

### Millport Field Centre

*Isle of Cumbrae*



Millport Field Centre is one of 20 Field Studies Council centres across the UK. It has been part of the FSC since 2014 and has a long and illustrious history as a marine biological field station, carrying out pioneering marine research since 1897. Its 2<sup>nd</sup> FSC research symposium will showcase talks and posters across a range of topics, including marine and coastal research, conservation and wildlife, educational projects and more across; across the Firth of Clyde and further afield.

The seminar will include a full day of talks and poster sessions as well as an optional second day of field excursions, including rocky shore ecology, plankton sampling and wildlife boat trips around the Firth of Clyde aboard the station's research vessel RV Actinia.

*The Symposium is open to all: from Higher Education students or staff, conservationists, researchers, rangers, interested naturalists and members of the public are all welcome.*

**To register for the conference, enquire about the programme or book accommodation call 01475 531420 or email [enquiries.mil@field-studies-council.org](mailto:enquiries.mil@field-studies-council.org)**

To find out more about the centre and the area, please visit the website at:

<https://www.field-studies-council.org/centres/scotland/millport>

To receive updates and news about the symposium and other related FSC events you can to subscribe to our email list at:

[eepurl.com/ddDhaz](http://eepurl.com/ddDhaz)

#### Costs

- Symposium (inc: refreshments and buffet lunch) = **£15.00** (fee waived for presenters of talks/posters)
- Friday evening meal/B&B = **£35**
- Saturday evening meal/B&B/+ Sunday packed lunch = **£38**
- Sunday Rocky Shore Field Excursion = **Free**
- Sunday Plankton Sampling = **Free**
- Sunday wildlife trip on RV Actinia (dependent on numbers, places limited) = **£15**

## Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October

| Time        | Details   |
|-------------|---|
| 1600 - 1800 | Arrival and registration (for guests staying the night) |
| 1800 - 1900 | Evening Meal  |
| 1900 - 2000 | Natural History of the Clyde (Jack Lucas)               |
| 2000 - 2300 | Networking and social event (on site bar open)          |

## Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October

| Time   | Topic   | Speaker                            |
|--|---|------------------------------------|
| 0900-0930                                    | Arrival and registration (for guests arriving in the morning) |                                    |
| <b>SESSION ONE (Chair: Alex MacFie)</b>      |   |                                    |
| 0930 - 0945                                  | Welcome to Millport   | Alex MacFie (FSC: Head of Centre)  |
| 0945 - 1030                                  | Key Note Speech – The Clyde; its history and its future       | Isabell Glasgow (Chair of CMPP)    |
| 1030 - 1100                                  | Clyde Marine Mammal Project                                   | David Nairn (Clyde Porpoise)       |
| 1100 - 1130                                  | Monitoring seabirds on Ailsa Craig                            | Crystal Maw (RSPB)                 |
| 1130 - 1200                                  | UK Fisheries Management and Brexit                            | Clare Hill (SAMS)                  |
| 1200 - 1230                                  | 3 minute 'flash' presentations for POSTER SESSION             |                                    |
| <b>1230 - 1330</b>                           | <b>Buffet Lunch</b>   |                                    |
| <b>SESSION TWO (Chair: Jack Lucas)</b>       |   |                                    |
| 1330 - 1350                                  | Teaching 'ocean literacy' on field courses                    | Mark Ward (SWT)                    |
| 1350 - 1410                                  | Plastic pellet pollution on beaches in the Firth of Forth     | Jennifer Pearson (Strathclyde Uni) |
| 1410 - 1430                                  | Diving surveys of the West coast of Scotland                  | Natalie Hirst (Seasearch)          |
| 1430 - 1450                                  | SPARE SLOT 1  | tbc                                |
| 1450 - 1510                                  | SPARE SLOT 2  | tbc                                |
| <b>1510 - 1530</b>                           | <b>Coffee break + Poster Session</b>                          |                                    |
| <b>SESSION THREE (Chair: Isabel Glasgow)</b> |   |                                    |
| 1530 - 1600                                  | Acoustics in the marine environment                           | Anna MacGregor (Glasgow Uni)       |
| 1600 - 1630                                  | Natural disasters in coastal and riverine environments        | Azra & Peter Meadows (Glasgow Uni) |
| 1630 - 1640                                  | Bottlenose dolphins on the East coast of Scotland             | Jack Lucas (SMRU & St Andrews Uni) |
| 1640 - 1650                                  | Community structure of amphipods in the Mariana Trench        | Francesca Carr (Newcastle Uni)     |
| 1650 - 1710                                  | History of Millport Marine Station                            | tbc                                |
| <b>1710 - 1730</b>                           | <b>Plenary and departure</b>                                  |                                    |

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October

| Time          | Details  |
|---------------|--|
| 0745 - 0845   | <b>Breakfast + make packed lunch</b>   |
| 0845 - 0900   | Meet and brief for fieldwork sessions  |
| 0900 - 1100   | Rocky Shore Field Excursion – Farland Point or White Bay (FSC staff)                 |
| 0900 - 1100   | Plankton sampling from pier and analysis in lab                                      |
| 1100 - 1115   | Coffee break   |
| 1115 - 1300   | Wildlife Boat Trip(s) on <i>RV Actinia</i> (minimum 1hr trips; dependent on numbers) |
| 1300 or after | <b>Departure from centre</b>   |

### POSTERS TO BE DISPLAYED:

| Author(s)  | Poster Title   |
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| Thomas Clough                                    | Antifoulants and biofilms in the marine environment                |
| Rhona MacGregor                                  | Effect of changing ocean conditions on barnacle feeding morphology |
| Jack Lucas                                       | Ecology of melon-headed whales in The Bahamas                      |
| Fiona Rock                                       | Diet analysis of pine martens at Kindrogan Field Centre            |
| More posters to be confirmed nearer the date.... |  |