



INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC MARINE EDUCATORS NETWORK

IPMEN 2016 Conference August 10 -13 Manado – Sulawesi, Indonesia

Indonesia is incredibly fortunate to be able to host the 5th conference of the International Pacific Marine Educators Network (IPMEN).

Marine educators from across the Pacific will gather in Manado, Indonesia (and elsewhere via web-conferencing) in August 2016 to exchange knowledge, experiences and ideas to improve the quality and effectiveness of teaching about the marine environment, conservation, resources and human impacts. They will build on previous work by IPMEN and continue to share resources and develop collaborations. The conference is scheduled to immediately follow, and link with, a two day meeting of the Indonesian Marine Educators Network.

IPMEN was created at a meeting of marine educators from around the Pacific in Hawaii in January 2007. This meeting resulted in the establishment of a network of marine environmental educators from 18 Pacific nations and territories. The mission of IPMEN is to foster collaborative relationships that will create the resources, programs, training and leadership necessary to build ocean literacy at every level of society in the Pacific region. IPMEN also aims to facilitate real action in environmental education and highlight the need for ocean stewardship across the Pacific. IPMEN has grown to become a regionally important organization and invaluable support for marine educators across the Pacific and currently has several hundred active members and typical conference attendances of 50-100 participants.

IPMEN 2016 Conference Theme and Strands

The overarching theme of the IPMEN conference will be *Making a Splash: Moving education into action*. It aims to address the question of how to effectively communicate information about the marine world in a way that encourages action, and creates a more marine-literate global community with the capacity to make wise decisions regarding marine ecosystems.

Within this main theme the conference will focus on the following five strands:

1. *Innovation in Marine Education* - using new and different teaching methods to deliver the marine message and reach a wider audience.
2. *Sea Stories and Coastal Culture* – integrating traditional knowledge into formal and informal marine education.
3. *Partnerships for Change* – connecting across the seas to achieve common goals and strengthening projects through collaboration.
4. *Sustainable Seas* – utilizing the oceans' resources to ensure their survival for future generations.
5. *Making Science Accessible* – demonstrating the relevance of science in our everyday lives and helping to create a more marine literate society.

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FUNDING AND SUPPORT RATIONALE

Objectives

- To expand on the success of previous IPMEN conferences and further develop the international connections obtained as part of that.
- To showcase the role of Indonesian marine educators in the future of marine environmental education internationally.
- To provide relevant government agencies, organisations and industries with an opportunity to promote their activities and commitment to the community and to educating for sustainable development.
- To encourage interaction and sharing of knowledge between students and marine educators and to provide young people with the opportunity to decide how they will be heard both now and in the future.

Outcomes

1. The development of strategies that focus on the challenge of educating for sustainable development at an international level by focusing on the challenge of creating the next generation of ocean scientists, ocean educators, ocean literate citizens and ocean literate decision makers.
2. The continued identification of challenges, and solutions, regarding knowledge (including traditional knowledge) and resource sharing within the Pacific taking into account the cultural, socioeconomic and technological diversity within the region.
3. To continue the development of a network of marine educators throughout the Pacific Ocean (including classroom teachers, informal educators and other community, government and non-government representatives involved in marine education), to share resources and to eventually link with marine educators worldwide.

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