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From: Jim Wilson <jwilson@tcd.ie>
Date: Fri, 5 Feb 2010 11:53:22 +0000
Subject: 39th Annual General Meeting

ECSA 39th Annual General Meeting 2010

The 39th Annual General Meeting of ECSA will be held on Wednesday 14th April 2010 at 13.00 in the Foresight Centre, University of Liverpool.

Agenda of the AGM
1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the Previous AGM
3. Matters Arising
4. Report of the Honorary Secretary
5. Report of Honorary Treasurer
6. Applications for Membership:
   The list of applications for membership will be presented to the AGM.
7. Election of Chairman:
   R. Uncles, proposed by J. Wilson and Seconded by M. Wilkinson
8. Elections to Council:
   Katie Spencer (proposed M. Elliott, seconded J. Wilson)
   João Carlos Marques (proposed V. de Jonge, seconded J. Wilson)
   John Pomfret (proposed R. Uncles, seconded M. Elliott)
   Victor de Jonge (proposed M. Elliott, seconded R. Uncles)
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ECSA Workshop and Meeting

ECSA Annoucement
Final Reminder (Bookings still accepted)

13th - 15th April, 2010, Foresight Centre, University of Liverpool
"THE COASTS AND ESTUARIES OF THE NORTH EAST IRISH SEA"

26th - 30th April, 2010, Institute of Estuarine and Coastal Studies, Hull University, Hull
"ECSA WORKSHOP ON NUMERICAL METHODS IN ESTUARINE AND MARINE ECOLOGY"

For further details including course details and booking forms can be found on the ECSA website www.ecsa-news.org under conferences and workshops.

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2nd CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The IMAR – Institute of Marine Research, University of Coimbra, and the Centre of Oceanography, University of Lisbon are pleased to announce this 2nd call for abstracts for the ECSA 47 Symposium, which will be held at Figueira da Foz, Portugal, from 14th to 19th of September 2010. This International Symposium will focus on Integrative tools and methods in assessing ecological quality in estuarine and coastal systems worldwide.

Please find below the sessions within which contributions will be organized as well as the keynote speakers and their lecture themes.

Contributions for oral and poster presentations at the conference are invited. The deadline abstracts submission is May 31, 2010. Online submission available at http://www1.ci.uc.pt/imar/ecsa47/abstracts.php

Sessions:

Session 1 - From sediments and water to top predators: how to use these elements in assessing environmental quality?

Session 2 - Ecological risk assessment in marine and estuarine ecosystems: how to integrate physicochemical, ecological and ecotoxicological methods?

Session 3 - Robustness of ecological indicators in detecting anthropogenic pressures. Can they cope with natural changes?

Session 4 - How comparable are ecological assessment criteria and approaches worldwide?

Session 5 - Integrate to evaluate and manage: How to do it?

Session 6 - WISER special session

Keynote Speakers:

Session 1:
Dr. Ángel Borja, AZTI–Tecnalia, Marine Research Division, Spain
Human pressures and integrative marine quality assessment: is there room for improvement in European Directives?

Session 2
Dr. Ricardo Beiras, University of Santiago, Spain
Integrative assessment of coastal pollution in the Galician rias: Using multivariate data to classify sites into discrete categories of ecological status.

Session 4
Dr. Daniel M. Dauer, Department of Biological Sciences, Old Dominion University, USA
Integrative tools and methods to assess ecological integrity in estuarine ecological systems. Worldwide overview.

Session 6
Dr. Sebastian Birk, University of Duisburg Essen, Germany
WISER – Water Bodies in Europe: Integrative systems to assess ecological status and recovery.

Publication
Contacts were established with Estuarine Coastal and Shelf Science and Ecological Indicators looking forward to the publication of the most relevant results of the Symposium, which we hope will represent an incentive for really good presentations.

For registration, abstract submission, and further information regarding ECSA 47 visit our website:
http://www1.ci.uc.pt/imar/ecsa47/

A new software for the calculation of the ecological quality classification index Bentix (Simboura & Zenetos, 2002) for macroinvertebrates is now available as a BENTIX-Add in v.09 (beta version) for MS Excel 2007 in the following HCMR link: http://www.hcmr.gr/listview3.php?id=1195

The Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ) developed a user-friendly application for the calculation of the biological BEQI-index (Benthic Ecosystem Quality Index), allowing to make ecological assessments of coastal and transitional waters based on benthic animals (macrobenthos) - according to the EU Water Framework Directive. Check www.beqi.eu

Via this website you can upload data and perform the needed calculations to determine the BEQI-score.

