13-13.05 pm  **Nominee**, United Nations University Office in New York  Introductory Remarks

13.05–13.25  **Hanneke Van Lavieren**, UNU-INWEH  Why the Gulf is Important. A discussion of its unique geography and biology, its harsh environment, its significant economic importance, and the various anthropogenic stressors now impacting it.

13.25–13.45  **Charles G. Trick**, University of Western Ontario  Water-quality Issues in coastal waters of the Gulf. A discussion of the particular risks of pollution by nutrients and other substances, the added risks imposed by rapid, and often poorly designed coastal development, and the risks to human and environmental health that could result.

13.45–14.05  **Charles R.C. Sheppard**, University of Warwick  Environmental Impacts of Coastal Development on the Gulf. A discussion of the ways in which coastal development is now impacting coastal and offshore marine systems in the Gulf, and how this increases the risks to sustainability of the Gulf ecosystem posed by other human impacts.


14.25–15.00  **Panel Discussion**. A dialog between the speakers and the audience.