
Proposal for 2013 IAMSLIC Conference in Fort Lauderdale, FL

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TO: IAMSLIC 2013 Conference Site Selection Committee
FROM: Jaime M. Goldman, Reference Librarian II, William S. Richardson Library,
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RE: Proposal for 2013 IAMSLIC Conference in Fort Lauderdale, FL

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for considering the William S. Richardson Library at Nova Southeastern University's Oceanographic Center in Fort Lauderdale, FL as host for the 2013 IAMSLIC Conference in the SAIL region. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or need any additional information. We look forward to the opportunity to host IAMSLIC in Fort Lauderdale in 2013!

About the University:

In 1964, what was then called Nova University was chartered as a graduate institution in the physical and social sciences. Today, NSU is the nation's seventh largest, not-for-profit, independent university, with more than 28,000 students and 103,000 alumni; a sprawling, 300-acre Fort Lauderdale-Davie campus; and a presence in nine countries around the world. Through five decades of explosive growth, our reputation for academic excellence and innovation continues to flourish.

The Mission of Nova Southeastern University, a private, not-for-profit institution, is to offer a diverse array of innovative academic programs that complement on-campus educational opportunities and resources with accessible distance learning programs to foster academic excellence, intellectual inquiry, leadership, research, and commitment to community through engagement of students and faculty members in a dynamic, life-long learning environment.

- Learn more about NSU at:
 - <http://www.nova.edu/overview/index.html>
 - <http://www.nova.edu/president/state-of-the-university.html>

About the Oceanographic Center:

A world leader in marine biological research with focus on coral reef science and shark conservation, The NSU Oceanographic Center has been at the forefront of graduate and undergraduate marine science education and oceanographic research for over 48 years. Students, scientists, faculty and staff come to the Center from all corners of the globe, with the common goal of learning from the ocean's living classrooms — in one of the most diverse ecosystems known to man. The Oceanographic Center serves as a national, regional, and community resource for information.

Located at Port Everglades in Hollywood, Florida, near Fort Lauderdale, the NSU Oceanographic Center spans 10 acres and is home to a large marina, affording immediate access to coastal and open ocean environments and ecosystems. The Center's facilities include a research library for the many disciplines of marine science, conference room, classrooms, staging area, electron microscopy laboratory, darkroom, machine shop, electronics laboratory, computer center, wetlab/classroom coral workshop, filtered seawater facility and research laboratories.

- Learn more about the NSU OC at:
 - <http://www.nova.edu/ocean/index.html>

***Please Note:**

Nova Southeastern University has established and will construct the Center of Excellence for Coral Reef Ecosystems Science (CoE CRES) Research Facility. The 86,000-square-foot CoE is to be located at NOVA's Oceanographic Center and its National Coral Reef Institute (NCRI) on the ocean side of Port Everglades in Hollywood, Florida. The CoE CRES will be the only research facility in the nation dedicated entirely to coral reef ecosystem science. Major goals include not only fundamental research but also to finding management and conservation solutions to pressing coral reef issues. Completion is scheduled by May 2012. The CoE CRES will also be home to the new William S. Richardson Library!

- Learn more about the CoE CRES at:
 - <http://www.nova.edu/ocean/coe.html>

About the Area:

The conference will be held at the NSU Oceanographic Center Campus in the Fort Lauderdale/Dania Beach/Hollywood area. The NSU OC is located in John U. Lloyd Beach State park which borders Port Everglades, and is just minutes away from the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport.

