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- Akdeniz University, Turkey
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- City of Seville

Previous symposia were held in Athens, Greece (1981), Crete, Greece (1983), Istanbul, Turkey (1985), Kavala, Greece (1987), Blanes, Spain (1989), Como, Italy (1991), Antibes, France (1993), Rhodes, Greece (1995), Sorrento, Italy (1997), Alicante, Spain (1999), Limassol, Cyprus (2001), Antalya, Turkey (2003) and Thessaloniki, Greece (2005).

The Executive Committee of MESAEP, the Steering and the National Organizing Committees have the pleasure to forward this invitation to attend the 14th International MESAEP Symposium that will be held in Seville, Spain from October 10 to 14, 2007.

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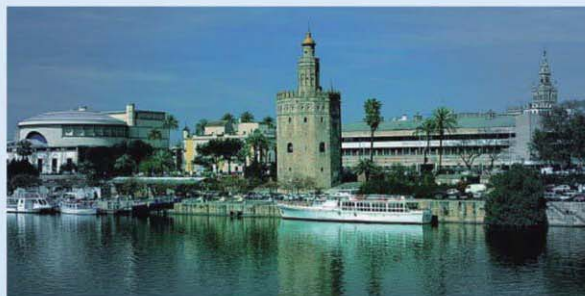
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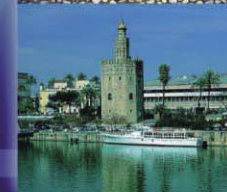
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SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR PAPERS



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OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the symposium are to provide opportunities for scientists of different countries to:

- exchange recent results related to the processes of environmental pollution and its effects on public health in the Mediterranean region
- discuss current technological and legal measures to avoid or reduce the degradation of the environment
- present suggestions and recommendations to the regulatory authorities on environmental quality and safety in the Mediterranean and other neighbouring countries.

Human health is a major consideration of the EU Environmental Action Plan, and a major driver for policy in relation to environment. Environmental health effects are a significant part of the total disease burden even in developed countries. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO) circa 25-33% of the total burden of disease in industrialized countries can be attributed to environmental factors such as outdoor and indoor air pollution, inadequate water and sanitation, lead exposure, and injuries. The magnitude of burden varies among countries, but in almost all cases, the burden of disease was much higher in eastern and south-eastern Europe due to a combination of climatic and socio-economic conditions, lifestyle and diet, as well as environmental quality.



This year's symposium will focus on the interconnections between the quality of the environment and human health attempting to provide a comprehensive picture of the relative environmental burden and to elucidate the mechanisms through which environmental condition affects the state of human health. Particular attention will be paid to exposure and health effects of vulnerable population groups, such as children and women in child-bearing age. Papers reporting on results of environmental and biomonitoring, epidemiological studies and the impact of health risk modifiers such as diet, age and lifestyle are particularly welcome. In addition, more conventional issues in environmental science, technology and management will be addressed contributing thus to improving our understanding of the state of the environment in the Mediterranean.



MAIN SUBJECTS

- Environment and children's health
- Human exposure through food and non-food products
- Indoor air pollution
- Endocrine disruptors
- Air, soil, water pollution and management
- Waste management
- Ecosystem function and ecotoxicology
- Ecological disasters and climate change
- Environmental Education
- Research links to policy

ORAL & POSTER PRESENTATIONS

The program of the symposium will include plenary and keynote lectures, voluntary oral presentations as well as posters. Oral and poster contributions will be regarded as scientifically equivalent in the program. Special focus will be devoted to the brief presentation of posters of original papers in full audience sessions. All presentations (oral and posters) should be in English.

PAPERS PUBLICATION

For both oral and poster contributions, a one-page abstract should be submitted to the Mailing Address reported below not later than May 15, 2007.

Abstracts may only be submitted by e-mail, as an attached file, to the following address: symp07@mesaep.net

Abstract should be arranged as shown on the pdf-example or the Word-file.

The book of abstracts will be distributed to all participants upon registration at the Symposium.

