Get excited! The 37th annual ASPAB Conference is fast approaching, where we will gather the brightest minds in the field of marine plants taxonomy, seaweeds, seagrass, microbes, corals, phytoplanktons, aquatic plants and aquaculture.

This event promises to be an exceptional opportunity for students and the research community to share insights, collaborate, and advance our understanding of the marine world.

We invite researchers and students to submit abstracts for oral presentations and poster sessions.

The conference will be hosted on Gadigal land at UTS’s Chau Chak Wing building in the Heart of Sydney city.

**ASPAB Registration in NOW OPEN!**

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^Note: Membership included in non-member conference fees.

*or unwaged/retired. Proof of student status is required; with your registration, attach a picture of your current student card or a signed letter from your supervisor to verify your status.

**Important Closing Dates 2023**

Registration by: November 10th

Abstract submission by: 1st November 2023
Early bird abstract submissions: 6th October 2023. Lucky draw winner will receive a $50 cash prize!

Registration entitlements

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Conference Venue

UTS Building 8; Chau Chak Wing building. 14 Ultimo Rd, Sydney New South Wales 2007. (See map for location on campus). Majority of sessions will be held in CB08.03.005 (Room 5, Level 3, Building 8).
Conference Dinner

To be announced.

Environmental stewardship

Conference Materials: A conference abstract book and program will be provided digitally to all registered attendees approximately 1 week prior to the conference. Please bring your own bag/paper/pens if needed.

Beverage containers: Please bring your own refillable water bottles and reusable cups so that we can avoid single use cups/bottles for refreshments.

Travel

Bus/Train: UTS is a <10min walk from Sydney’s Central Station (via the Goods Line walkway) or 15-20min walk from Town Hall. For further information on travel into the venue both Google maps (UTS building 8 and Dr Chau Chak Wing Building can both be used) and the tripview app are highly reliable for both trip planning and transport schedules. Walking from central stations there are many possible exits to the station, where possible remain in the station and follow signs to railway square and then for the Goodsline (green). If proceeding externally follow Quay street until you arrive at your location (red/blue) OR follow Harris st and take a right onto Ultimo rd (orange).
Light rail; The closest tram stop is the Paddy’s Markets, however, Haymarket, Central (Grand Concourse), Central (Chalmers St), Capital Square and Chinatown are all under a ten-minute walk from the venue.

Terms and Conditions

We hope that you will not have to cancel your registration, however, should this be necessary cancellations must be notified by email to aspabsydney2023@gmail.com, subject line: Cancellation.

Cancellations received prior to 30th October 2023 will receive a full refund (excluding any administration charges).

If you are unable to attend, a substitute is welcome at no extra charge. Please advise the Conference Secretariat of the details of the substitute delegate via email aspabsydney2023@gmail.com, subject line: Substitute delegate.

We recommend delegates take out travel insurance.

Privacy

Information collected as part of the conference registration process will not be provided to any third party.

Contact Us

Conference enquiry’s; aspabsydney2023@gmail.com, paris.hanan@uts.edu.au, manoj.kumar@uts.edu.au.

Membership enquiry’s; (AUS) niki.travell@outlook.com or (NZ) daniel.pritchard@otago.ac.nz

Twitter hashtag:

#ASPABsydney2023

Accommodation

As we are located in central Sydney there is a vast range of options for accommodation, both in the CBD and further afield. Accommodation options in no order (none from personal experience, all within walking distance from UTS, other options can be found via a browser search).

Hostels;

- Sydney Central YHA; 11-23 Rawson Place, Sydney CBD, 2000 Sydney, Australia
- The Downing Hostel; 253 Castlereagh Street, Sydney CBD, 2000 Sydney, Australia
- Sydney Harbour YHA; 110 Cumberland Street, Sydney CBD, 2000 Sydney, Australia

Hotels;
- **The Resch House**; 557 George Street, Sydney CBD, 2000 Sydney, Australia
- **Megaboom City Hotel**; Level 1, 93 York St, Sydney CBD, 2000 Sydney, Australia
- **Holiday Inn Darling Harbour**; 68 Harbour St, Sydney, NSW 2000 Australia