



**Johnson Education Center
Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute at Florida Atlantic University
February 17-18, 2022
Call for Technical Presentations**

The Indian River Lagoon (IRL) Symposium is the result of a multi-institutional, multi-agency effort to provide a forum for discussing Indian River Lagoon science and its application to management of the lagoon. The symposium is open to scientists, decision makers, students, education and outreach professionals, and the interested public. The intent is to facilitate better communication among these groups so that the gaps between research and its application can be narrowed. Oral presentations and posters on all aspects of science relating to the IRL are encouraged.

The theme for the 2022 symposium is *IRL Connectivity*. The concept of connectivity can refer to many aspects of the lagoon. Examples include: interactions of the IRL with its watershed or with other nearby coastal waters, the dependence of fish production and population dynamics on dispersal and migration among multiple habitats, and much more.

Technical sessions consisting of oral and poster presentations will be held all day on February 17 and 8:30 to noon on February 18. Oral presentations and posters on all aspects of science relating to the IRL are invited. Although this meeting is open to anyone interested in sharing their knowledge, activities, and ideas, contributions by university students and early-career professionals are encouraged.

Venue: Harbor Branch (for directions, see <https://www.fau.edu/hboi/about/location-maps/>) is located along the Indian River Lagoon in Fort Pierce, Florida, centrally located between the cities of Fort Pierce and Vero Beach.

Program Schedule: The technical program will include oral presentations and posters on current scientific research on the Indian River Lagoon and its management. To encourage as much participation as possible, there will be three types of presentations (“3 Minutes – 3 Slides”), 10-minute oral presentations (which includes time for a short Q&A), and posters.

Preference for the 10-minute sessions will be given to those speakers who address this year's theme of *IRL Connectivity* and to speakers who are university students and earlier-career professionals.

Abstracts for Talks & Posters: The presenting author should send an abstract (not to exceed 150 words, along with title and authors in the format below) and the form below to dhanisak@fau.edu by **November 30, 2021**. Abstracts will be acknowledged as received. For abstract guidelines, see sample abstract below from IRLS 2013.

Sample Abstract (Times Roman, 11 pt; underline presenting author if is not the first author listed)

Brevard Oyster Partnership for the Indian River Lagoon (Oyster PIRL): Brevard Residents Will Help Restore Our Lagoon by Raising Native Eastern Oysters along Their Waterfronts

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Brevard Zoo is partnering with Brevard County to lead a community based oyster restoration project that will engage County residents living along the Indian River Lagoon. Participating residents will hang predator exclusion modules from their docks and raise oysters from highly vulnerable baby spat to thick-shelled young adults. On a bi-weekly basis, participants will collect information on oyster recruitment, growth rates and survivability and enter their data into a website organized by Brevard Zoo staff and volunteers. Their oyster data will help identify areas where large scale oyster reefs (to be populated by the young adult oysters raised by program) will both thrive and improve lagoon water quality.

Registration: Registration includes access to all technical sessions and is required for all participants. Due to the generosity of our sponsors and virtual nature of the meeting, there will be no registration fees this year. Registration will occur in two phases:

- **For all those submitting an abstract, registration will occur in December after the abstract deadline (the registration link will be sent out at that time).**
- For all other participants, the registration link will be posted and sent out in early January. For those not presenting, registration is due by January 28, 2022. After that date, late registration fees are \$35 (\$25 for students). Late registration closes February 10, 2022 at 5 p.m., unless availability ends sooner, which is quite likely based on previous years. Registration includes access to all technical sessions, coffee breaks, lunch, and end-of-the-day reception on February 18.

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Submit by November 30, 2021

NAME: _____

AFFILIATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: () _____ E-MAIL: _____

TITLE OF TALK () OR POSTER (): _____

AUTHOR(S): _____

PRESENTER: _____ () STUDENT?

FORMAT:

_____ I prefer to make my oral presentation in 3 minutes, using no more than 3 slides (these limits will be strictly enforced!).

_____ I prefer to make my oral presentation in a full 10-minute time slot

_____ I prefer make my presentation as an E-poster