

Dear Belgian ICES experts and colleagues,

You are kindly invited to the 2nd BICEpS Colloquium jointly organised by ILVO and RBINS. It will take place in the Virginie Loveling building (VAC) in Ghent on Monday 2 December from 9:30 until 16:30. The colloquium offers the Belgian ICES community an opportunity to share and improve its scientific contribution to ICES.

This second edition of the colloquium will cover a number of the strategic themes of the [new ICES Science Plan](#) (sessions 2-3-4). It will start with a session on the organisation of ICES from a Belgian perspective (invited speakers only), a sandwich lunch is provided at noon, and the day will end with a special "Cheers & Tears" session. As BICEPS members, your contribution is sought for sessions 2-3-4-5.

Session 1. ICES organisation from a Belgian perspective

Session 2. Ecosystem science: Advance and shape understanding of the structure, function and dynamics of marine ecosystems — to develop and vitalize marine science and underpin its applications

Session 3. Conservation and management science: Develop tools, knowledge, and evidence for conservation and management — to provide more and better options to help managers set and meet objectives

Session 4. Seafood production: Generate evidence and advice for management of wild-capture fisheries and aquaculture — to help sustain safe and sufficient seafood supplies

Session 5. Cheers and Tears: drink, pictures, networking and wrap-up of the day

Please [REGISTER](#) now for this event and let us know how you will contribute.

For sessions 2-3-4, the **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS** is now open until **30 SEPTEMBER 2019**. Please use the template in annex to this email to submit your abstract for a short oral contribution to biceps@naturalsciences.be. There is no poster session this year.

For session 5, you are also warmly invited to contribute to the content of this **special session "ICES Cheers & Tears"** by submitting pictures, souvenirs and anecdotes from your work with ICES.

Event Timing: Monday 2 December 2019 (9:30 - 16:30) - Registration and welcome coffee at 9:00
Address: Virginie Loveling building (VAC), room Baekeland (4th floor), Koningin Maria Hendrikaplein 70, 9000 Ghent

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Submission of abstracts until 30 September.

Registration until 25 November (the registration is free but mandatory).