- Learn more:
 - Fort Lauderdale: <http://www.sunny.org/>
 - Hollywood: <http://www.visithollywoodfl.org/beaches.aspx>
 - Dania Beach: <http://visitdaniabeach.com/>
 - John U. Lloyd Beach State Park: <http://www.floridastateparks.org/lloydbeach/>
 - Port Everglades: <http://www.porteverglades.org/>

LOCAL HOSTS

- Jaime Goldman, Reference Librarian II, NSU Oceanographic Center hjaime@nova.edu
- Kathy Maxson, Reference Librarian II, NSU Oceanographic Center maxson@nova.edu
- Carla Robinson, Associate University Librarian, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Center Institute at FAU crobins@hboi.fau.edu
- The following SAIL Librarians have agreed to assist with the conference where needed:
 - Elizabeth Fish, Director, Rosenstiel School Library, University of Miami efish@rsmas.miami.edu
 - Susan Weiss, Urban and Environmental Affairs Librarian, FIU Library weiss@fiu.edu
 - Kristen Metzger, Director, Library & Information Services, Continental Shelf Associates International kmetzger@conshelf.com

- Natalie Wiest, Head Librarian, Jack K. Williams Library, Texas A&M University at Galveston wiestn@tamug.edu
- Joyce Shaw, Gunter Library, Gulf Coast Research Library joyce.shaw@usm.edu
- Duncan McClusky, UGA Tifton Campus Library Mcclusky@uga.edu

PROPOSED DATES

Traditionally, the IAMS LIC conference is held the 2nd week in October if possible. Below are the proposed dates that the conference could be hosted in October of 2013 from Sunday to Friday, including the 2nd week in October:

- Oct 6-11, 2013
- Oct 13-18, 2013
- Oct 20-25, 2013

The hotel is currently holding all 3 sets of dates until further notice.

MEETING VENUE

Meetings and breakout sessions will take place at the NSU OC campus in Fort Lauderdale. The new CoE CRES that will open in May of 2012 will provide an excellent venue for this. There are 5 large classrooms that could be utilized for breakout sessions and a large auditorium for larger events, such as the opening address, keynote speaker, all inclusive meeting, etc. All rooms have technology included in them. There would be no fee to utilize these spaces. There are also areas for eating and relaxing during the day, as well as for poster sessions if desired. Also, the library will be housed in this new facility.

For more information on this facility, please see: <http://www.nova.edu/ocean/coe.html>

The welcome reception and banquet facility will most likely be held at the Hotel venue – please see below.

TRAVEL TO VENUE

Flying: The Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL) and North Perry Airport (HWO), a general aviation airport, form a diverse and dynamic airport system. This airport system serves the needs of over 22 million annual passengers and the general aviation community throughout South Florida. As an international airport, FLL can accommodate flights from all around the world. Flights from most major US cities, such as New York, Chicago, and San Francisco, average about \$200-\$400 round trip. International flights from cities such as Frankfurt, Amsterdam, and London, average about \$800-\$1,300 round trip.

For more information on FLL: <http://www.broward.org/airport/Pages/Default.aspx>

The Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport is only 6.8 miles away (<http://mapq.st/nejofx>) from the conference venue.

Attendees also have the option of flying into the Miami International Airport, which is 30 miles south of the conference venue.

Driving: U.S. attendees have the option of driving to the South Florida area via major highways such as I-95, the Florida Turnpike, and I-75. For example, the drive from New York to South Florida would be 1,280+ miles.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Accommodations will be provided by the Marriott Hollywood Beach, Florida hotel. There are 229 guestrooms and suites with views of the ocean or intracoastal waterway. Amenities include: High-speed Internet access, voice mail, TV with remote control, cable/satellite TV, complimentary newspaper delivered Monday thru Friday, complimentary in-room coffee, iron and ironing board, hairdryer, in-room safe, executive floor and cribs available on request.

Rates with the group/conference discount are \$159/night for single occupancy and \$219/night for double occupancy (total for both in 1 room). These rooms are partial ocean view with furnished balconies. All dates are available at this time.

The hotel also includes several dining options as well as shops and a spa.

They provide a video online: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jGvedo0QCHc>

The hotel is located along the Hollywood Broadwalk:

Come see why Travel + Leisure named the Hollywood Broadwalk one of America's Best Beach Boardwalks. The Hollywood Beach Broadwalk, a 2.5-mile-long pedestrian promenade, bustles with joggers, skaters, cyclists and old-fashioned charm, a mere four steps from the beach's western edge. Rent wheels of the people-propelled variety and join the lively crowd on the brick-paved pathway. Also, Jet Ski rentals and cabana rentals are a breeze with outfitters along the Broadwalk. Hint: Seaside cafes facing the ocean are a great people-watching spot.

