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1. Associate Partners welcome at the CoPraNet - Coastal Practice Network

EUCC - The Coastal Union is the lead partner for an INTERREG IIIC project which is developing a network of practising coastal stakeholders. Such a network has been deemed of great relevance by the EC in their Recommendation on implementation of Integrated Coastal Zone Management in Europe (2002/413/EC). The project network is however not expected to be the final network and therefore CoPraNet is inviting coastal councils, institutes and other stakeholder organisations to join CoPraNet as an Associate Partner and profit from the work that is currently being conducted throughout Europe on this issue. The aim is to establish a multi-sectoral, fully self-supporting coastal network by the end of the current project period in 2006. CoPraNet is especially looking for national, regional and local authorities that are ready to organise an event (workshop, seminar) under the auspices of the network; the topics of such events can be broader than the project topics, covering all aspects of coastal management and planning. Within the framework of CoPraNet, a network of Europe-wide, coastal practitioners will be developed which will enhance a wider exchange of knowledge, problem-solving and solutions using examples of best practice on sustainable tourism, beach management and other important coastal issues. The results of the network will be widely available to all coastal authorities and stakeholders by placement on the worldwide web. Joining the expanded Coastal Practice Network will make it possible to be involved in the equalisation of sustainable tourism management practices in Europe, the introduction of better coastal environmental management practices, and the improvement of information flow to coastal stakeholders. In short, network members will be in the forefront of the implementation of integrated coastal zone management (ICZM) throughout Europe.

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<http://www.coastalpractice.net/>

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2. Coastal practitioners exchange best practices for Southern North Sea

Coastal practitioners from five provinces and counties met at the Southern North Sea Forum from 29 to 30 June in Oostburg (Sluis, Zeeland, NL). This meeting was organised by the Council of Sluis in connection with the SAIL project. It staged a number of presentations on coastal management and a discussion on common future perspectives. Particular attention was asked for the idea of a "Southern North Sea coastal park" and for cooperation on the treatment of oiled birds. Flemish education expert Wim Mestdagh, founding father of the Week of the Sea, presented the experience from West-Flanders, where the Week has been running successfully since 1996. EUCC's Secretary General Albert Salman also attended the forum and discussed opportunities for collaboration between the Week of the Sea in Belgium, in the Netherlands (where the Week has been running since 2001), NW-France, and SE-England. The EUCC is seeking to develop an international partnership to organise a European Week of the Sea, starting from 2006. However, this requires extensive collaboration and fine-tuning between interested parties during the next two years. The EUCC is preparing an international networking activity during the Week of the Sea in May 2005 in the Southern North Sea in order bring interested parties together.

All those interested in an international Week of the Sea (in 2005 or '06) are encouraged to contact Miranda Wien at the EUCC, m.wien@eucc.net.

3. International Blue Flag Jury awarded nearly 3000 beaches and marinas

The International Blue Flag Jury meeting was held on 23 April, attended by representatives from the World Tourism Organisation, EUCC, and Friends of the Earth Europe. In total, 2310 beaches and 603 marinas were awarded with the Blue Flag for the 2004 season. The International Jury was pleased to welcome Montenegro as a new Blue Flag country and to approve the feasibility studies for sites in Canada and Poland. As a new feature this year it is also possible to see which beaches have facilities for the disabled.

More information on <http://www.blueflag.org/CurrentNews.asp>

For country information see <http://www.blueflag.org/BlueFlagMap.asp>

4. New board for EUCC - Italy

The general assembly of EUCC Italy has a new board. We welcome as president Pierpaolo Campostrini of CORILA, Venice. The other board members are Massimo Leone, Titta Vadalà and Nanni Randazzo. The mail address of the President is campostrini@corila.it

5. EU ICZM Progress Indicator endorsed

EUCC - The Coastal Union under the auspices of the European Topic Centre for Terrestrial Environment has developed an indicator to measure the progress of the implementation of ICZM (see Coastline p24, no. 3/4, 2003), which has been endorsed by the EU ICZM Group of Experts.

The Journal of Ocean & Coastal Management (OCM) has now accepted a paper for publication which describes, in full, the methodology used to develop this Indicator. OCM is considered to be the most prestigious journal covering coastal issues. Thus, the scientific community has now given its full backing to this significant development.

