



Association Affairs

PACIFIC SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

NEWS AND UPDATES

1. Future Earth

“Future Earth” is a new 10-year international research initiative coordinated by the International Council for Science (ICSU), and comprised of ICSU, the International Social Sciences Council (ISSC), Belmont Forum, UNESCO, UNEP, United Nations University (UNU), and World Meteorological Organization (WMO) that seeks to mobilize scientists and other stakeholders to develop knowledge, options, and solutions to effectively respond to the risks and opportunities of global environmental change and for supporting transformation towards global sustainability. PSA is actively contributing to regional discussions of Future Earth, and PSA President Nancy Lewis will represent the organization at the ICSU-ROAP Future Earth Regional Workshop for Asia and the Pacific in Kuala Lumpur, from 21–23 November 2012.

2. Call for Symposium and Abstracts for the 12th Pacific Science Inter-Congress

Researchers and students are invited to submit symposia proposals and/or abstracts for the 12th Pacific Science Inter-Congress (PSIC-12). Please see News item #2 below for a list of sub-themes. Also note that other themes may be developed based on submission of relevant abstracts, and that side meetings either before or after the Inter-Congress are encouraged.

- **Symposia proposals** are now being accepted via an online form at the official website (http://www.psi2013.usp.ac.fj/?page_id=665).
- **Abstracts** for oral or poster presentations are now being accepted on the official Inter-Congress website (http://www.psi2013.usp.ac.fj/?page_id=135).
- **Both session proposals and abstracts should be submitted by 31 January 2013** via the official Inter-Congress website using the provided template.
- **Side meetings** by relevant institutions are also encouraged. Please contact the Local Organizing Committee for more details.

Registration for the PSIC-12 is now open. Please visit www.psi2013.usp.ac.fj to register. Note that the registration rates are all in Fiji Dollars but their USD \$ equivalents are listed in the chart below. Note that because of additional sources of external funding we have been able to offer lower rates than those published in the last issue of Pacific Science.