

# MICRO 2016

## Fate and Impact of Microplastics in Marine Ecosystems: From the Coastline to the Open Sea

International Conference, Lanzarote, Spain 25 - 27 May 2016

Lanzarote, June 25<sup>th</sup> 2015

### FIRST CIRCULAR: CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to invite the scientific community and stakeholders to **MICRO 2016**, an international conference that will be hosted in Lanzarote, Spain, 25 - 27 May 2016:

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**MICRO 2016** provides an opportunity to share available knowledge, fill in gaps, identify new questions and research needs, and develop commitments to operationalize solutions.

Participants are invited to submit abstracts for oral or poster presentations on the following topics:

- \* **From macro- to microplastics: Weathering and fragmentation processes**
- \* **From source to sink: Occurrence and distribution of microplastics in fresh water bodies, coastal zones and the open ocean**
- \* **Impacts of microplastics on marine life**
- \* **Microplastics as vectors of biological and chemical contaminants**
- \* **Socioeconomic impacts of microplastics**
- \* **Citizen science, outreach, education and communication**
- \* **Solutions and next steps**

If you would like to propose a side event, please directly contact the organizers:

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**Abstract Submission Deadline: 15 January 2016**

For more information: <http://micro2016.sciencesconf.org>

**The organizing board and scientific committee hope to see you in Lanzarote!**

