

"First International Tsunami Field Symposium, Bonaire, 2006", IGCP 495 (also sponsored by the Commission on Coastal Systems of IGU):

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Time: March 2nd to March 4th, 2006 (i.e. arrival on Bonaire Island in the evening of March 1st and departure in the evening of March 4th or morning of March 5th (i.e. 4 nights and 3 days)

Place: Captain Don's Habitat, Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles

Program:

Day 1: Field trip in the morning, paper session in the afternoon (14.00-17.30).

Day 2: Field trip in the morning, paper session in the afternoon (14.00-17.30).

Day 3: Full day field trip with picnic.

Aims: Field demonstration of Holocene Tsunami imprints and sediments along the coastlines of Bonaire, in comparison to storm/hurricane deposits, including Hurricane Lenny of 1999 and Hurricane Ivan of 2004; relative and absolute dating of these events; tsunami risks of Caribbean islands. The paper session should deal as well with rare events like tsunamis and hurricanes on coastal geomorphology and sedimentology and should be published - peer reviewed - as a supplement volume of an international journal.

Bonaire has good international flight connections from Europe via Amsterdam, from USA, South America and the Caribbean.

Accommodation: Lodging may be at the meeting place Captain Don's Habitat. In the so called Oasis Villas (2 separate bedrooms for 2 each with private facilities each, kitchen, living room, AC, veranda etc., situated directly on top of a cliff with Caribbean sunset and snorkling below), and a good onsite restaurant for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Costs per night/bed without breakfast including all taxes etc.: about 70.-\$US.

Field trips for 20 people in 2 Vans (partly rough roads), max. 30 people in 3 Vans.

Conference fees about 200.-\$US for 3 field trips, paper sessions with refreshments, 1 picnic, field guide (volume of about 100 pages with a lot of documents).

Please mail your interest (indicating title of paper) to dieter.kelletat@uni-essen.de, who will answer all your questions immediately.

I hope, that people interested will answer soon to see how many will attend and how many papers will be presented. The field trip is max. 30 people, but paper session has place for about 60.