

4th Marine Symposium

Millport Field Centre

Saturday 17th October 2019

Evening networking event on Friday 16th

Field excursions & boat trip on Sunday 18th

INITIAL INVITE AND CALL FOR SPEAKERS

The Symposium

The Millport Marine Symposium was conceived with the aim of bringing marine science to as many people as possible, in a historic and beautiful island facility. The breadth and quality of presentations on offer each year reflects the diversity and wonder of our coastlines and ocean, bringing together academics, conservationists, researchers, artists and students to celebrate our marine heritage. From plastics to poetry, dolphins to disasters, fishing to field courses; last year's Symposium covered the full spectrum of can be defined as 'marine research' and served as a reminder of the importance of integrating different disciplines and specialisms to truly understand our impact on the ocean and its impact on us...

This year, we aim to go bigger and better. In this initial invite we are calling for abstracts from all corners of marine science. If you fall in to one of the categories below, then this year's Symposium may be the perfect venue to showcase your work to a diverse audience of interested people and enjoy a scientific weekend retreat!

Are you a...

- ✓ *Current undergraduate or postgraduate working on a marine-focused thesis or dissertation?*
- ✓ *Academic or researcher with the results of a recent study to talk about?*
- ✓ *Conservationist or marine professional that would like to showcase their organization or project?*
- ✓ *Artist or poet whose inspiration is drawn from the marine environment?*

....then we would love to hear from you!

If you would like to **present** at the symposium, either a **talk** (5, 10, or 20) or a **poster** (with an optional 3 minute 'flash talk'), please submit a title and a short proposal (<200 words) to j.lucas@field-studies-council.org.

Submissions must be received by **1st May**

If you would like to **attend** the symposium please call or email the centre directly to book a space using the contact details below.



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The Location

FSC Millport is situated on the Isle of Cumbrae in the Firth of Clyde, with a stunning coastal location with sweeping views over the isles and local marine environment. Just an 8 minute ferry ride from the seaside town of Largs, the centre is highly accessible with regular sailings through all seasons and direct rail and bus links with Glasgow. From the centre, a wide variety of marine, freshwater and terrestrial study environments can be accessed easily.

The History

The field centre at Millport is a historical marine research and education station, recognised internationally as providing first-class teaching and scientific provision to all ages in the field of marine science. Formerly the University Marine Biological Station Millport and before that, the base of the Scottish Marine Biological Association, the location and facilities providing at FSC Millport allow students to follow in the footsteps of pioneering researchers and naturalists.

The Facilities

FSC Millport hosts a huge array of facilities for scientific work including: 4 seawater fed laboratories, 2 classrooms, a 150 person lecture hall, scientific library, research unit, aquarium and museum, equipment / lab store, waterproof provision and its own research vessel; *RV Actinia*. All accommodation is en suite, sleeping up to 140 guests and the kitchen serves home-made, healthy meal choices. Expert tuition is provided by experienced tutors and boat crew.

Friday 16th October – Evening Lecture & Networking

Time	Details
1700-1800	Arrival and registration (for overnight guests)
1800-1900	Talk: The Clyde Marine Environment
1900-2200	Networking and social event (on-site bar open)

Saturday 17th October – Marine Symposium

Time	Details
0900-0930	Arrival and registration (day guests)
0930-0945	Talk: The History of the Marine Station
SESSION ONE	
1200-1300	Buffet Lunch
SESSION TWO	
1500-1530	Coffee break + Poster Session
SESSION THREE	
1700-1730	Plenary and departure

Sunday 18th October – Field Excursions

Time	Details
0745-0830	Breakfast
0900-1100	Rocky Shore & Plankton Excursions
1100-1300	Wildlife Boat Trip aboard <i>RV Actinia</i>

Prices

Saturday Symposium

- Tickets (inc: all day refreshments and buffet lunch) = **£15** (*fee waived for presenters of talks/posters*)

Sunday Field Excursions

- Rocky Shore Ecology = **Free**
- Plankton Sampling = **Free**
- Wildlife Boat Trip on *RV Actinia* = **£15**

Accommodation and Food

- Friday night B&B = **£40**
- Saturday night dinner/B&B/Sunday lunch = **£50**

FULL EVENT TICKET (FRI-SUN) with 2 nights' accommodation, all meals and Wildlife Boat Trip = **£120**

For more information on the symposium or for a full list of our field courses and other events, please visit our website.