**Call for Papers**

**Take an active role at Global Eco Asia-Pacific – 21-23 November 2016**

Global Eco Asia-Pacific Tourism Conference, the premier event of Ecotourism Australia, will be held 21 - 23 November 2016 in Hobart, Tasmania. Now in its 24th year, it's no coincidence that Global Eco attracts the world's best ecotourism operators, protected area managers and tourism professionals.

**Conference theme:**

***Ecotourism: Fostering Innovation  – Sustaining Excellence*** focuses on the very fundamentals of ecotourism – pushing the boundaries to provide travelers with outstanding tourism experiences in a way that respects the environment, the local community and the culture of the destination.  It brings together the key players that can deliver on these fundamentals – the operators, the protected area managers the destination developers and the marketers.

With 25 years of history (as the first National ecotourism body in the world) it is important to take stock and reflect on the growth of the industry. More importantly, there is a key responsibility to look 25 years into the future - to see how we may continue to pioneer and strive for excellence.

Ecotourism is a business and it is growing across the globe at an extraordinary rate. So how do we maintain the focus on sustainability in a world that has very unequal access to technology? What is the role of innovation in overstepping limited access to technology?

Importantly the theme explores how new players are taking a critical role in developing ecotourism - bringing economic, community and environmental benefits.

Apply Now

The Global Eco Asia-Pacific Tourism Conference is seeking papers for its workshops and masterclasses on Wednesday 23 November 2016.

Ecotourism Australia will be looking for papers across a range of topics to include in its workshop and masterclass program, including:

* Tourism in Protected Areas
* Ecotourism on private conservancies
* A century of National Parks tourism
* Geotourism
* Indigenous tourism
* Destination development
* Community based ecotourism
* Ecotourism marketing
* Quality and standards
* Ecotourism policy and planning
* Island and marine ecotourism
* Ecotourism contributing to wellbeing and social inclusion
* Technology applied to ecotourism
* Sustainability through the application of low tech
* Ecotourism investment
* Strategic partnerships for sustainable tourism
* Ecotourism and World Heritage

**The deadline for the submission of offered papers is COB Monday 30 May, 2016.** Further calls for offered papers in particular subject areas may be made in the period June to September 2016.

[**CLICK HERE**](http://subscriptions.managementsolutions.net.au/surveys.php?id=1) to submit your paper now!

**Guidelines**

Global Eco is not an academic conference. It is predominantly attended by practitioners in ecotourism operations, protected area management agencies and tourism organisations. A review of the papers from previous years (located in the ‘Conference Profile’ tab under the sub-heading Proceedings) will assist in pitching your paper.

Submitted papers must address the following:

* an alignment with the conference theme;
* in the presentation of case studies, an outline of the key learnings and outcomes of the project or program;
* applied learning experiences of the project and their relevance to ecotourism and responsible tourism;

Further requirements:

* submissions must be made electronically via the Global Eco Conference website ‘call for papers’ tab;
* abstracts must be no more than 250 words;
* abstracts should contain a brief summary of the content areas of your proposed topic;
* joint presentations are welcome;
* a 150 word biography (and a head and shoulders photo please) of each presenter; and
* the title should aim to be precise and concise so that it conveys a clear message.

All presenters must be able to cover their own registration fees, accommodation and travel costs. Accepted speakers will be offered a 10% discount on registration fees. The discount excludes networking events and technical tours as these are charged at cost price.

Accepted speakers must register and pay prior to **COB, Monday, 22 August 2016** to have their paper confirmed and published.

To enable delegates to interact with presenters we encourage speakers to attend the entire conference.  As a minimum, Speakers must be registered and attend the day of their presentation.

The titles of papers and presenter’s details will be provided (excluding contact details) on the conference website and other conference collateral. The Secretariat reserves the right to edit the title of papers to reduce their length if required. Any Author changes to the title or abstract of papers must be made to the Global EcoSecretariat by email prior to **COB, Monday 22 August 2016**.

Speakers with accepted abstracts will be required to prepare and submit their full presentation by **COB, Monday, 31 October 2016.**

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