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ICES Annual Science Conference 2012 in Bergen, Norway, focuses on sustainable aquaculture and polar research

Copenhagen, Denmark – The **International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)**, the world's largest marine science and advisory body, in cooperation with the **Institute of Marine Research (IMR)** in Bergen, will hold its **Annual Science Conference** at the Scandic Bergen City Hotel in Bergen, Norway, **17-21 September 2012**.

Over 600 scientists from around the world will visit Bergen to participate in the conference, which focuses on sustainable aquaculture as well as the oceanography and ecology of the Arctic in the context of climate change. In addition, the 18 theme sessions cover a wide range of topics from the effects of renewable energy production on aquatic life to the traceability of fish and fish products.

Aquaculture is today among the fastest growing food production sectors in the world and research into aquaculture–environment interactions has a high priority in many countries. Dr Karin Kroon Boxaspen from the Institute of Marine Research in Bergen will provide a deeper understanding of the issues with her opening session lecture **“The challenge of Sustainable Aquaculture production – Research and Advice for a changing world”**.

Journalists are invited to attend the opening session, which takes place 17 September at 13:00 at the Scandic Bergen City Hotel. The full conference programme is available on the [ICES website](#).

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Note to editors

The **International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)** coordinates and promotes marine research in the North Atlantic, the Baltic and the North Sea. ICES acts as a meeting point for a community of more than 4000 marine scientists with 20 member states around the North Atlantic and connections to further marine institutes globally.

Scientists working through ICES gather information about the marine ecosystem. In addition to filling gaps in existing knowledge, this information is also developed into unbiased, non-political advice. The advice is then used by the 20 Member Countries, which fund and support ICES, to help them manage the North Atlantic Ocean and adjacent seas.

ICES has been based in Copenhagen since 1902. Today, its Secretariat with a staff of 55 provides scientific, administrative, secretarial, editorial, and data management expertise to the ICES network of marine scientists.

For more information, visit www.ices.dk.

The **Institute of Marine Research (IMR)**, visit <http://www.imr.no/en>

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