

GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue

The opening ceremony, oral presentations, poster sessions, and all related Symposium activities will take place at the Grand Hotel Park (www.grandhotel-park.hr) in Dubrovnik.

Registration Desk

The registration desk will be located in the Grand Hotel Park. Registration will be on Sunday, 7 September 2008 from 14:00 until 21:00. The registration desk will be working daily throughout the duration of the Symposium from 8:30 until 12:00 and from 14:00 until 17:00.

Badge Identification

The Symposium badge is required for admission to all sessions and activities. The Symposium identification badge also will insure free entrance to the Dubrovnik Aquarium of the Institute for Marine and Coastal Research, located in the Old City in St. John's Fortress.

Oral Presentations

Speakers will have 15 minutes for their presentation and 5 minutes for discussion. Please deliver all oral presentations to the conference office of the Grand Hotel Park *no later than the day before the lecture*.

Poster Presentations

Posters will be displayed on boards with double-sided tape, both of which will be provided on site. Please display your poster on the numbered board allocated for your presentation. (See below for the poster programme and board numbers.) We kindly ask authors to be present at their posters during their scheduled poster sessions. **On the day of your presentation, please attach your poster in the morning and remove it at 19:00.**

Social Events

Monday, September 8 at 20:30 - Welcome Cocktail Reception

Participants will be transported from the hotel to the Old City of Dubrovnik. A stroll down the City's main street, Stradun, will lead to the Atrium of the Rector's Palace, in the heart of the historical center, and our cocktail reception hosted by the Mayor. Afterwards, participants will be on their own to explore Dubrovnik and return to their hotel by city bus or taxi.

Tuesday, September 9 at 20:30 - Dinner at Konavoski Dvori Country Club

This unique restaurant offers exceptional food in a special Adriatic ambience. Located in an old water mill next to a cascading stream in the Konavle Valley, waitresses in national costume serve home-made specialties, including such local delicacies as Dalmatian cured ham

and oil-cured cheese; lamb and veal baked under an iron bell covered with hot coals; perfectly grilled and seasoned trout; home-made bread; and, of course, Dalmatian wine.

Thursday, September 11 at 20:00 - City Tour and Dinner at Mimoza Restaurant

Transfer from the hotel for a guided walking tour of the walled City of Dubrovnik, followed by dinner on the terrace of the Mimoza Restaurant, a short stroll from Pile Gate. A troupe of local singers will entertain our group during dinner. Afterwards, participants will be on their own to return to their hotel by city bus or taxi.

Friday, September 12 at 21:00 - Gala Dinner

Our guests will be transferred to the Old City to enjoy a gala farewell dinner at Gradska Kavana. Formerly part of the Dubrovnik Republic's shipyard, this building now houses a popular café that is a regular meeting place for locals and a restaurant that is one of the City's finest. A dance ensemble will add to the evening's atmosphere to create a truly memorable experience.

Registration Form

All participants attending IDS2008 must be registered.

The registration fee for **delegates** and **students** includes:

- access to the scientific meetings and the commercial exhibition area
- abstract and programme volumes
- morning and afternoon coffee (8 coffee breaks)
- 4 lunches (buffet business lunches at the Grand Hotel Park without drinks)
- welcome cocktail reception
- city tour
- 3 dinners (Konavoski Dvori, Mimoza, and closing banquet)

The registration fee for **accompanying persons** includes:

- 4 lunches (buffet business lunches at the Grand Hotel Park without drinks)
- welcome cocktail reception
- city tour
- 3 dinners (Konavoski Dvori, Mimoza, and closing banquet).

Mid-Symposium Excursions

The following one-day excursions are planned for Wednesday, 10 September 2008:

Excursion 1: **The Neretva River Delta** is a productive marshland amid an otherwise dry, karstic environment. Punctuated with rounded knolls and criss-crossed with a network of irrigation canals, it offers an attractive panorama from the road that leads from Dubrovnik. An important wetland (*Ramsar* site) that supports hundreds of species of plants and animals, it also functions as an essential nursery for many marine fish and a welcome rest-stop for certain birds during their trans-continental migrations.

Excursion 2: **Town of Ston, Bay of Mali Ston, and Trsteno Arboretum.** The small Dalmatian town of Ston, situated on the scenic Pelješac Peninsula, has a surprising history that boasts the longest fortification in Europe and a salt-works that dates from the time of the Romans and has been active since at least the 15th Century. The Bay of Ston is a protected national site with especially high productivity that supports aquaculture of mussels and Ston's award-winning oysters. Picturesque Trsteno, with the oldest renaissance garden in Dalmatia (1502), is home to the Croatian coast's only Arboretum.

Excursion 3: **The Republic of Montenegro's** tourism motto is "Wild Beauty", and even a short trip to the bay of Boka Kotorska will confirm that this is no exaggeration. This small country (pop. 650,000) offers its visitors sunny sea, rugged mountains, alpine lakes, and untamed rivers. Boka's sheer cliffs shelter cities like Risan, Perast, and Kotor, each of which has played a role in the history of Dalmatia from the time of the Illyrians through the era of the Dubrovnik Republic and down to the present.

Post-Symposium Excursion

UNESCO Heritage Sites and National Parks of Croatia (5 days, 4 nights)

13 September: Dubrovnik – Split

Morning departure for Split along the Adriatic Coastal Road and through the Neretva River Delta. Sightseeing tour of Split, including Emperor Diocletian's Palace, listed on UNESCO's World Cultural Heritage sites; the Peristyle; the Temple of Jupiter; the Cathedral; Ivan Meštrović's statue of Grgur Ninski. Dinner and overnight in Split.

14 September: Split – Excursion to Sibenik & Krka River National Park

Depart for Sibenik, visit the Cathedral of St Jacob, a masterpiece of Renaissance architecture and classified by UNESCO as a monument of Cultural Heritage. Drive to the Krka River National Park and tour the waterfalls. Return to Split, dinner and overnight.

15 September: Split – Plitvice Lakes National Park

Morning drive to Plitvice Lakes National Park, included on UNESCO's List of World Natural Heritage sites. Tour the lower and upper lakes, joined by a series of cascading waterfalls of rare beauty that evoke scenes from a medieval fairytale. Dinner and overnight in Plitvice.

16 September: Plitvice – Trilj – Dubrovnik

Morning departure for Dubrovnik via Trilj, driving along the Cetina River Valley. Dinner and overnight in Dubrovnik

17 September: Dubrovnik – Departure
Breakfast, end of tour services

Internet Access

Free of charge wireless internet access will be available in the meeting rooms, exhibition area and lobby.