For more information:

- Hotel: <http://www.hollywoodbeachmarriott.com/index.html>
- Hollywood Beach Map: <http://www.visithollywoodfl.org/hollywoodmap.pdf>
 - The Marriott Hotel is the thin, light blue building near Charnow Park
- City of Hollywood: <http://www.visithollywoodfl.org/default.aspx>

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

There are the usual airport shuttles and taxi services available in the area.

The Hollywood Trolley (<http://www.visithollywoodfl.org/trolley.aspx>) will provide free service to and from the hotel and conference venues, which are 4.5 miles apart (<http://mapq.st/oHMwFS>), during limited hours. We can also arrange for campus shuttles to be available to run back and forth all day for a fee of \$25/hour (for all attendees, not per person).

FOOD

Both the Marriott and NSU provide food choices, as far as both venues and catering, for all meals. The Marriott will consider providing a free continental breakfast based on the package they put together for us.

Dining at the Marriott: Latitudes on the Beach offers indoor and outdoor seating for an exquisite culinary experience. Visit them at www.latitudesonthebeach.com. Outdoor, beachfront Tiki Bar with live entertainment & specials await you. Rooftop ocean view concierge lounge offers the best in amenities and views. There are also venues along the Hollywood Broadwalk for eating

Dining at the NSU OC: The NSU Chartwell's catering will provide coffee/tea, breakfasts, lunches, and breaks/snacks as needed throughout the day at the NSU OC Coe CRES.

- **Breakfast:** ranges from simple at \$8/pp to full selection at \$15/pp.
- **Lunch:** Lunches can either be [cold salads, wraps or sandwiches](#) or [hot lunch buffets](#), ranging from \$10/pp to \$15/pp.
- **Snacks:** Snacks and breaks range from \$5/pp to \$9/pp.
- **Coffee:** Coffee and tea averages about \$15 - \$25/gallon.
- **Dinner:** Dinner can be on your own or at the hotel venue/Hollywood Broadwalk.

WELCOME RECEPTION VENUE

There are many options for the welcome reception venue. We propose to hold it at the Marriott Hotel venue as travelers will be arriving at various times and will not require additional transportation to the event if it is held at the hotel. The event could be held inside or outside near the beach. They have 2 ballrooms, a pre-function area, a terrace, a porch, a restaurant, and a sundeck by the pool to choose from. Price will depend on location and food. Meeting rooms, depending on specific sizes needed, range from \$250 - \$500 per day in room rental. If we do any events with food & beverage, room rental is offered for half price. Menus can be found here: <http://hollywoodbeachmarriott.com/pdf/Hollywood%20Beach%20Marriott%20Catering%20Menu.pdf>. Also, the venue provides a video online which showcases the venues near the end: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jGvedo0QCHc>

If an offsite venue is preferred at a more interesting facility, there are many wonderful and exciting options to pick from in the Fort Lauderdale area.

BANQUET VENUE

There are many options for the banquet venue. We propose to hold it at the Marriott Hotel venue as they can host large groups, and once again, this will not require additional transportation to the event if it is held at the hotel. The event could be held inside or outside near the beach. They have 2 ballrooms, a pre-function area, a terrace, a porch, a restaurant, and a sundeck by the pool to choose from. Price will depend on location and food. If an offsite venue is preferred at a more interesting facility, there are many options to pick from in the Fort Lauderdale area.

Menus can be found here:

<http://hollywoodbeachmarriott.com/pdf/Hollywood%20Beach%20Marriott%20Catering%20Menus.pdf> . Also, the venue provides a video online which showcases the venues near the end: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jGvedo0QCHc>

If an offsite venue is preferred at a more interesting facility, there are many wonderful and exciting options to pick from in the Fort Lauderdale area. One option: Jungle Queen Riverboat Cruise: <http://www.junglequeen.com/> & <http://www.junglequeen.com/Bbq.html> for dinner cruise.

