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Global meet on marine ecosystems

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Eminent marine scientists, oceanographers, fishery researchers and marine biotechnologists will assemble here from January 7 to 10 to attend the third international symposium on marine ecosystems - challenges and opportunities.

Organised by the Marine Biological Association of India, MECOS-3 will set a platform for discussion on a wide range of topics, including impact of climate change on marine ecosystems and unusual warming of the Arabian Sea.

Petri Suuronen, programme director, Blue Bioeconomy Natural Resources Institute, Finland, will open the symposium at 3 p. m. on Tuesday.

The four-day meet being held at the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute assumes significance in the backdrop of recent trend of continuous cyclonic storms and other phenomena in the Arabian Sea. The third Dr. S. Jones Memorial Prize will be presented to T. Balasubramanian, Vice Chancellor of Chettinad University.