



Cephalopod International Advisory Council Symposium 2012

CIAC '12: First official circular

Dear cephalopod research community,

As part of the preparation for the next CIAC Symposium, to be held in Florianópolis (Santa Catarina, Brazil) from 27 October to 02 November 2012, the Organizing Committee has been publishing short articles in the CIAC Newsletter. Since the last CIAC meeting in Vigo, Spain, three articles have been posted: an introduction to the 2012 Symposium, an historical overview of cephalopod research in Brazil, and a brief account of the city of Florianópolis, including information about its natural setting, sightseeing highlights, local people and culture. The goal of these communications was not only to keep you all up-to-date on the ongoing activities of the Committee, but also to acquaint you with the historical background and the significance of organizing this event in South America. As some colleagues may not have read these articles, we have attached them to this circular.

It is time to introduce the Theme, Venue and Logo of the 2012 Symposium:

Symposium Theme. After much deliberation, the Organizing Committee has arrived at the following topic: **“Interdisciplinary approaches to cephalopod biology”**. In recent years, a growing body of cephalopod research has involved interdisciplinary collaboration. While this trend may have been motivated in part by an increase in funding for interdisciplinary studies, it has certainly been fueled by the community’s growing perception that few of the key research questions in cephalopod biology involve only one discipline. Therefore, the main goals of CIAC '12 will be to discuss and evaluate the perspectives of interdisciplinary research in cephalopod biology studies, and to stimulate researchers to engage in collaborative efforts beyond their academic field. We feel that this theme encompasses all aspects of cephalopod biology and life cycles and enables the presentation of oral communications and posters across a broad range of interests. Additionally, given that this will be the first CIAC held in South America, another important focus of CIAC '12 will be the cephalopod research conducted in this continent.

The Venue. After visiting several hotels and convention centers and analyzing their meeting facilities, the Organizing Committee has selected the Majestic Palace Hotel as the venue for CIAC '12. The Majestic Palace Hotel is located on Florianópolis’ main avenue, facing the wonderful scenery of the Island Northern Bay, and meets all the criteria for holding the CIAC Symposium, while also providing first class accommodation. If you are interested in more details about the venue, please refer to its website (<http://www.majesticpalace.com.br/>).

The Logo. We would also like to introduce the official logo of CIAC '12 (see the last page). The logo merges a map of South America with a drawing of a histioteuthid squid. As many of you know, histioteuthids have large photophores on the ventral surfaces of the mantle, head and arms. They generally have long, thick arms and short mantles with small rounded fins. One of their most distinctive features is their asymmetrical eyes: the left eye is larger than the right one, and is directed vertically upward.

The map of South America is outlined by the histioteuthid's mantle, head, arms and tentacles. Numerous photophores ornament its body. Some photophores are represented by stars, which correspond by location to the capitals of the South American countries. The largest star is located on the left eye and represents Florianópolis, the host city.

Emblematically, this symbol highlights the significance of the first CIAC meeting to be held in South America by representing not only the map of this continent, but also its "shining" capitals. The entire continent welcomes cephalopod researchers with open arms (literally and figuratively). The importance of the city chosen to host the CIAC '12 is represented by its location on the left eye, which is bigger and "looks up".

Workshops. The workshops are planned to take place on the weekend preceding the Symposium (27 - 28 October 2012). So far, several colleagues have already contacted the Organizing Committee and suggested themes for these workshops. If anyone else would like to suggest themes for workshop sessions, please contact the Organizing Committee at ciac12brazil@gmail.com no later than September 10th. In September you will receive (via Fastmoll) a list of workshop topics and will be requested to vote for them. Those themes with the most votes will be chosen for the Symposium. We hope this democratic selection will promote good attendance to the workshops.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Organizing Committee. Although we already have a program in preparation, we would love to hear opinions from the members of the cephalopod research community regarding themes for focused sessions, discussion panels and events (Symposium-related or social).

Shortly, we will send the second official circular containing details on the Symposium's website. We look forward to seeing all of you in Florianópolis in 2012!

The CIAC '12 Organizing Committee



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