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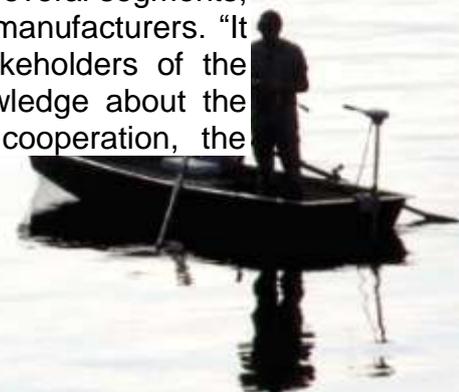
Open registration and first call for papers - 7th World Recreational Fishing Conference

Brazil will host the event for the first time. It is expected over one thousand attendees

Registrations are open for the World Recreational Fishing Conference (WRFC) to be held from September 1st to 4th, 2014 at the Convention Center of the State University of Campinas (São Paulo State, Brazil). The WRFC is in its seventh edition, and Brazil was chosen to host the event for the first time. In addition to four major international keynote addresses delivered by renowned professionals like Nigel Lester, Rubinho Almeida Prado, Robert Arlinghaus and Julian Pepperell, the event also will hold other academic, cultural and leisure activities, such as sightseeing tours and technical visits. It is probable that a Boating & Recreational Fishing Fair will be organized as well. It is expected that the conference attracts more than 1000 people, including researchers, businessmen, professionals and amateurs of the sport that is constantly improving and now boosts a billionaire market all over the world.

This series of conferences, with the participation of delegates from various countries of the world, is a space for the exchange and discussion of cutting-edge science focused on the management of fishing activities as leisure. Ezequiel Theodoro da Silva, a professor at Unicamp, is the general Coordinator of the Organizing Committee, states: "More than an expectation, the 7th World Recreational Fishing Conference is the consolidation of scientific research about fishery as leisure in Brazil and in all developing countries. Thus, with the encouragement of different scientific fields (biology, ichthyology, economy, education, sociology, etc), we have the chance to control and push the growth of this area and make our country move to a higher level of development."

Silva also emphasizes that recreational fishing is a mosaic of several segments, including the fishing guides and the large fishing equipment manufacturers. "It opens up an opportunity and a space for the several stakeholders of the recreational fishing world to discuss and deepen their knowledge about the problems and needs of the area, enabling international cooperation, the



exchange of research results and, most importantly, the actions towards sustainability of fishing practices in different regions.”

Topics to be discussed: Change, transformation and adaptation in recreational fisheries, Social and environmental changes and its impacts in recreational fisheries, Transformation and maximization of social and economic benefits generated by recreational fishery activities, Recreational fisherman’s attitudes to cope with the impacts of change, Technological innovations in the recreational fishing area, Catch-and-release practices: novel insights, Innovative management and governance methods in the recreational fishing area, Research on angling diversity around the world, Minimum and maximum size for catches: policies and regulations, Southern Hemisphere Recreational Salmonids Fisheries.

More information and registration on the website: www.7wrfc.com .

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