The Indicator has also been presented to the 6th HELCOM Habitat meeting and the country representatives were very impressed with it as a tool to help them. In fact, they are considering using it as an ICZM reporting form as required by HELCOM recommendation 24/10. If this were to happen, the nine riparian states would be legally obliged to implement the methodology. The meeting supported the idea of EUCC initiating a proposal for a project to develop an ICZM reporting form embracing the Indicator methodology. This would entail workshops in Germany, Finland, Lithuania, Poland and Russia in the proposal with ICZM experts.

A presentation on the Indicator will be made at the Littoral 04 meeting in Aberdeen in September.

Further information: Alan Pickaver, EUCC - The Coastal Union, a.pickaver@eucc.net or at <http://www.eucc.net/en/policy/indicator.htm>

– EU news and initiatives –

6. Green Week 2004: encouraging informed choices for a greener Europe

Keywords: EU policies.

Combining economic competitiveness and environmental protection, raising the importance of the environment in the forthcoming European Parliament elections and strengthening the environmental dimension of the Lisbon Agenda were among the key themes of this year's Green Week. Green Week is the largest annual international forum for discussion of current and future EU environment policy. This year it took place from 1 to 4 June in Brussels under the motto "Changing our behaviour: informed choices for a greener Europe." European Environment Commissioner Margot Wallström inaugurated the fourth edition of Green Week on 1 June by ringing the opening bell on a 'sustainable' stock market. On this market participants were able to buy and sell shares in virtual companies with contrasting environmental track records and to compare their performance over the week. Another highlight of the Week was an 'Oscars'-style event at which the European Environment Awards 2004 were presented. The awards encompass four broad categories: business, low-emission shipping, sustainable urban mobility and children's painting and photography.

<http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/04/129&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/greenweek/index_en.htm

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7. EU countries agreed to cut air pollution from ships

Keywords: transport, marine environment, EU policies, health

The European Union nations agreed on 28 June to require owners of sea-going ships to make deep cuts in sulphur dioxide emissions starting in 2006 to the benefit of human health and the environment. The requirements will apply to international shipping entering EU ports. EU officials called the move long overdue, saying the shipping industry was a serious source of pollution, as ship fuel contains 5,000 times more sulphur dioxide than car fuel. The proposal, which must be approved by the European Parliament before being formally endorsed by environment ministers, would force ships to slash emissions of sulphur dioxide (SO₂) by using fuel with lower sulphur content. Officials said that SO₂ emissions will be reduced by more than 500,000 tons (492,000 short tons) every year from 2007. Also, river and lake vessels will be forced to burn cleaner fuel in the years ahead. Ship emissions are blamed for contributing to acid rain, smog, and air pollution. The proposals are seen helping people who suffer from asthma, bronchitis and heart disease.

<http://www.planetark.org/dailynewsstory.cfm/newsid/25736/story.htm>

http://www.enn.com/news/2004-06-29/s_25354.asp

8. Bathing Water Report 2003: continued quality improvements in the EU15

Keywords: EU Policies, water, pollution, tourism

Just ahead of the summer holiday season, the European Commission presented the annual report on the quality of Europe's bathing waters. Overall, the picture is good: bathing water quality in the EU15 continues to improve. The annual report is based on the requirements of the 1976 Bathing Water Directive and issued every year before the summer holiday season to allow citizens to check the quality of the bathing water in their favourite holiday destinations. In 2003, 98.6% of the EU coastal bathing waters and 92.3% of all fresh waters complied with the Directive. This confirms the positive trends of recent years. Many Member States are now very close to full compliance with the quality standards and the monitoring requirements under the Directive. However, one worrying aspect remains: in some

Member States, there is a tendency to ban bathing or declassify bathing sites when there are problems, rather than removing the source of pollution. Commissioner for the Environment Margot Wallström said: "I urge the Council and the Parliament to adopt speedily the proposal for the revised Directive, which the Commission put on the table in 2002. It will not only provide an even higher level of protection, but also involve citizens more in the management of bathing sites."

<http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/04/698&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

The Bathing Water Report 2003 and the report files are available on the Commission's updated and improved Bathing Water Quality site: <http://www.europa.eu.int/water/water-bathing/report.html>

See [Memo/04/131](#) for an overview of the results in individual Member states.

