



# MARS Directors meeting

## A new Strategy for MARS: Supporting a Decade of Marine Science in Europe and Beyond

Programme  
and  
Practical information

27th – 29th November, 2018  
HCMR, Héraklion, Crete,

Hosted by:

**Institute of Marine Biology, Biotechnology and Aquaculture (IMBBC), Hellenic  
Centre for Marine Research (HCMR), Crete**





**Tuesday, 27th November 2018**

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Location: HCMR, Heraklion, Crete

**1300 - 1330:** Registration and coffee

**1330 - 1400:** Opening and welcome – Antonis Magoulas (host, HCMR) & Matt Frost (MARS President)

SESSION 1 – MARS STRATEGY

**1400 - 1430:** MARS overview, update, outcomes & progress since last directors meeting (MF)

**1430 - 1500:** Presentation of the new MARS strategy to support a decade of Marine Science in European Science in Europe and beyond. (MF)

**1500 - 1530:** Plenary discussion on MARS strategy (Mars Board member to chair)

**1530 - 1600:** Coffee

**1600 - 1645:** Plenary discussion on Mars Strategy continued (Mars Board member to chair)

SESSION 2 – MARS NETWORK & STATION UPDATES

**1645 - 1730:** MARS Annual Report presentation (including finance update) (MF)

**2000:** Evening meal



**Wednesday, 28th November 2018**

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**SESSION 2 – MARS NETWORK & STATION UPDATES - continued**

**0900 - 0930:** European Scientific Diving Panel (ESDP)

**0930 - 1030:** MARS station updates and sustainable finance model discussion (MARS Board member to chair)

**1030 - 1100:** Science, Policy & Lobbying

**1100 - 1130:** Coffee

**SESSION 3 – WORLD ASSOCIATION OF MARINE STATIONS**

**1130 - 1215:** Keynote: A decade of Ocean Science (IOC- UNESCO Speaker)

**1215 - 1300:** Science, policy & Lobbying continued

**1300 - 1400:** Lunch

**1400 - 1500:** WAMS recent activity and status report (MF)

**1500:** Social programme

**2000:** Evening meal



**Thursday, 29th November 2018**

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**0900 - 1100:** WAMS national network overviews (NAML, JAMBIO etc)

**1100 - 1130:** Coffee break

**1130 - 1230:** Overview and Summary of Actions based on decided renewed Strategy

**Departure**

### **Registration**

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The registration fee for the meeting is 150 €

This year the registration fee for one representative of a MARS member institute is waived (no registration fee).

The registration fee for non-MARS members is waived if your institute becomes a member of MARS for 2019.

The registration fee includes all costs related to the organization, venue, coffee breaks, lunches and dinners on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> day, and the social programme incl. visit to the aquarium.

The registration fee can be paid by cash at the registration desk.

Please register for the meeting at: <http://www.marinestations.org/registration-form-mars-directors-meeting-hcmr-crete-november-2018/>



## Travel information

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### Venue

The meeting will be held at Institute of Marine Biology, Biotechnology and Aquaculture (IMBBC), Thalassokosmos complex, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR), Crete.

Our local host is Dr. Antonios Magoulas, Director of IMBBC.

Wifi is freely available at IMBBC.

### Address:

Main Building of IMBBC (HCMR), Thalassocosmos, Former U.S. Base of Gournes, 71500 Gournes, Heraklion, Crete, Greece.

### Coffee breaks, lunches, dinners

Coffee breaks, lunch and dinner will be available by the restaurant in the Cretaquarium (Thalassokosmos complex, HCMR, IMBBC). Do not forget to indicate any dietary demands.

### **Public transport from the airport to HCMR, IMBBC or the hotel:**

Information on public transportation can be found at: <https://www.ktelherlas.gr/en/>

starting point: d.aerodromia (airport)

destination: Mallia.

Please inform the bus driver the destination of your bus trip (name of Hotel, HCMR Headquarters).

The hotel "Your Memories" is located at 2 minutes walking distance from a bus stop.

### **Taxi from the airport to HCMR, IMBBC or the hotel:**

The taxi rank of Heraklion Airport is situated just outside the passenger terminal. Taxis are available during operating hours of the airport.

### **Accommodation - Hotel**

There is no central arrangement for accommodation. You need to book the room by yourself.

A special price has been negotiated with the "Your Memories, Best Western" hotel at Gouves:

<http://www.yourmemorieshotel.com/> (see Map 2 below)

Single rooms are available to the participants at the price of **50** Euros, including breakfast.

Double rooms are available to the participants at the price of **65** Euros, including breakfast.

Wifi is freely available.

