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TO: Participants in *International Conference on the Effects of Noise on Aquatic Life*

FROM: Conference Organizers (Tony Hawkins, Arthur Popper, Peter Tyack, Magnus Wahlberg)

RE: Update on Conference

We are pleased to let you know that we have over 200 people already planning to attend the *International Conference on the Effects of Noise on Aquatic Life* that will take place in Nyborg, Denmark, August 13-17, 2007. We are also very pleased that you are planning on participating.

The purpose of this email is to update you on plans. Please read all of the following carefully and please note the dates.

1. **CONFERENCE DATES:** The conference will start at 8:30 on Monday August 13 and so you will have to arrive in Nyborg on Sunday August 12. The meeting will end after lunch on Friday August 17.
2. We are planning talks and posters during the day, and there will be several evening sessions for discussions.
3. **WEB SITE:** Our web site, www.NoiseEffects.umd.edu has been updated and there are several important additions. Please check that web site frequently for new material.
4. **PRESENTATIONS:** We have a large number of invited talks and a very large number of people who want to present contributed talks or posters. We will develop the program more fully in mid-April, but at this point we need to ask that *all presenters* (invited and contributed) submit a title and short abstract of their proposed presentation NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2007. You can get the abstract submission form at our web site.
 - a. Once we receive the abstracts we will develop the program.
 - b. Since we do not want to have concurrent sessions, and since we have a large number of invited talks, we anticipate that many (or most) of the contributed presentations will be by poster. You will need to indicate on the submission form if this is acceptable to you.
 - c. Around May 1 we will confirm your presentation and whether you will be giving an oral presentation or poster.
 - d. At that point, you will have to submit the full, up to three page, abstract via the web. This abstract will be distributed (by cd-rom) at the meeting and will also appear, as you write it, in the journal *Bioacoustics*. Thus, the extended abstract will serve as an archival publication from the meeting.

- e. We will give you information as to how to submit the full abstract around May 1, and this will be due no later than June 15, 2007. Abstracts not received by then will be withdrawn automatically from the meeting.
5. **FINANCIAL SUPPORT:** We have limited funds for financial support. If you wish to apply for support to attend the meeting please submit the form available on our web site. The form must be received no later than May 1, 2007 and we will attempt to inform you of support no later than June 15, 2007. Support will only be provided to individuals who are authors or co-authors of a presentation at the meeting.
6. **HOTEL RESERVATIONS:** We will be sending out information on hotel reservations shortly. The primary hotel for the meeting is the Nyborg Strand. This is a fine hotel that is ideally set up for meetings of this type. The room reservation will include breakfast. Rooms are being set aside for students at reduced rates.
7. **MEETING REGISTRATION:** We will be sending out information on meeting registration shortly. The registration fee will include excellent lunches and dinners, breaks, an opening gathering, and closing banquet. People wishing to not have the meals will be able to register without meals. Note, we will also be “subsidizing” all students and postdocs (people who completed their doctorates since August 1, 2004 and are still in training) for registration if they are authors or co-authors on a paper or poster.
8. **ACCOMPANYING PERSONS:** Accompanying persons are more than welcome at the meeting, and we will attempt to set up programs for them for at least a few days during the meeting. They will be able to participate in the excellent dinners at the Nyborg Strand. However, they will not be permitted to attend the scientific presentations.