

A Proposal for a US bid for hosting the
11th International Coral Reef Symposium

to

International Society for Reef Studies (ISRS)

put forward and coordinated by:
Initial Local Organizing Committee (ILOC)

A US NATIONAL effort in partnership with:

**The US Coral Reef Task Force,
The State of Florida &
Non-Government sponsors**

11th International Coral Reef Symposium 2008: REEFS FOR THE FUTURE

The world's premier Coral Reef Conference

(1400 Bali, 1500+ Japan, 2000+? S.Fla)

Every 4 years; Last in Cont.US: 3rd ICRS Miami 1977

Expression of Interest due 3/22
Bid, 6/29 in Japan at 10th ICRS

11th ICRS: Host Country USA

ILOC

Underwriters: USCRTF Agency
Members, Fla, Others



Science & Management Themes

Chair: Science Program: Rob van Woesik

- Scales of processes
- Conservation
- Sustainability
- Resilience
- Science-Mngt Link
- Restoration
- Predictions & Modeling

Question-Topics Mini-Symposia



FIELD TRIPS & WORKSHOPS

Field Co-Chairs: Bob Ginsburg & Billy Causey

- Diverse Opportunities throughout IAS
- Focused small-scale
- Developing Country Partners
- Needs Identification
- Core Scientists (3-6) at each location
- Multidisciplinary Workshops
- Identify funding agencies

**11th ICRS 2008:
REEFS FOR THE FUTURE**

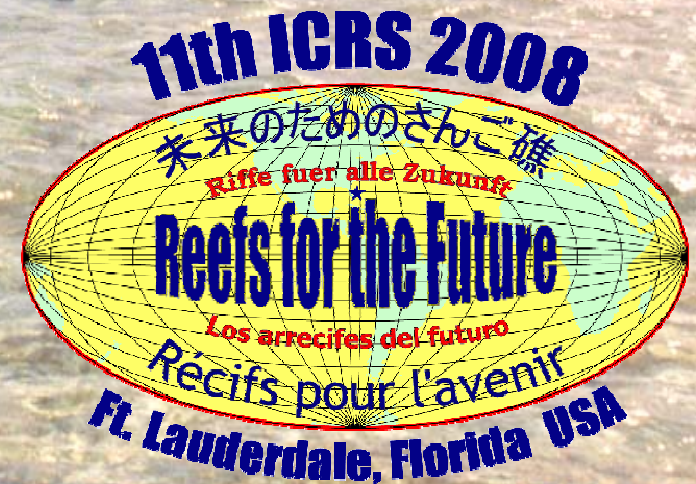


The UNITED STATES is the logical HOST for 11th ICRS:

- Commitment to Coral Reef Conservation



- Commitment
- Leadership
- Research
- Management
- Education



Venue: South Florida



Florida is the logical site for US hosted 11th ICRS:

- Most extensive coral reef ecosystems of US
- Highly visited and used reefs
- Large research data base
- Intensive management

-Has degradation, common to
the world's reefs

South Florida is an
international destination



Field Trip Opportunities

Gateway: Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, Latin America

Infrastructure & facilities available



Initial: Local Organizing Committee & Host Country Endorsement Comm.

Dr. Richard Dodge, NCRI

Dr. John Ogden, FIO

Dr. Robert van Woesik, FIT

Dr. Robert Ginsburg,

Dr. Peter Glynn, UM RSMAS

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• Mr. Roger B. Griffis, NOAA

• Mr. Randal Bowman, DOI

• Dr. Arthur E. Paterson, NOAA

• Ms. Colleen M. Castille, Secretary, Fla DEP

• Mr. Robert Ballard, Dep Sec Fla DEP

• Ms. Katherine Andrews, Fla DEP



Conference Experience

- The committee has extensive ICRS and Conference experience:
- Dr. van Woelik: IOC 10th ICRS (Okinawa)
- NCRI website 9th ICRS (Bali), the only academic sponsor
- Dr. McManus on LOC 4th ICRS Philippines
- Dr. Porter on LOC 5th ICRS Tahiti
- Dr. Ginsburg on LOC of 3rd ICRS (Miami, 1977)
- NCRI hosted a successful 1999 Int. Conf. & timely proceedings



Close Relations with ISRS

Most members of Initial
LOC have served, are
serving, or are nominated
to the ISRS Council.

NCRI Dr. Dodge is Editor
of the ISRS journal “Coral
Reefs”



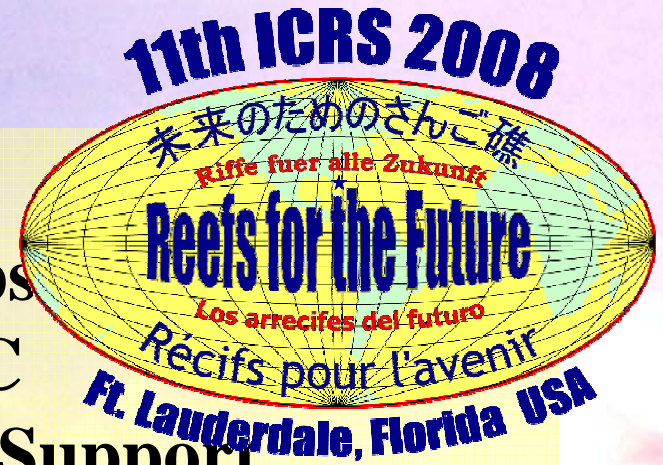
Next Steps

Mar 22, 2004 Expression of Interest

- Scientific Program & Field Trips
- Key people & institutions, ILOC
- Developing Country & Student Support
- **Guarantee of underwriting support**
- Venue, Budget

June 29 Bid Presentation at 10 ICRS in Okinawa

- **Solidify ILOC & Subcommittees**
- **Scientific Program Elucidation**
 - **Science & Mgt thematic QT approach**
- **Field Program (trips and workshops)**
- **Budget Details**
- **Gov. Endorsement & Fund raising**
- **After Win: Org, Call for participation & papers**



Partnerships for Success

The Initial LOC for the 11th ICRS

- Thanks the USCRTF & Florida for their confidence and support in this effort
- Has submitted an Expression of Interest
- Anticipates a successful Bid
- Looks forward to large & productive ICRS
- US Hosted
- Leadership & Commitment to Coral Reef Conservation in the new millennium

