

Call for theme and session organisers

This is a call for expressions of interest in being involved as theme or session organisers for the *Inaugural Asian Academy for Heritage Management (AAHM) Asia-Pacific regional conference on Underwater Cultural Heritage* to be held in Manila, Philippines from 8 to 12 November 2011.

Each theme and session will require at least two, and no more than three, organisers. Preference will be given to groups of theme and session organisers who are prepared to work to ensure gender balance, have a blend of experienced and early-career professionals/academics (or graduate students) and have at least one member of their group who speaks a language other than English. The conference organisers can help interested individuals to make contact with other potentially suitable organisers. Theme and session organisers will be expected to attend the conference in person and to present an individual, or jointly written, paper in either their own or another theme or session.

Theme organisers

Themes will encompass 'large-scale' issues in maritime archaeology and/or underwater cultural heritage management. Themes will need to have at least three sessions that fit comfortably within the theme and should run for a minimum of one whole day up to three days of the conference itself. Theme organisers will be required to draft a suitable theme description of 300 to 500 words which will appear on the conference website. They will be responsible for the overall co-ordination of their theme within the conference program including involvement in the recruitment, evaluation and selection of sessions and session organisers for their theme. Theme organisers will be expected to chair a session within their theme and be prepared to stand in as chair of a session if required. Theme organisers will be expected to play a role in the publication(s) that arise from the conference.

Session organisers

Sessions will address a significant issue or 'sub-theme' in maritime archaeology and/or underwater cultural heritage management. A session will consist at a minimum of four presentations (each of 20 minutes plus 20 minutes at the end of the session for questions). A session needs to have a minimum of four presenters. There may be more than one session on a particular issue/ sub-theme. Session organisers are to provide a session description of approximately 300 words to appear on the conference website. They will be responsible for coordinating their session within the conference program including involvement in the recruitment, evaluation and selection of presenters for their session. Session organisers will also select a suitable chair for each part of their session and they will be expected to chair a session part within their session, as well as be prepared to stand in as chair of a session part if required. Session organisers will be expected to play a role in the publication(s) that arise from the conference.