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**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES
IN THE ROPME SEA AREA**

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What is the AIM?

It is well known that the ROPME Sea Area is in the cross-roads of environmental transition due to natural and man-made factors. It is an area of high stakes for humanity, with immense resources of strategic importance. ROPME holds the collective trust of its Member States to protect this environment from pollution, abuse, degradation and damage. In discharging these historic duties, it is felt essential that scientific, technical, policy making and strategical experiences of the world on the Region are exchanged and reflections on future are made. With this background, the International Conference will be a forum for exchange of scientific results, development strategies, master plans and judicious management of the ROPME Sea Area.

The Conference was initially scheduled to be organized during 2012. Later, the Ministerial Executive Committee of ROPME decided to provide sufficient time to the contributors, so that the opportunity of the Conference will be utilized to maximize the chances of making this forum a valued platform for future planning and formulation of strategies for sustainable development. With this view, the Conference has been rescheduled for 3-6 March 2013.

On an assessment of the progress achieved over several decades through the diverse programmes carried out by a wide variety of players, the Conference is expected to reflect on emerging challenges and develop a future course of action. Hence, the Conference is expected to be a unique opportunity to prepare for the future and define our collective and perspective actions.

What are the OBJECTIVES?

- Bring to the same platform the works of individual scientists/researchers, National institutions, Regional actors, ROPME and the international partners/players in the Region, to collate all available information, views and analyses on the ROPME Sea Area to obtain collective knowledge on the Region



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- Encourage scientists of Member States to pursue a new direction in dealing with Regional pollution and environmental challenges
- Synthesize the collective knowledge on the ROPME Sea Area and obtain an inter-sectoral understanding on how to face the environmental challenges and emerging issues, particularly on those of transboundary nature
- Set priorities for collective future actions for the sustainable development of the ROPME Sea Area by applying the combined knowledge and efforts
- Promote environmental partnership for the judicious exploration and sustainable exploitation of resources in the ROPME Sea Area
- Seek exchange of information and transfer of knowledge from the successful cases and experiences of other Regional Seas Programmes in the area of addressing environmental challenges and emerging issues
- Adopt a set of policy priority programmes of action for environmentally sound and sustainable development of the Region

Who will participate?

The Conference will encourage participation of all individuals, institutions and organizations who have made contributions to the knowledge on the Region, hold interest in its future and have an opinion to be made heard by the stakeholding community. Leaders from the fields of science, policy, management, industry and governance concerning the Region will be there.

What are the themes covered by the Conference?

The four main themes covered by the Conference are:

- Physical Oceanography and Marine Geology
- Marine Chemistry and Pollution
- Marine Ecology, Biology and Fisheries
- Emerging Issues

Details on the topics have been provided in the First Announcement.



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Conference Scientific Programme

Day 1: Sunday, 3 March 2013

Registration

Opening Ceremony

Conference Keynote Addresses

Theme of the Day:

Physical Oceanography and Marine Geology

Keynote Address

ROPME presentation on the theme

Presentation of the participants

Theme Assessment

Plenary discussion on the theme

Day 2: Monday, 4 March 2013

Theme of the Day:

Marine Chemistry and Pollution

Keynote Address

ROPME presentation on the theme

Presentation of the participants

Theme Assessment

Plenary discussion on the theme

Day 3: Tuesday, 5 March 2013

Theme of the Day:

Marine Ecology, Biology and Fisheries

Keynote Address

ROPME presentation on the theme

Presentation of the participants

Theme Assessment

Plenary discussion on the theme

Day 4: Wednesday, 6 March 2013

Theme of the Day:

Emerging Issues

Keynote Address

ROPME presentation on the theme

Presentation of the participants

Theme Assessment

Plenary discussion on the theme

Conference Plenary

Closing Ceremony



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Who will manage the Conference?

ROPME is the Organizer of the Conference. Under the guidance of the Ministerial Council, ROPME has entered into an MoU with the Department of Environment (DOE), I.R. Iran to act as Co-organizer.

H.E. Mr. Mohammad Javad Mohammadi-Zadeh, Vice President and Head, DOE-I.R. Iran is the PATRON of the Conference, while H.E. Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Awadi, the Executive Secretary of ROPME is the Chairman.

An International Executive Committee will oversee the preparations and guide the conduct of the Conference, while also providing advice of eminence on strategies for sustainable development of the ROPME Sea Area. A Scientific Committee of renowned domain experts will prepare theme overviews and guide all technical activities.

DOE-I.R. Iran has constituted an Organizing Committee, which is actively working on all required preparations. Information to help the participants plan their travel and stay will soon be posted on the Conference website by the Organizing Committee.

Who are the main sponsors?

Many leading National, Regional and International Institutions and Organizations have expressed willingness to be associated with the

Papers and Publications

Papers are invited under any of the above themes or related topics, falling under the broad scope of the domain. The Scientific Committee reserves the right to include the submitted papers under either oral presentations or posters, depending upon the appropriateness of the paper and the available time. Mere acceptance of abstracts does not entail the acceptance of papers for presentation at the Conference. The final acceptance would result from peer-review of the full text of papers for appropriateness and relevance to Conference goals. The Organizing Committee has entered into an agreement with the International Journal of Environmental Research to publish selected papers of high quality. The Organizing Committee shall explore the possibility of other internationally recognized journals for similar agreements.



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Conference as sponsors. WHO, UNEP, CEDARE and IHB have already joined the elite group of sponsors and the Conference Website will soon provide an updated list of sponsors. Further, interested entities that desire to associate their names with this important Conference are encouraged to contact the Conference Secretariat.

What is the language of the Conference?

English is the language of the Conference. All communications and publications will be in English.

Where will the Conference be held?

The Conference will be held at the International Conference Hall, Department of Environment, Pardisan Eco-Park, Hemmat Highway, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran.

What are the registration formalities?

The general registration fee structure for the Conference is as follows:

- Participants from the ROPME Member States – US\$ 200

Call for Abstracts

All those interested in presenting a scientific paper in the Conference are requested to log on to the Conference Website “ www.ropme.org/rsaforum ” and submit the same according to the format and instructions given therein. The abstracts which are already submitted will be honoured and considered.

Dates to remember

Second Announcement

15 February 2012

Deadline for Abstracts

15 May 2012

Notification of acceptance of Abstracts

27 June 2012

Deadline for full text of Papers

30 September 2012

Notification of acceptance of Papers

28 November 2012

Third Announcement

30 December 2012

Final Announcement

30 January 2013

Conference

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- Participants from the non-Member States – US\$ 400
- Students from the Member States – US\$ 50

Early registration with payment of fees before 30 September 2012 will be eligible for a discount of 20%. The registration fee entails attendance to the technical sessions and Conference documents.

Those interested in attending the Conference are requested to fill in the registration form and fax/e-mail to ROPME Secretariat at the earliest. Alternatively, registration can be done on the Conference website.

Whom to contact

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Conference Venue



**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE HALL, DEPARTMENT
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HEMMAT HIGHWAY, TEHRAN,
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN**





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