Poster or lecture will be accepted if at least one of the authors is registered and present at the symposium for personal communication.

The Steering Committee of the Symposium will notify the authors on the acceptance and on the form of presentation by June 30, 2007.

All papers presented at the symposium will be eligible, upon refereeing, for publication in the peer-reviewed international journal FRESINIUS ENVIRONMENTAL BULLETIN (FEB), the official journal of MESAEP.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Welcome cocktail
- General Assembly of MESAEP
- Gala Dinner
- Social and cultural events



REGISTRATION FEES

	Early registration until July, 15th	Late / onsite registration
MESAEP members	250 €	300 €
Non-members	350 €	400 €
Students	140 €	190 €
Accompanying persons	140 €	190 €

The registration fee includes a final program, a book of abstracts, hospitality desk, coffee and refreshments during the symposium, welcome cocktail, Gala-dinner, social and cultural events (excursion fee non included) and Certificate of participation (on request). Accompanying guests will be entitled to all the above reception and activities.

DEADLINE SCHEDULE

May 15, 2007	Return of preliminary registration form and Submission of Abstracts
June 30, 2007	Notice to Authors
July 15, 2007	Payment of early registration fees
October 10-14, 2007	Symposium, on site registration and Submission of Full Papers

REGISTRATION

Please use the recommended on-line registration on the homepage of MESAEP: <http://www.mesaep.net/symp2007/regform.htm> or print and complete the registration form.

SYMPOSIUM LOCATION

Seville is located in the Southwest of Spain. A provincial capital, seat of the government and parliament of the **Comunidad Autónoma de Andalucía** (Regional Government). It has around one million inhabitants. The city of Seville is located on the plain of the Guadalquivir river which crosses the city from North to South. The river can be navigated from Seville all the way to its outlet near **Sanlúcar** de Barrameda, on the Atlantic coast.

In the past the port of Seville played an important role in commerce between Spain and the Americas and it remains today one of the most active river ports of the European Union. Painters such as **Velázquez**, **Murillo** and **Valdés Leal**, and sculptors like **Martínez Montañés** were born in Seville and left behind important works. The city also assumed an important role in world literature and was the birthplace of the myth of Don Juan, and operas like *Carmen*, *Figaro*, *Il barbiere di Siviglia*, *Don Giovanni*, etc. The Symposium will take place at the "Hotel Al Andalus".

ACCOMODATION

Rooms at favourable price have been reserved at the Hotel Al Andalus (Symposium venue). For reservation please contact directly the hotel registration desk quoting "MESAEP conference" to receive the special rate offered to Symposium participants.

Accommodation will be available in a close by student residence, the Los Bermejales University residence (a few rooms will be available at Symposium date).

Maps and information from Al Andalus Hotel and Los Bermejales University residence can be downloaded at:

http://www.hotelesilken.com/sevilla_alandalus_ciudad/location.php/5/7/0/64/ENG/
<http://www.residenciauniversitaria.com/uk/indexgeneral.htm>

TRANSPORTATION

It is strongly recommended that you take a taxi when arriving by plain or train. The airport is 12 km away (about 20 minutes by car) from the city center and a taxi from the airport to the city center and to Al Andalus Hotel/Los Bermejales Residence will cost 20 Euro. Rates may increase a little during weekends and nights.

Bus service from the airport to the city center is also available with departures every 30 minutes from 6 AM until 9 PM. Please visit the following link for the time schedule, <http://www.seviqorum.com>

Bus number 34 depart from the City center (Plaza Jerez) and will leave you very close to Al Andalus Hotel/Los Bermejales Residence if you get off just after the Football stadium (Real Betis).

VISA

Visa is required from some countries. Please check the Spanish Consulates or the official representatives of the Government of Spain in your country. No visa is required for citizens from the European Union and the most European Countries.

FELLOWSHIPS

A limited number of scientists from South-eastern Mediterranean and Northern African countries will be supported financially on the basis of paper submission and after request.