

OSICON-17

The 5th National Conference of Ocean Society of India 2017 (OSICON-17) was held during 28th to 30th August 2017 in NCESS.

Ocean and Climate Change was the focal theme of the conference. The presentations and discussions during the conference highlighted the impacts of climate change in the oceans and the relationship with socio-economic aspects of our country. Severity of the impacts of climate change on the coast and oceans have been brought out by many speakers. Firsthand accounts of extreme ocean weather events were also presented.

OSICON-17 started with a vibrant inaugural function wherein the respected Secretary of the MoES, Dr. M. Rajeevan inaugurated the function and delivered a speech fittingly setting the tone of the Conference.

Subsequently, the Plenary talk on Sustainable Development of the Coastal Zone of India: A Perspective was delivered by the former secretary of the MoES Dr. Shailesh Nayak.

OSICON-17 had 8 invited talks by reputed scientists and science managers in the country vividly unfolding the strength of our ocean research arena making critical areas of challenge to be attempted for prospective research.

Total registered participants of this conference were 361, out of which 292 participated in the conference out of which 168 were student delegates from major research/university institutions in the county.

OSICON-17 received 310 abstracts, an all time high compared to all the previous 4 OSICONs. After review process, 252 were accepted in which 238 abstracts were printed in the proceedings. A total of 141 were listed under the oral sessions and 97 in poster sessions. At the end of the conference, the statistics show that 114 of abstracts were made into the final presentation under the 21 oral sessions and only 67 are found to have made into the final poster sessions during the three days.

Based on the marks provided by the Chair and Co-chair of the 21 sessions, certificates and cash awards were distributed to 3 best oral and 3 best poster presentations in the valedictory function. Also, Dr. P.V. Joseph, a distinguished atmospheric scientist and academician was honoured in the function for his life time contribution.

The organizing committee has decided to go for publication of 40 to 50 best selected full papers after due reviewing process in the Journal of Coastal Research as an edited special volume. Also, it is contemplated to publish a few full papers in a peer reviewed Indian Journal as a special publication volume. This expected bring visibility to contemporaneous research in ocean sciences in our country.