its ecological and economic importance

**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**

This one-day scientific symposium will include oral presentations, panel discussions, 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, using no more than 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 restoration in the IRL and to speakers who are university students and earlier-career professionals. It is anticipated that the poster session will be scheduled as a dedicated session near the end of the day, in combination with a social reception. Program schedule and other details should be posted by January 7, 2012.

**Registration**

Due to the generosity of sponsors, registration fees are minimal. Early registration fees are \$20 for professionals and \$10 for other participants and are due by January 31, 2012. After that date, late registration fees are \$25 and \$15 for day-of-meeting registration. Registration includes coffee breaks, lunch, and end-of-the-day reception. To register, please fill out the form below and submit to: M. Dennis Hanisak, HBOI-FAU, 5600 U.S. 1 North, Fort Pierce, FL 34946.

**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 registration form and fees to [dhanisak@hboi.fau.edu](mailto:dhanisak@hboi.fau.edu) by December 15, 2011. Abstracts will be acknowledged as received. For abstract guidelines, see sample abstract below.

**Sample Abstract** (Times Roman, 12 pt)

*Indian River Lagoon Symposium: The Indian River Lagoon – Looking Forward*

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**Indian River Lagoon Symposium 2012 - Registration Form**  
**Submit by December 15, 2011, if wishing to present, or by January 31, 2012, if not presenting**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

AFFILIATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PRESENTER: \_\_\_\_\_ (    ) STUDENT?

**REGISTRATION PAYMENT** (Thanks to sponsors, we are able to keep registration fees to a minimum. Registration includes coffee breaks, lunch, and end of day reception):

<u><b>If received by January 31, 2012</b></u>	<u><b>Late Registration (at the event)</b></u>
_____ PROFESSIONAL (\$20.00)	_____ PROFESSIONAL (\$25.00)
_____ STUDENT/PUBLIC (\$10.00)	_____ STUDENT/PUBLIC (\$15.00)
_____ TOTAL REMITTED	_____ TOTAL REMITTED

**Send your check, payable to Florida Atlantic University, with this form to: M. Dennis Hanisak, HBOI-FAU, 5600 U.S. 1 North, Fort Pierce, FL 34946. If you wish to pay by credit card (VISA, MasterCard, or American Express), please list below the card type, your name as it appears on the card, the account number, expiration date, and security code or call Jill Sunderland [(772) 242-2506].**