

MASTS SMALL GRANT AWARD – Reference: SG270

Support for attending the 9th International Conference on Marine Bioinvasions, Sydney

19th-21st January 2016

The MASTS Small Grant award enabled me to attend and present at the 9th International Conference of Marine Bioinvasions in Sydney, Australia. My oral presentation title was '*Biosecurity implications of the marine renewable energy industry*' and I presented it on Thursday 21st January in the 'Invasions in Industry' session. The session audience included a number of highly esteemed academic researchers as well as policy makers and regulators and my talk promoted some interesting discussion during the session and after it with a number of conference delegates.

This was my first attendance at the International Conference of Marine Bioinvasions. This conference is one of the most sort-after research conferences in the field of marine non-native species research and in-turn attracts highly respected researchers from around the world. The MASTS grant gave me a fantastic opportunity to use conference as platform for establishing myself as research scientist in this field, but also for highlighting research that is taking place in Scotland.

Total amount awarded - £500

Costs:

Travel - £680.95

Conference fees - £155 (+£27.50 for conference dinner)

Accommodation - £243.85