

International Conference in Management of Accessible Underwater Cultural and Natural Heritage Sites: *“Dive in Blue Growth”*

16-18 October 2019
Athens, Museum of Acropolis, Auditorium

BLUEMED project with the support of the Med Sustainable Tourism Community are organizing the International Conference in Management of Accessible Underwater Cultural and Natural Heritage Sites, **“Dive in Blue Growth”**.

Coastal areas and islands of the Mediterranean are tourism-based economies with important natural and cultural assets that are located underwater and, because of their geomorphic characteristics, are vulnerable to the impacts of extreme climatic conditions. They are faced with common challenges: a) lack of coordinated policies, methods and tools, adapted to support sustainable economic development, b) ineffective protection of their underwater natural and cultural heritage and inability to use it as an asset for sustainable and responsible tourism development, c) insufficient measures to tackle impacts of extreme climatic conditions.

BLUEMED aims to protect and preserve in a unified manner the underwater natural and cultural heritage of selected locations of the Mediterranean, to help coastal and island economies prosper by adopting a sustainable blue model for tourism development, and to protect the marine ecosystem of the Mediterranean. BLUEMED is part of Interreg MED 2014-20 Programme. The Programme is co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund.

Within the framework of sustainable tourism in Med area, the Conference is an opportunity for underwater archaeologists, public organizations, local governments and authorities, universities, marine researchers, NGOs, tourist organizations, management authorities of diving parks, industry players in underwater technologies and dry dive experiences to exchange views on problems and solutions that are focused in underwater natural and cultural heritage.

You could participate in the International Conference and present your scientific work in specific topics. For more information regarding the BLUEMED Project and the International Conference, visit: bluemed.interreg-med.eu

Conference Topics

- a) Management and protection of accessible Underwater Cultural Heritage (UCH) sites and UCH diving parks
- b) Initiatives for sustainable Blue tourism through accessible UCH sites and diving parks
- c) Technologies for offering dry dive experiences to non-divers

Call for abstracts

In the first stage, contributions to the Conference will be made by submitting:

- ✓ Abstract, up to **300 words** and **5 keywords**, related to **one of the three topics** mentioned above, for independent review.

You can submit your proposed abstract by sending email to bluemedconference@gmail.com by **30 January 2019**.

Conference language: **English**.

Conference Chair

Dr. Kalamara Pari

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Pari Kalamara studied history and archaeology at the University of Athens and carried on doctoral studies at the School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences in Paris, in the sector "History and Civilizations". She works in the Hellenic Ministry of Culture since 1988 in the field of protection and promotion of cultural heritage. From 2006 till 2018 she was Head of the Department of Public Archeological Museums and Collections and Director of the Ephorate of Antiquities of Euboea and Beotia. Since 2003 she works as Associated Professor in the Open University of Greece.

Dr. Davidde Barbara

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Barbara Davidde, is archaeologist of the Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities (MiBAC), currently Director of the Underwater Archaeology Operation Unit (NIAS - Nucleo per

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Important dates

Abstract Submission Deadline: **30 January 2019**

Notification of acceptance: **28 February 2019**

Full Paper Submission Deadline: **20 May 2019**

Registration opening: **10 June 2019**

Presentation Submission deadline: **20 September 2019**

Registration closing: **20 September 2019**

Attendance

The International Conference "Dive in Blue Growth" is addressed to the academic and research community, public and private institutions, local authorities, managing authorities, manufacturers, and end users who would like to be informed and participate actively in the discussions on the future of Underwater Cultural and Natural Heritage.

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