

**The 5th National Symposium on the Ecology,  
Status, & Conservation of the Diamondback Terrapin**  
  
**will be held at the LA University's Marine  
Consortium (LUMCON) in Chauvin, LA**  
  
**November 12-14th, 2010**

The **LUMCON W. J. DeFelice Marine Center** is approximately 85 miles southwest of New Orleans. It is situated in the heart of the estuarine wetland complex of the Mississippi River deltaic plain, between Atchafalaya River and the Mississippi. This site provides ready field access to the most productive estuaries in the United States, including vast salt, brackish and freshwater marshes, barrier islands, and offshore environments of the northern Gulf of Mexico. It will be a spectacular location for our meeting.

**The facility** (<http://www.lumcon.edu/facilities/marinecenter/>): The W. J. DeFelice Marine Center is a modern, 75,000 square foot complex of research, instructional, housing, and support facilities. It has 26,000 square feet of laboratory, classroom, office, and library space, and 8 laboratories equipped with running sea water. We will be using their cafeteria/ general meeting room in the center of the complex, and their 99-seat auditorium.

**Housing:** The W. J. DeFelice Marine Center has 72 beds in dorm rooms and 20 beds in apartments, which are further broken down as one 2 bedroom apt with five beds, two 1 bedroom apts that each have 4 beds, a 1 bedroom apt with 5 beds, and a 1 bedroom apt with 2 beds. These will be filled on a first come-first served basis; call the LUMCOM receptionist, Ms. Cindy Sevin at (985) 851-2800 ext. 0 to reserve your room. If you want to arrive early or stay later to enjoy the Marine Center's excellent facilities, you can arrange that with Ms. Sevin. If we fill the facility there is very likely to be space at the Coco Marina (hotel) (1-800-648-2626, < 1/4 mile down the road, ask to speak with Joan Glover). See the visitor handbook at (<http://www.lumcon.edu/facilities/MarineCenter/VisitorHandbook.pdf>).

**Meals:** We will have an informal reception Friday night, and a banquet featuring shrimp okra gumbo (with vegetarian option) with a guest speaker Saturday night. All meals (breakfasts & lunches Saturday and Sunday, banquet Saturday night) will be on site.

**Costs:** I am still working out details, but I suspect that housing, meals, reception, banquet, shuttle service to/from New Orleans airport combined will be about \$105.

**So prepare the papers and posters and reports you want to present, because our call for papers will go out in June 2010. Remember the theme of this meeting, in recognition of the great state of Louisiana, is EVOLUTION.**

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