

PROPOSAL TO HOST IAMSLIC 2011 IN ZANZIBAR, TANZANIA, EAST AFRICA

It is with great enthusiasm that we are submitting our proposal to host IAMSLIC in Zanzibar, Tanzania October, 2011.

In this memorandum, we present you with some information on the local host committee. Secondly, we discuss the chosen conference site and discuss why it has all the assets required to fulfill the meeting needs.

Local Host Committee:

The initiative for this bid comes from Edna A. Nyika, Librarian at the Institute of Marine Sciences, University of Dar Salaam

Host Committee:

This committee will include librarians from IMS and other libraries in Zanzibar and Dar es Salaam.

The IMS host committee will help and advise on various organizational aspects, assist with onsite duties during the conference, and promote the event within their area.

Edna has discussed the proposal with the Director, IMS and he has agreed to offer support for the meeting, and possibly help sponsor some of the evening activities.

There are a number of Speaker resources in the area: University of Dar es Salaam School of Information Studies, Institute of Marine Sciences, Tanzania Library and Information Association, Faculty of Aquatic Sciences and Technology, University of Dar es Salaam and Tanzania Library Services.

Conference Site:

Various hotels and venues in Zanzibar have been reviewed and the Zanzibar Beach Resort was chosen as the best facility. A tour of the facility confirmed its qualities. It is a big hotel in a nice location at the beach about nine kilometers from the Zanzibar Port and two kilometers from the international airport. The choice of accommodation consists of the palace block of standard rooms which is surrounded by well maintained, colourful gardens. The en-suite Charlets merged in tranquil settings offering magnificent sunset with serenity of the sea breeze from the balcony. Each has the usual amenities i.e. coffee, plentiful toiletries, hair dryer, etc. There is an outdoor pool, a large health club and an onsite massage therapist. It meets the criteria to comfortably seat 180 participants in 1 room, has numerous meeting rooms-including a classic Board Room for the Executive and Committee meetings, an area for vendors, a specially designed conference registration area with a large storage room, Internet connectivity, a gift shop, two restaurants, and a lounge that is open in the evenings. (See www.zanzibarbeachresort.net).

The hotel offers a complementary shuttle to the stonetown shopping area (a local and visitor

favorite) and to other restaurants especially the famous Forodhani Open area evening restaurant.

Transportation:

The major international airports in and near Zanzibar:

1. Zanzibar International Airport fly in from Nairobi or Dar es Salaam

Taxi charges from Zanzibar airport is \$10.00 no extra charges for additional person.

The hotel offers shuttle service from the Airport at a lower cost.

2. Dar es Salaam: There are many transportation options from Dar es Salaam to Zanzibar. One can either take a boat from Dar es Salaam, but will need to take a taxi to the port (Cost about \$25) then take a boat which will cost about \$40, or connect flights to Zanzibar by either Coastal Air or Zan-Air which fly after each hour.

The Best way for participants coming from Europe and America is to fly through Nairobi.

Miscellaneous:

University of Dar es Salaam located 60 Nautical Miles from Zanzibar has a School of Information Studies. Students and faculty will be encouraged to attend the conference.

The following Universities and colleges offer marine science related programs. We will encourage staff and students from these facilities to attend the meeting.

University of Dar es Salaam, Faculty of Science

University of Dar es Salaam, Faculty of Aquatic Sciences and Technology

University of Dar es Salaam, Institute of Marine Sciences

University of Zanzibar

State University of Zanzibar

University of Dar es Salaam, College of Engineering and Technology

University of Dar es Salaam, Faculty of Informatics and Virtual Education

TENATIVE Conference Schedule:

Week of October 4-8 or 11-15. No more information on this, I guess it is too early to give names of possible speakers.

Optional Offsite field trips.

-Chumbe Island Coral reef snorkeling

-Nungwi Aquaculture Park – located 45 Kilometers north coast of Zanzibar.

-Trip to Kizimkazi Dolphin Tour 30 Kilometers to the South Cost of Zanzibar

- Spice Tour at the spice plantations taste spice and local food of Zanzibar
- Slave market tour in Stone town

These excursions may be an extra charge to cover bus service, food etc.

This is just a sampling of field trips.

Sincerely,

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