9. European Environment and Health Action Plan 2004-2010 published

Keywords: EU policies, health

A European Environment and Health Action Plan 2004-2010 has been developed to improve the information and knowledge base and endorse coordination between health, environment and research sectors both at the EU and at the national level. It aims to provide a systematic review of the effect of policy on health so that it can be adjusted as needed. It will also address emerging issues such as the effect of climate change on health.

http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/health/index_en.htm

<http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/04/728&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

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10. Commission simplifies the rules on state aid to the fisheries sector

Keywords: EU policies, fisheries

30 June, the European Commission adopted a new set of rules on state aid to the fisheries sector. These rules bring state aid policy into line with the reformed Common Fisheries Policy, adopted in December 2002. They also simplify the granting of aid by Member States, when the aid is unlikely to threaten conservation or to distort competition. The new rules provide for a 'block exemption' for certain types of aid which will no longer have to be notified to and approved by the Commission before Member States can implement them. Aid not covered by this exemption will still have to be notified and assessed by the Commission. The new rules follow the conditions guiding the granting of EU aid under the Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance (FIFG). They will become applicable from 1 November 2004.

http://europa.eu.int/comm/fisheries/news_corner/press/inf04_28_en.htm

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11. European Council promotes more environmentally friendly fishing methods

Keywords: EU Policies, fisheries

The Council adopted conclusions on promoting more environmentally-friendly fishing methods based on a Commission communication calling for an integrated management approach to help maintain healthy fish stocks in a balanced environment. Such an approach would combine conservation measures, in particular technical measures, and the development of environmentally-friendly fishing. The Commission will report on the implementation and impact of these actions in 2007.

http://europa.eu.int/comm/fisheries/news_corner/press/inf04_27_en.htm

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12. Abrupt climate change: ocean currents redistribute heat

Keywords: climate change, marine environment

New research published in the magazine Science supports the hypothesis that heat transfer by ocean currents – rather than global heating or cooling – may have been responsible for the global temperature patterns associated with the abrupt climate changes seen in the North Atlantic during the past 80,000 years. (ScienceDaily, 6/25/04)

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2004/06/040625090130.htm>

<http://qtresearchnews.gatech.edu/newsrelease/abruptchange.htm>

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13. Amendments on sewage discharge from ships in the Baltic Sea entered into force

Keywords: marine environment, transport, international conventions

Ministry for foreign affairs of Finland, acting as Depositary of the Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area (Helsinki Convention), circulated the Note Verbale informing

the coastal countries that the new amendments to the Annex IV of the Convention on sewage discharge from ships enters into force on 1 July 2004.

For further details please visit <http://www.helcom.fi/helcom/news/414.html>

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14. Baltic 21 regards safeguarding the Baltic marine environment as prime challenge

Keywords: marine environment

Baltic 21 has recently reviewed five years of regional progress towards sustainable development and proposed future actions. In a report to the 5th Baltic Sea States Summit of the Heads of Government in Laulasmaa, Estonia, 21 June 2004, Baltic 21 revealed that one of the most critical points of challenge for sustainable development in the Baltic Sea Region is safeguarding the Baltic marine ecosystem and stressed that further efforts are needed. Baltic 21 has proposed that the Baltic Sea Region should become an "Eco-Region" – where "Eco" stands for both "Economy" and "Ecology" – and where the Social dimension is strongly integrated.

www.baltic21.org

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15. Fishermen's catches in relation to stock management in Finland, Norway, and Azores

Keywords: Biodiversity, Marine Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture

Commercial Fishermen's catches decreased in the Baltic Sea in 2003. Finnish commercial fishermen caught 78 million kilograms (kg) of fish in the Baltic Sea in 2003. This is only a quarter of the catch of 2002. As the catch of Baltic herring and sprat decreased, so did the total catch, by about 20 million kg compared to last year. In spite of this decrease, the Baltic herring was still the most important species caught commercially, both by weight and by value. More than two thirds of the Baltic herring catch was caught in the Bothnian Sea. The sprat catch remained the second most important species caught commercially. The most important areas for fishing sprat were the Archipelago Sea and the Gulf of Finland.

<http://www.fimr.fi/en/itamerikanta/uutiset/474.html>

In The Azores, a delicate balance between nature and commerce - which has been the hallmark of fishing there for centuries - could be lost overnight, with the opening up of waters to foreign fishing fleets. A grace-period granted to the islands when Portugal joined the EU is about to run out. From the start of August, hand-drawn lines of hooks will have to compete with the vast nets and 80km-long fishing lines of foreign vessels, notably the Spanish. The Azores do not have a continental shelf, and deep-sea fish are extremely vulnerable because they live for up to 200 years. In some cases, the fish are not able to breed until they are 30-years-old.