### Please, book your rooms by:

(a) sending an email message to the hotel manager Mrs. Anna Chalkiadaki:

[info@yourmemorieshotel.com](mailto:info@yourmemorieshotel.com)

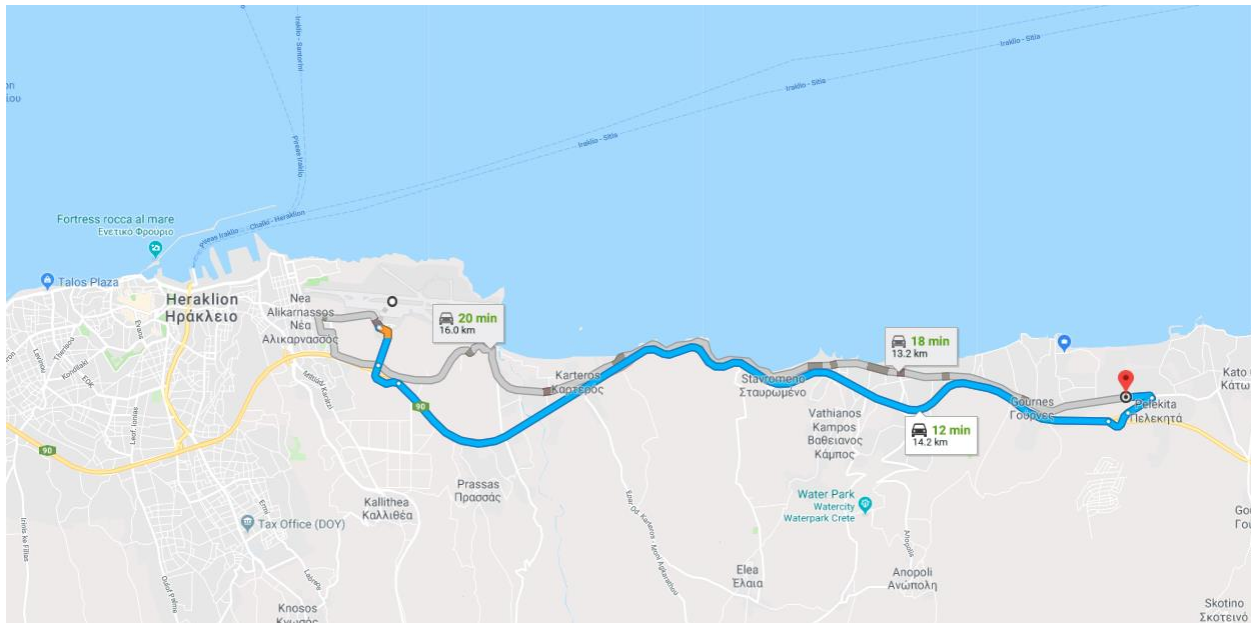
(b) by making a phone call to the hotel: +30 6976 770293 or +30 28970 41844

**DO NOT** try to book your room through the hotel web site because these prices are not available there.

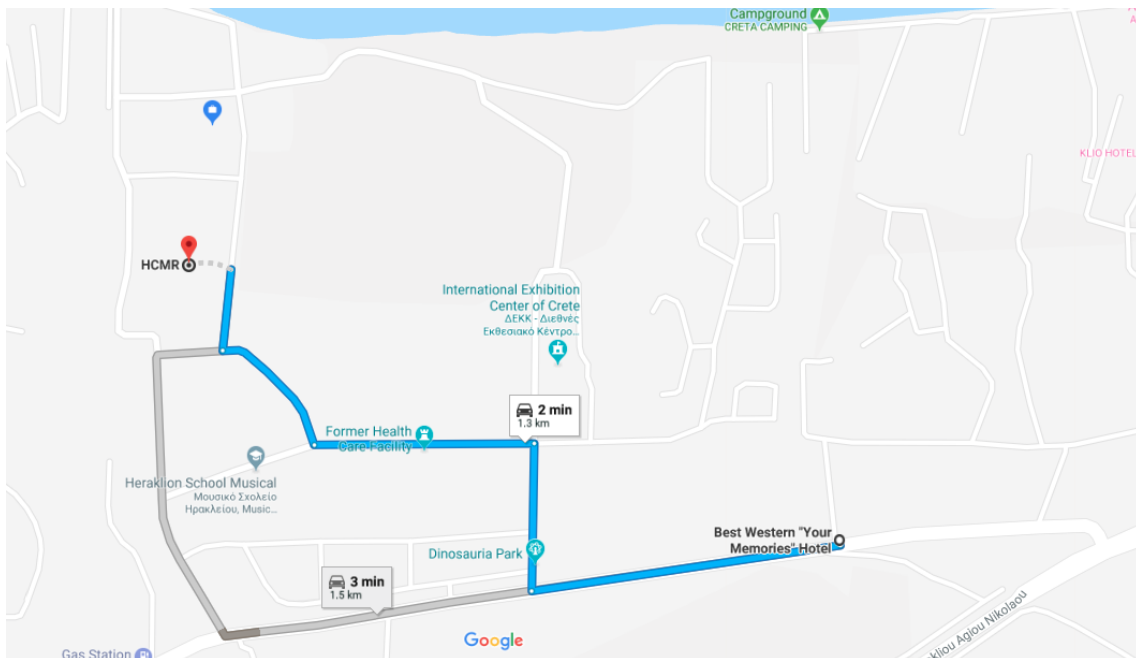
Always, mention the venue in your messages / phone calls and the name of Dr. Christos Arvanitidis.

The hotel is at walking distance from the venue (Map 2).

During the meeting, Dr. Christos Arvanitidis will come by the hotel in the morning to take the participants to the IMBBC premises. If you have difficulties walking and need transport by car, please contact [arvanitidis@hcmr.gr](mailto:arvanitidis@hcmr.gr).



Map 1. From the airport to Your Memories, Best Western hotel in Gouves.



Map 2. From the hotel Your Memories, Best Western to IMBBC, at the Thalassokosmos complex (HCMR).