



12th International Coral Reef Symposium

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First Announcement

James Cook University and the Australian Research Council (ARC) Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies warmly welcome you to Cairns, Australia for the 12th International Coral Reef Symposium (ICRS) from 9 - 13 July 2012.

Held every four years, the ICRS is the world's largest and most important coral reef meeting bringing together coral reef scientists, graduate students, resource managers, and policy makers. ICRS 2012 is expected to attract more than 2,000 delegates from 80 countries.

Over 2,000 talks and posters will be presented on major themes including Climate Change, Reef Ecology, Conservation Planning, Fish and Fisheries, Genomics, Management Tools, The Coral Triangle Initiative, and the Human Dimension of Coral Reefs. Proposals for mini-symposia will be solicited in early 2010 and abstract submission will be from mid-2010.

Activities at ICRS 2012 will include a comprehensive program to showcase the latest coral reef science, a trade exhibition, and field trips to the World Heritage listed Great Barrier Reef. Exciting and culturally significant Australian social events are planned.



Venue

[Cairns](#) is a cosmopolitan city and a premier destination for visiting the spectacular Great Barrier Reef and Australia's tropical rainforests.

The award winning [Cairns Convention Centre](#), renowned for its unique environmental design, is only ten minutes from the Cairns International Airport and within easy walking distance of an extensive choice of suitable accommodation, cafes, bars and restaurants.

Field Trips

The Symposium's tradition of conducting scientific field trips before and after the event will continue in 2012 with trips to the Great Barrier Reef:

- [Heron Island Research Station](#),
- [Lizard Island Research Station](#), and
- [Orpheus Island Research Station](#).

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