In Norway, fishermen are currently reaping the substantial rewards of some of the world's strictest conservation measures, including a 10-year ban on herring fishing enforced there in the early 70s. The country's fishermen paid a heavy price in the 70s, when the herring ban was put in place. Now, according to Ole Misund, of the Marine Research Institute in Bergen, stock are high again and being a herring fishermen on the west coast is a lucrative business.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/crossing_continents/3850885.stm

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16. Ukraine ands Russia work on demarcating and protecting Azov-Kerch water area

Keywords: Aquaculture

Delegations of the Ukrainian and Russian Foreign Ministries on delimiting the Azov-Kerch water area intend to discuss progress in drafting bilateral Ukrainian-Russian treaties on the protection of the marine environment, ecological safety, navigation and fishing in the Sea of Azov and the Kerch Strait.

<http://newsfromrussia.com/world/2004/06/23/54501.html>

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17. € 54 million contract awarded for UK scientific research ship

Keywords: marine environment

Britain's leading environmental research organisation has commissioned a state-of-the art scientific research ship to replace the RRS Charles Darwin. The Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) has awarded the contract, worth approximately €54 million, to a Norwegian shipyard, Flekkefjord Slipp & Maskinfabrikk AS, under European Union procurement rules. The 5,000 tonne ship, the James Cook, will operate worldwide, enabling cutting edge scientific research. The ship's design will enable it to work in higher sea-states than the Research Council's other dedicated research vessels. It will be more manoeuvrable, have more scientific berths, and better technical facilities.

<http://www.nerc.ac.uk/publications/latestpressrelease/2004-20jamescook.asp>

<http://ioc.unesco.org/eurocean/news.php>

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18. Finish Aranda sails to study cyanobacterial blooms

Keywords: Aquaculture

In July, the impacts of cyanobacteria on the Baltic pelagic plankton community and on economically important fishes as well as phosphorus dynamics of the algal community are being studied onboard the

research vessel Aranda of the Finnish institute of marine research. The cruise covers the sea area from the Western Gulf of Finland to the Northern Baltic Proper.. www.fimr.fi/en/aranda/uutiset/151.html

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19. MEPs urge Greece to save turtles of Zakynthos

Keywords: Aqua culture, EU policies

Irish Green party MEP Nuala Ahern and German MEP Irene Soltwedel arrived on 2 July in Greece in an attempt to persuade authorities to take steps to save the endangered *Caretta caretta* turtles of Zakynthos. They had been alarmed by reports of increasing anarchy on the Zakynthian beaches during peak nesting season following a nine-week (and counting) work stoppage by unpaid staff at the Zakynthos National Marine Park (ZNMP). http://www.medasset.gr/english_petition.htm

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20. Bid to restore fishing area to British control

Keywords: Fisheries

A Member of Parliament is to bring forward new legislation this month that would restore Britain's historic fishing grounds to national control. The Bill would give the Government the authority to pull out of the European Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), re-establish Britain's 200-mile territorial waters and ban all foreign trawlers from British waters. It would also ban the controversial practice of "discards" in which fishermen are compelled to throw back perfectly good dead fish once they have reached their quota limit. Although the Bill is opposed by the Government and has little chance of becoming law, it would help to highlight the environmental and economic damage caused by the CFP.

http://www.eurocbc.org/move&to&re-establish&ukfishing&limits&teritorial&waters_05jul2004page1713.html

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21. Oceanography centre opens in Liverpool

Keywords: climate change, marine environment

A world leading centre for marine research, the Proudman Oceanographic Laboratory, moved to the University of Liverpool in the last week of June. Scientists at the new laboratory, originally housed in Bidston Observatory on the Wirral, will research and monitor the storm surges responsible for flooding, global sea level rises, oil spill movements and the dispersal of pollutants.