The application was developed by order of the Directorate-General for Public Works and Water Management in The Netherlands and the Federal Public Service - Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment in Belgium. It was a cooperation with the Netherlands Institute of Ecology (NIOO), the Institute for Agricultural and
Fisheries Research (ILVO-Fisheries) and the Institute for Marine Resources & Ecosystem Studies (IMARES).

Read more on the background pages of the BEQI-website.

Best regards,

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+++++++ OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST+++++++
+++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++---Original Message--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
From: Mark Costello - Leigh Marine <m.costello@AUCKLAND.AC.NZ>
Date: Thu, 1 Apr 2010 01:38:12 +1300
Subject: Conference of the European Consortium for the Barcode of Life - DeadlineExtended]

Dear Colleagues

The Organizing Committee thanks all the abstract submissions to 2nd Conference of the European Consortium for the Barcode of Life (ECBOL2).

Due to some difficulties in the online registration and abstract submission website during the last week, the deadline for abstract submission has been postponed to the 15th of April.

Please visit the ECBOL2 website http://ecbol2.bio.uminho.pt/ for more information

We hope this extra time will encourage more of you to consider participating and to submit your abstracts as soon as possible on the conference website.

We are very pleased to announce our confirmed invited speakers:

Bob Ward (CSIRO, Australia)
Paul Hebert (University of Guelph, Canada)
Pete Hollingsworth (Royal Botanical Gardens, Edinburgh)
Peter Bonants (Wageningen University, The Netherlands)
Mehrdad Hajibabaei (University of Guelph, Canada)
Simon Creer (Bangor University, UK)
Stuart Pimm (Duke University, USA)

We are looking forward for your participation in this exciting scientific event,

Filipe Costa
ECBOL2 Chair

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-----Original Message--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
From: Ellen-Barbe.Goldberg@loicz.org [mailto:Ellen-Barbe.Goldberg@loicz.org]
Sent: 19 February 2010 07:50
Subject: Storm Surges Congress 2010

LOICZ together with GKSS is currently organizing a storm surge congress and it would be very helpful if you could distribute this information via your networks.

Thanks in advance and have a nice weekend!
Barbe

Here is the Text:

Dear colleagues,

It is a pleasure for LOICZ and GKSS Research Centre together with a growing list national and international supporting partners and sponsors to announce the:

Storm Surges Congress 2010
Risk and Management of current and future Storm Surges

The conference will be held at the University of Hamburg, Germany
13-17 September 2010

Storm surges represent a major global phenomenon of natural hazard, frequently causing substantial losses of lives and economic damages. Besides climate change drivers, storm surges are exacerbated by anthropogenic forcing including intensive land and sea use along the river-coast continuum.

How do we deal with the present level of risk?  
How do we respond to changing future conditions?

Answers require interdisciplinary approaches and to overcome the traditional fragmentation in scientific and coastal user discussions and management systems. We strongly encourage multiple stakeholders, coastal users and decision-makers, scientists, and particularly young colleagues from diverse fields of expertise, to participate with knowledge and share their experience. Coastal users are particularly encouraged to share their views and future strategies with an interdisciplinary global audience.

We are therefore looking forward to strong participation from your organisation and kindly ask you to distribute the announcement within your scientific and user communities and networks.

Suggestions for Key Note lectures are welcome.

For detailed information and session content please refer to the call for abstracts which you can find on the conference website: http://www.loicz.org/calender/Congress/index.html.en

Thank you a lot in advance.

LOICZ IPO

-----Original Message-----

From: Alessia Cerqua alessia.cerqua@gmail.com
Date: Wed, 24 Feb 2010 15:09:11 +0100
Subject: Summer School - "Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services"

Dear all,
I am sending information about a summer school organized by the Biodiversity Network in Europe. This year’s summer school will be on Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity. Same topic of last year, then you can take a look at the list of speakers from last year. PhD students and young researchers from developing countries may be able to obtain a partial support to attend the school.

Please do not reply to this mail but send related questions to the organizers (see details below)

Best regards to all,

Sandra Luque

http://www.pik-potsdam.de/alter-net/

ALTER-Net is a partnership of 22 research organisations in Europe, developed in the EC’s Sixth Framework Programme. ALTER-Net will organize its fifth summer school from 5 to 14 September 2010 in Peyresq, Alpes de Haute-Provence, France on "Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services" again.

