

Call for President of the 8th Mediterranean Conference on Marine Turtles

Dear colleagues and friends,

In agreement with the secretariats of the conventions supporting the organization of the Mediterranean Marine Turtle Conferences and IUCN/SSC Marine Turtle Specialist Group, we are opening a call for the selection of the President and principal organizer of the 8th Mediterranean Conference on Marine Turtles.

The Mediterranean conference on Marine Turtles is an important event held every 3 years, where experts from across the region get together to present their research and network new synergies for sea turtle conservation. The President is responsible for the preparation, organization and running of the Conference, in collaboration with the Secretariats of the conventions. Therefore, we invite all of those interested in organizing this important event to submit their proposal for president and host of the 8th Mediterranean Marine Turtle Conference.

To be eligible, the candidate President should at minimum:

- 1) Be an established and well-known expert within the Mediterranean sea community, willing to undertake all responsibilities related to organization and realization of the conference, including fundraising, preparation of the conference program and proceedings, and communication.
- 2) Have attended at least one previous conference.
- 3) Have adequate institutional backing (e.g., University, NGO), with the capacity to receive funds and clear up the finances of the conference, in compliance with the accounting procedures and financial laws in the respective country.
- 4) Indicate the location of the conference and confirm availability of appropriate facilities (i.e. conference venue, accommodation), and of accessibility (proximity to international airport, access to alternative routes, etc).

Each proposal should contain the following information:

- 1) Name, surname, institution position and CV of a candidate for the conference president;
- 2) Description of the institution background and available organizational support, including fundraising possibilities;
- 3) Description of organizing plans, location, travel possibilities and available venues.

Proposals should be sent by e-mail to 7medconf@gmail.com, no later than **October 19th 2022, 12:00 h, CET**. All applications will be uploaded to the web page of the 7th Conference (www.7medconf.atomm.net). The next president will be selected by secret ballot voting by registered participants of the 7th Mediterranean Conference on Marine Turtles in Tetouan, Morocco, 17 – 21 October 2022. Results of the vote will be officially announced during the last day of the Conference (October 20th), and after through the MedTurtle list server.

We encourage all of you interested in organizing this important event to submit your proposals within the above deadline. As examples, see the hosting proposal for the 7th Conference at the website of the 6th conference (<https://marine-turtles.eu>).

If you have any questions, we will be happy to assist.

On behalf of the organizers & supporters of the 7th Mediterranean Conference on Marine Turtle,

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