<http://www.AlphaGalileo.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=readRelease&Releaseid=18871>
<http://ioc.unesco.org/eurocean/news.php>

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22. Lithuania takes over chairmanship of Helsinki Commission on 1 July

Keywords: international conventions, marine environment

Dr. Arturas Daubaras, head of the State Environmental Protection Inspectorate of the Ministry of the Environment of Lithuania, will lead as chairman the work of HELCOM during a two-year term until 30 June 2006. Arturas Daubaras has a strong background in ecology, environmental protection and management. From 1996 to 1999 he was head of Lithuanian delegation to the Helsinki Commission.

<http://www.helcom.fi/helcom/news/412.html>

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23. More sharks and rays to be classified endangered

Keywords: biodiversity, fisheries

At least 10 more shark and ray species are to be classified as endangered on IUCN's Red List. Overfishing and a soaring demand for shark fin are the prime culprits behind this development. The respected wildlife barometer widely used by scientists and conservationists currently classifies 82 sharks and rays as threatened. The classifications are vulnerable, endangered, or critically endangered. Animals in these categories are considered to be threatened with extinction. New species to be "red listed" include the oceanic whitetip shark of the Gulf of Mexico and New England's thorny skate.

http://www.enn.com/news/2004-07-01/s_25445.asp

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24. Dead zones increasing in world's coastal waters

Keywords: marine environment

Worldwide, there are some 146 dead zones—areas of water that are too low in dissolved oxygen to sustain life. Since the 1960s, the number of dead zones has doubled each decade. Many are seasonal, but some of the low-oxygen areas persist year-round. The world's largest dead zone is found in the Baltic Sea, where a combination of agricultural runoff, deposition of nitrogen from burning fossil fuels, and human waste discharge has over-fertilized the sea. Similar problems have created hypoxic areas in the northern Adriatic Sea, the Yellow Sea, and the Gulf of Thailand. Offshore fish farming is another growing source of nutrient build-up in some coastal waters. With carefully set goals and management, it is possible for some dead zones to shrink in as little as a year. For other hypoxic areas (especially in the Baltic, a largely enclosed sea with slower nutrient turnover), improvement may take longer, pointing to

the need for early action. For while dead zones shrink or grow depending on nutrient input and climatic conditions, the resulting fish die-offs are not so easily reversed.

<http://www.earth-policy.org/Updates/Update41.htm>

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– Newsletters and new web links –

25. Coastlines reports

Coastline Reports 1, proceedings of the AMK conference (*in German*) and Coastline Reports 2, conference proceedings of BaltCoast2004, ed. G. Schernewski & N. Loser (2004, 269 pp). EUCC – The Coastal Union/EUCC - Die Küstenunion Deutschland, Warnemünde, Germany, ISSN 0928-2734.

All proceedings are available in the internet:

<http://www.eucc-d.de/amk2004/> and <http://www.eucc-d.de/baltcoast2004/>

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26. "good fish" wallet

The English web site version of "Goede vissgids" (in Dutch), the guide to sustainable fish consumption, is extended with a wallet card in English

www.goedevis.nl/english.html

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27. EuropeDirect

<http://europe.eu.int/europedirect>

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28. The Monachus Guardian 7 (1): June 2004

The biannual electronic journal focuses on the Mediterranean, Hawaiian and Caribbean monk seals.

editor@monachus-guardian.org,

Including: Turkish government pledges five new protected areas for the monk seal, by Cem Orkun Kiraç.

<http://www.monachus-guardian.org/mguard13/1316mednew.htm#Turkey>

and Sensitive Sea Areas and the Mediterranean monk seal, by Costas Triantafillou.

<http://www.monachus-guardian.org/mguard13/1323perspe.htm>

The site can be accessed at <http://www.monachus-guardian.org>

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29. Proceedings of First Mediterranean Conference on Marine Turtles

The Proceedings of the First Mediterranean Conference on Marine Turtles (Rome 24-28 October 2001) can be downloaded from the address:

http://www.seaturtle.org/documents/Med_Proceedings_2001.pdf

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30. International signature campaign for Greek nature conservation

An international signature campaign requesting that the Greek authorities guarantee yearly funding for all twenty-five National Parks in Greece and provide them with the currently absent legal authority to enforce conservation laws within their boundaries can be supported at

http://www.medasset.gr/english_petition.htm

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– Events and training –

July 8 – 9, 2004

International Congress on Marine and Coastal Environment in the Euro-Mediterranean Area, Genoa, Italy

Themes: Water transport and environment, Integrated Coastal Zone Management, Port management and Environment, Business, technological innovation and environment.

