





The MARES Consortium and EuroMarine Network are pleased to invite you to the

## **Second Mares Conference**

## **Marine Ecosystems Health and Conservation**

February 1st to 5th 2016, Olhão, Portugal

The call for abstracts is open: abstracts can be submitted until the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015 using the online submission form at www.maresconference.eu/submit/abstract

**Early bird registration is now open:** register at www.maresconference.eu/registration before the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2015 for reduced conference rates.

## About the Conference

The second international Mares Conference is a joint initiative from the MARES Joint Doctoral Programme (www.MARES-eu.org) and the EuroMarine Network (www.euromarinenetwork.eu). It presents a unique opportunity to bring together marine researchers, scientists, educators, and policymakers to address the main issues regarding marine ecosystems health and conservation. The conference aims to be dynamic and innovative, by providing a mixture of oral presentations, scientific exhibitions and training workshops.

## Programme and Venue

The conference will be held at the Real Marine Hotel and Spa which, overlooking the spectacular Ria Formosa Natural Park, provides an ideal conference venue. Throughout the conference scientific sessions and exhibitions, six thematic subjects will be explored. You can find further details on the conference themes, keynote speakers, venue, and training workshops at www.maresconference.eu

|           | Monday<br>Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>           | Tuesday<br>Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup>    | Wednesday<br>Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup>                     | Thursday<br>Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>                          | Friday<br>Feb 5 <sup>th</sup>                 |
|-----------|---|-----------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Morning   | Training Workshop                       | Training Workshop                 | Scientific Session Future Oceans Jean-Pierre Gattuso | Scientific Session Biodiversity Effects Steve Widdicombe | Scientific Session Ocean Noise & Habitat Loss |
| Afternoon | Training Workshop                       | Training Workshop                 | Scientific Session Natural Resources Jake Rice       | Scientific Session Biological Invasions Anna Occhipinti  | Closing Event  Excursion                      |
| Evening   | MARES Doctoral Programme Closed Meeting | Opening Lecture Welcome Reception | Scientific Exhibition  Social Event                  | Scientific Exhibition  Conference Dinner                 |   |