REGISTRATION/TICKETS

Online registration, printing of tickets for events, etc., would be provided by the RegOnline Committee using IAMSLIC's RegOnline account. If needed, NSU technology staff can provide additional options and assistance.

SPEAKERS

World renowned researchers and scientists from NSU and their affiliates would be guest speakers. We do have a connection with [Guy Harvey](#), a world renowned artist, scientist, diver, angler, conservationist and explorer, through the university and could see if he is available for a reasonable fee.

A sample of potential speakers and their respective areas of specialization:

- [Richard E. Dodge](#): Dean; Geology and Ecology of Coral reefs
- [Edward O. Keith](#): Biology, conservation, ecology, evolution, and physiology of marine mammals, including whales, dolphins, and manatees
- [Jose V. Lopez](#): Molecular biology, systematics and microbiological research on various marine invertebrates, including corals, marine sponges and their symbiotic microbes
- [Charles Messing](#): Systematics, evolution and ecology of living Crinoidea (*Echinodermata*). Ecology and biogeography of tropical deep-water hard-substrate assemblages
- [Mahmood Shivji](#): Conservation Biology, Fisheries, Molecular Ecology, Genetic Connectivity and Diversity, Coral Reefs, Sharks, Rays, Billfishes
- [Richard E. Spieler](#): Fishes with emphasis on distribution and restoration as well as anatomy, physiology, natural history, and behavior
- [James D. Thomas](#): Marine biodiversity and biogeography of tropical and subtropical marine systems, with a primary focus on coral reefs

University Administration who may also serve as speakers:

- President Dr. George Hanbury, President/CEO of Nova Southeastern University
- Lydia M. Acosta, Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian for Nova Southeastern University Libraries
- Dean Richard Dodge, Dean of the NSU Oceanographic Center

FIELD TRIP OPTIONS

- Visit to the Florida Everglades, including airboat rides and tours (also includes wildlife shows and “gator wrestling” shows):
 - <http://www.florida-everglades.com/active.htm>
 - www.evergladesholidaypark.com
 - <http://evergladestours.com/>
 - <http://www.gatorpark.com/>
 - <http://www.airboateverglades.com/>
 - <http://www.billieswamp.com/>
 - www.seminoletribe.com/museum
 - www.seminoletribe.com/safari
- Fort Lauderdale Water Taxi Tours
 - <http://www.watertaxi.com/>
 - Includes an option to go down to South Beach in Miami
 - <http://www.watertaxi.com/watertaxi/south-beach/>
- Fort Lauderdale Museum of Science and Discovery and IMAX Theater:
 - <http://www.mods.org/home.htm>
- Jungle Island:
 - <http://jungleisland.com/>
- Lion Country Safari (Florida’s only drive-through safari):
 - <http://www.lioncountrysafari.com/>
- Miami Seaquarium:
 - <http://www.miamiseaquarium.com/>
- Zoo Miami:
 - <http://www.miamimetrozoo.com/>
- Catamaran Sail:
 - <http://www.tropicalsailing.com/>
 - <http://www.sunny.org/visitors/ways-to-play/sightseeing-cruises-and-tours/>
- Jungle Queen Riverboat Cruise (might be good option for banquet too):
 - <http://www.junglequeen.com/>
- Day cruise to the Bahamas:
 - <http://www.discoverycruiseline.com/dcl/welcome>
- Boomers adventure park
 - www.boomersparks.com

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Parasailing
- Jetski or Boat rentals
- Paddle boarding or Kayaking
- Segway or bike rentals
- Scuba Diving or Snorkeling
- [Shopping at Sawgrass Mills Outlet Mall](#)
- [Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino](#)
- Day trip to the Florida Keys (upper, middle, or lower)
 - <http://www.florida-keys.com/> & <http://www.floridakeys.com/>