Language: Italian & English, organised by APAT (Italian Environmental Agency) ; ARPAL (Environmental Protection Agency - Liguria Region)

www.sca2004.com

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July 13, 2004

Integrated River Basin /Catchment management, Water Framework Directive, SOAS London bob.earll@coastms.co.uk

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August 23 - 28, 2004

International Summer Course on Coastal Zone Management in the Atlantic Coast:

the II Advanced Training Course, University of the Azores, Ponta Delgada, Portugal.

<http://www.uac.pt/~geografia/WEB/2.htm>

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August 31 - September 14, 2004

The Seventh International Training Program on Coastal Management in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea, MEDCOAST Institute 2004, Dalyan, Turkey.

www.medcoast.org.tr

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September 1 – 4, 2004

IXth conference on environmental education in Europe. Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria, organized by the NGO "Ecosouthwest".

http://ecosw.dir.bg/ceee2004_questions_to_ecosw@dir.bg

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September 8, 2004

Dialogue Matters and CMS – Coastal Management for Sustainability, An Introduction to Participation
London

For further details contact Bob Earll, Tel.: 01531 890415 or bob.earll@coastms.co.uk

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September 13 - 17, 2004

Changes in land uses, consequences on estuaries and coastal zones. ECSA 38th Symposium, co-organisation Seine – Aval programme and ECSA in collaboration with ERF, Rouen, France

http://seine-aval.crihan.fr/ecsa38_symposium

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September 20 – 22, 2004

Littoral 2004, Delivering sustainable coasts: Connecting Science and Policy
Aberdeen, Scotland, UK

A joint EUROCOAST and EUCC-The Coastal Union conference, supported by CoastNET, the UK's national coastal network

www.littoral.org

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September 15 - 23, 2004

Anthropogenic influence on wetlands biodiversity and sustainable management of wetlands,
Narew National Park Poland

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October 6, 2004

Developing Management, Monitoring and Indicators to Deliver the Ecosystem Approach in the Coastal and Marine Environment, a CoastNET conference,
SOAS University of London

<http://www.coastnet.org.uk/new/index.asp?page=event/events1.htm>, bob.earll@coastms.co.uk

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September 20, 2004

On-line CZM Masters course

The University of Ulster's distance-learning MSc in Coastal Zone Management is now open for admissions for the next academic year. The four-module plus dissertation course is delivered entirely via the web in part-time format and gives students access to on-line journals, library resources as well as all course material. Closing date for applications: 20th August 2004, course start: 20th September 2004

Full course details are available on http://campusone.ulster.ac.uk/course_details.cgi/3

Specific queries should be directed to the Course Director, Dr Andrew Cooper at jag.cooper@ulster.ac.uk
T: 028 7032 4429/4401

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October 18-20, 2004

Workshop on the development of an inventory of internationally shared surface waters in south eastern Europe (see),
Thessaloniki, Greece

Organized by UNESCO, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and Hellenic National Commission for UNESCO

with an objective to promote effective cooperation between Balkan countries, in order to alleviate potential risks of conflict in transboundary water management issues.

http://www.inweb.gr/workshops/surf_main.htm

http://dbs.cordis.lu/fep-cgi/srchidadb?ACTION=D&SESSION=55632004-6-29&DOC=19&TBL=EN_NEWS&RCN=EN_RCN_ID:22244&CALLER=EN_NEWS

October 20, 2004

Making space for water: developing a new Government strategy for flood and coastal erosion risk management in England
University of London

Defra is currently leading an exercise to develop a new Government strategy for flood and coastal erosion risk management in England (<http://www.defra.gov.uk/enviro/fcd/policy/strategy.htm>). As a part of this consultation process CIWEM will be organising a one day conference on the theme of the strategy. Details of the event programme will be available and circulated by the end of July on www.coastms.co.uk.

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November 29 - December 1, 2004,

Ocean Biodiversity Informatics - International Conference on Marine Biodiversity Data Management, Hamburg, Germany

Discussion of new technologies and linking between networks. Conference topics will be restricted to marine biological data management (taxon-based), and environmental, non-taxon based data management.

<http://www.vliz.be/obi/>

April 11-15, 2005

Coastal Dynamics 2005, Multi-scale dynamics of the coastal system, Barcelona, Spain

Organization: LIM/UPC <http://www.coastaldynamics.org>

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