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I wish to attend MISA3 and present a *paper/poster entitled :

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I wish to attend the ICSU-SCAR Forum ONLY

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First Announcement and Call for Papers

**3rd MALAYSIAN INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON
ANTARCTICA (MISA3)**

"From the Tropics to the Poles"

*in conjunction with the
International Polar Year 2007-2008
And*

ICSU-SCAR FORUM

**"Understanding the Implications of Rapid Warming in the
Polar Regions to Earth Systems"**

*Mac 21-23, 2007
Universiti Malaysia Sabah
Kota Kinabalu, Sabah*



ICSU
International Council for Science



INTRODUCTION

The Malaysian International Seminar on Antarctica (MISA) is held every two years under the auspices of the Malaysian Antarctica Research Programme which started in 1999. MISA 1 and MISA 2 were held in Kuala Lumpur and Penang in 2002 and 2004, respectively. In conjunction with the International Polar Year (IPY) 2007-2008, MISA 3 will be held in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia from 20-23 March 2007.

The theme "From the Tropics to the Poles" is in line with the rationale for the IPY, and that the poles are an integral component of the complex earth systems. In order to understand these complexities, polar research must involve scientists working together across disciplines and international boundaries. Increasingly, there is also a need to engage scientists from non-traditional polar research countries.

With this theme, the seminar brings together researchers from various polar and non-polar nations to share research findings, forge collaborative research or initiate joint expeditions. Among the activities held in conjunction with the Seminar is an Outreach Programme to generate interest on Antarctica among the general public and schoolchildren. A Forum on "Understanding the Implications of Rapid Warming in the Polar Regions to Earth systems" jointly organised with the ICSU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific will also be held. The Forum will consist of plenary sessions and case studies on topics linking polar research to earth systems analyses, especially with regards to global climate change.

IMPORTANT DATES AND ACTIVITIES

- 18 Mac 2007 (Sunday)
Outreach Programme
- 21-22 Mac 2007 (Wednesday-Thursday)
3rd Malaysian International Seminar on Antarctica (MISA3)
- 23 Mac 2007 (Friday)
ICSU-SCAR Forum
- 24-25 Mac 2007 Post-seminar tours (Climb Mount Kinabalu tour (3 days) , city tours or island hopping (day-tours)
Tours will be conducted by a local tour agent. Prices of each tour will be in the 2nd Seminar Announcement.

PLENARY SPEAKERS

Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohammad, Former Prime Minister of Malaysia

Prof Michael Stoddart, Australian Antarctic Division

Dr David Carlson, British Antarctic Survey

Dr. John Turner, British Antarctic Survey

VENUE FOR MISA -3 AND ICSU FORUM

Gallery, Chancellery Building
Universiti Malaysia Sabah,
88999 Kota Kinabalu
Sabah, Malaysia
Malaysia.

REGISTRATION FEES

For MISA3 (including ICSU-SCAR Forum)

Local: RM400 (RM200 for student)

International: USD300 (USD150 for student)

For ICSU-SCAR Forum only

Local : RM100

International : USD 30

CALL FOR PAPERS

Papers on all aspects of current Arctic or Antarctic research under the following headings are welcomed:

- Physical Sciences
- Life Sciences
- Policies

Deadlines for Submission of:

- Abstract : 30 Nov 2006
- Extended abstract: 15 February 2007

Instructions for Extended abstracts and the full paper can be found at <http://www.ums.edu.my/ipb/misa/misa.htm>

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