

## ***INTRODUCTION***

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Welcome / Bienvenido to the Proceedings of the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual IAMSILIC Conference and the 2nd Latin American Regional Group Meeting which was held in Mar del Plata, Argentina, 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> October 2010. The theme was: **Netting Knowledge: Two Hemispheres – One World.**

Whether a member of the northern or southern hemisphere, we all live and work in one world. The 2010 Conference brought together knowledge and information professionals from around the globe to share their insights on marine & aquatic science data, information & knowledge management, retrieval, renewal and use. Although it has been said that through technology the world is shrinking, we know the world of knowledge and information is growing.

This year's Conference sessions included:

- Core Marine Journals: shrinking/smaller core collections, consortia, and shared access.
- Building, Promoting, and Providing Access to specialized databases & archives
- Expanding Horizons: innovations in education and instruction
- Assessing our impact and expanding our roles
- Green Flash Round Robin
- New technologies for a growing world of mobile and open access information
- Resources for both Hemispheres

The presenters' papers and the poster abstracts are included in the proceedings and cover their expertise in the information and knowledge arena.

In addition, we were pleased to have 2 guest speakers: Dr. Rut Akselman-Cardella, Marine Diatoms of Argentina: Textile Art and Dr. Martin Ehrlich, Review of more than 200 years of marine research in Argentina.

There were many opportunities for networking with fellow marine and aquatic librarians from around the world as we had attendees from Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Columbia, Croatia, Cuba, Ecuador, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, Panama, Peru, South Africa, Tanzania, United Kingdom, United States, and Uruguay.

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