

Announcement of the ICMMPA5 Awards at 32nd European Cetacean Society (ECS) conference

The International Conference of Marine Mammal Protected Areas (www.icmmpa.org) serves as an important forum for marine mammal protected area practitioners, including managers, scientists and industry

The 5th ICMMPA entitled “Celebrating a Decade of MMPA Collaboration” will be co-organized with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Greece and it will be held for the first time in the Mediterranean region, and more specifically in Greece, between the 8-12th of April 2019.

The International Committee of Marine Mammal Protected Areas announces three Awards to be distributed to any presenter (oral presentation, short talk, poster) at the 32nd European Cetacean Society (ECS) conference in La Spezia, Italy (<http://www.europeancetaceansociety.eu/conference/32nd-annual-conference-italy>), fulfilling the following criteria:

- Maximum age: 30
- Marine mammal conservation focus
- Connotation to place-based conservation
- Commitment to attend ICMMPA5 and present their work (either as a talk or a poster)
- Priority will be given to scientists and practitioners of countries from Southeastern Europe Mediterranean countries, Middle East, North Africa

The 1st Award winner will receive a FREE conference registration, transportation and accommodation for attending the ICMMPA5.

The 2nd and 3rd Awards winners will receive a FREE conference registration.

The selection of the Awards will be made during the 32nd ECS conference in La Spezia Italy between the 6-10th of April 2018 by members of the ICMMPA Planning Committee. All Awards will be announced at the ECS Awards ceremony. Candidates are encouraged to attend the ceremony.

Those who have received a message from the ECS confirming their abstract acceptance by the ECS Conference Organizers and who are willing to be considered for the ICMMPA Award and fulfill the eligibility criteria should contact Amalia Alberini, (info_ICMMPA@wwf.gr) with their abstracts and personal details (Name, ECS Presentation type, Affiliation, Country, Age at the time of the Conference).

For more information about the ICMMPA Awards and ICMMPA: Amalia Alberini, Conference Co-Host, WWF Greece (info_ICMMPA5@wwf.gr), WWF Greece or Naomi McIntosh, Chair, ICMMPA (naomi.mcintosh@noaa.gov)