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This workshop is dedicated to the memory of our friend and colleague Dr Martin-Pierre Sauviat

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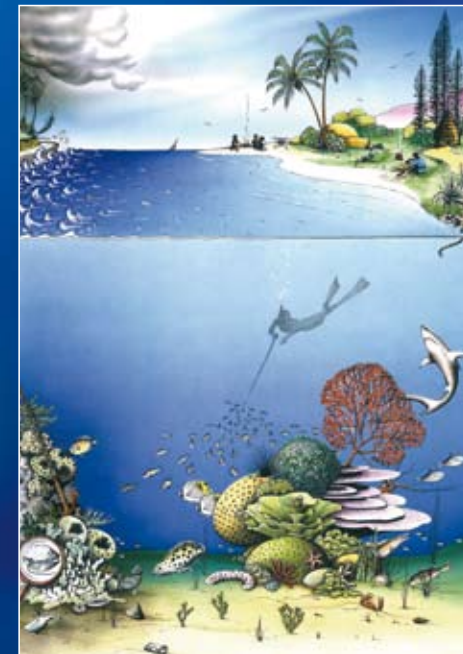
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Ciguatera and related biotoxins workshop

Noumea, New Caledonia, 27-31 October 2008

**A workshop on the latest developments in ciguatera research,
covering environmental influences, causative organisms,
and socio-economic and medical aspects**



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OBJECTIVES

Ciguatera is a form of food poisoning caused by eating fish containing toxins (ciguatoxins) which come from micro-algae living on coral reefs. Ciguatera is a significant public health issue in the Pacific and all parts of the world where coral reefs are found. Over the past 20 years, several thousands of poisonings have been reported, but this number is certainly greatly underestimated. Acknowledging the importance of this issue for Pacific Island communities, the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), the Pasteur Institute (IPNC) and the Institute of Research for Development (IRD) have decided to jointly organize a workshop on this health hazard, with the collaboration of the Louis Malardé Institute (ILM) and the University Paul Sabatier (UPS). The workshop will address the latest progress in research on ciguatera, covering environmental influences, causative organisms and socio-economic impacts.

FIRST CALL – TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Monday 27 October

Incidence and socio-economic impacts (B.Aalbersberg)
Ciguateric fish species (B.Yeeting)
Natural and anthropic environmental influences (D. Dietrich)
Toxins-producing micro-organisms (M. Chinain and J.-P. Quod)



Tuesday 28 October

Structure and chemistry of implicated toxins (T.Yasumoto)
Toxicology and mechanism of action (J. Molgo and S. Pauillac)
A roundtable session on toxic marine cyanobacteria will be organised in the evening (D. Laurent)

Wednesday 29 October

Detection methods (M. Poli and R. Dickey)
Clinical treatment and folk remedies (D. Laurent and R. Lewis)

Thursday 30 October

Day off - Field trips
Social programme (tour to the Amédée island)

Friday 31 October

Risk assessment and management (B.Aalbersberg and B.Yeeting)
Outcomes

The workshop will take place at the IRD Noumea Centre and the SPC symposium facilities. It will include plenary lectures, oral presentations and poster contributions. The official language is English although a simultaneous interpretation in French could be provided.

IMPORTANT DATES

The conference is a satellite workshop of the 13th International Conference on Harmful Algae (3-7 November 2008, Hong Kong, China).

1 • Deadline for submission of abstracts : 1st June 2008

Participants are advised to submit their abstract as early as possible.
1st round of review of abstracts will be conducted in early May 2008.

2 • Deadline for early registration: 1st June 2008

3 • Deadline for late registration: 15 September 2008

4 • Deadline for submission of full papers: 31st December 2008

Conference registration fees cover the conference kits, administrative costs and all the lunches:

Full prices: 350 euros

Foreigner students: 250 euros

Local full price: 250 euros for participants from New Caledonia

Local student price: 180 euros

CALL FOR PAPERS – instructions to authors

Deadline for abstract submissions: 1st June 2008.

For oral presentations or posters, abstract length should not exceed 300 words, including authors' names and address. Font: Times New Roman, 12 points, simple interline.

Poster size should be 80 x 120 cm.

Please note that abstracts will be accepted only if received with the registration form and a proof of payment of the registration fees. Please visit the website www.ird.nc/ciguatera for further information or email to ciguatera@noumea.ird.nc.

