



## Second GCC Marine Biotechnology Conference: Emerging opportunities and future perspectives

31 October – 1 November 2017  
Al Faham Stage, SQU Cultural Center  
Sultan Qaboos University, Muscat, Oman

### First Announcement and Call for Papers

This conference will bring together the community of scientists working in the general area of marine biotechnology in Oman and in GCC countries. Additionally, world-leading experts in marine biotechnology are invited. The focus of the conference will be on current and proposed marine biotechnology research and the opportunities for its application in the Gulf. The conference will extend over 2-days and will host overseas speakers, speakers from SQU and other universities in Oman and GCC countries, representative ministries and the commercial sector.

Graduate students will be encouraged to participate through a scheduled poster session, for which a prize for best poster will be awarded. It is anticipated that about 100-150 delegates will attend.

The main objectives of this conference are to assess and promote the development of marine biotechnology in the Gulf and to bring together scientists for the establishment of new collaborative activity.

Registration is now open. **The deadline of the submission of the abstracts is 1st of June 2017.**

#### **Program**

The conference comprises following major themes:

- Marine Biodiversity and Sustainability
- Fisheries and Aquaculture Biotechnology
- Biofouling and Antifouling
- Marine Genetics and Bioinformatics

#### **Invited keynote speakers include:**

- Professor Grant Burgess, *University of Newcastle, UK*
- Dr. Stephen Goddard
- Prof. Claire Hellio, *Brest University, France*
- Professor Dean Jerry, *James Cook University, Australia*

#### **Venue**

The conference will be held at Al Faham Stage, SQU Cultural Center, Sultan Qaboos University, Muscat, Oman.

#### **Registration**

For registration, please visit the website: <https://conferences.squ.edu.om/marbio>

Registration fee: OMR 10 (US \$26)

Deadline of the registration of the participants: 1 August 2017 (UTC+04:00)

#### **For further information**

For more information, please contact the conference coordinator Mrs. Cristina B. Angel ([marbio@squ.edu.om](mailto:marbio@squ.edu.om)) or visit the website <https://conferences.squ.edu.om/marbio>

Deadline for the abstracts: 1 June 2017 (UTC+04:00)