Now open for applications!

The Fifth ALTER-Net Summer School

"Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services"

5 - 14 September 2010 in Peyresq, France

Here you can download
the flyer <http://infodesk/education/alter-net/alternet_ss_flyer_2010.pdf>
and the application form <http://infodesk/education/alter-net/application_form_2010.pdf>

The deadline is 15 April 2010 and the successful applicants will be notified by 1 May 2010.

Summer School Objectives

The ALTER-Net Summer School is contributing to durable integration and spread of excellence within and beyond the network, with a view to promote interdisciplinary approaches.

The 2010 Summer School will focus on:
* Biodiversity and ecosystems in Europe;
* Ecosystem processes, function, services and benefits;
* Resilience of social and natural systems;
* Valuation of biodiversity and ecosystem services;
* Linking biodiversity research with policy and the public.

The programme will include two talks in the morning and an aperitif talk in the late afternoon before dinner. All talks provide ample time for discussions and as the speakers usually stay for some days in Peyresq informal discussions will go on till late at night. Tutors will guide the working groups in the afternoons this year as well. The working groups will concentrate on a local region and study probably the following sectors: Agriculture, water, tourism and nature conservation. There will be a synthesis group summarizing the results in a synthesis report aimed at policy makers. A field trip will illustrate land-use change in the Provence. Of course there will be also opportunities to relax in the beautiful village of Peyresq and its surroundings.


Please contact the Summer School Director concerning any questions you might have in respect to the summer school:
Dear Colleague,

The MEDCOAST classic is back! We are pleased to announce that the Eighth International Training Workshop on Integrated Coastal Management in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea (MEDCOAST Institute 2010) is scheduled to take place in Dalyan/Southern Aegean coast, Turkey during 31 August - 16 September 2010. The deadline for application is 31 May 2010.

MEDCOAST Institute has been organized since 1994 until the seventh Institute in 2004. We are excited to have the opportunity for continuing with this important ICM capacity building effort after a long break (6 years!). We have had extremely qualified participants in the past seven Institutes. We are proud to observe that many of them have now become important players and leaders for advancing integrated coastal management in the Mediterranean and Black Sea countries.

We look forward to an exciting and valuable 17 days to work together (with hands on the job) in the idyllic setting of Dalyan, a small resort in the heart of a coastal protected area.

See details in the announcement below.

Sincerely,

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ANNOUNCEMENT

MEDCOAST INSTITUTE 2010 - The Eighth International Training Workshop
31 August - 16 September 2010, Dalyan - Aegean Coast – Dalyan Turkey

PROGRAM
MEDCOAST Institute is a unique, well-established and high quality international training program on integrated coastal management. The curriculum is specially designed to address issues and problems which are particular to or significant for the Mediterranean and the Black Sea countries. The program is carried out with a high level of interaction between the participants and the faculty members.

PARTICIPANTS
The highest priority target group for the participation at MEDCOAST Institute 2010 are the professionals holding mid-managerial positions in their central or regional governments and being responsible for planning and execution of programs or projects on coastal and marine issues. Other groups are employees of coastal municipalities, non-governmental environmental organisations, international organizations, unions of coastal sectors, private sector, universities and research centres. The maximum number of participants to be accepted is twenty-five. The participants are required to have a basic university degree (Bachelor of Science, Engineering, Art or Law).

APPLICATION
The last date for submitting an application is 31 May 2010.

More details about the Eight MEDCOAST Institute on ICM in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea, information about the seven past institutes and the application procedure can be found either in the MEDCOAST web page: http://www.medcoast.org.tr or, can be obtained from the MEDCOAST Foundation:
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-----Original Message-----
From: "Gabriele Barth" <gbarth@ifm-geomar.de>
Date: Fri, 19 Feb 2010 10:47:07 +0100
Subject: AQUASHIFT OPEN SCIENCE 4-7 October 2010, Kiel, Germany

Dear colleagues,

below, you will find an invitation to the conference "Life in Warming Waters" to be held at Kiel, Germany, 4-7 October 2010.
The conference is organised by the research priority program AQUASHIFT sponsored by the "Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft". The AQUASHIFT projects, distributed geographically over the whole of Germany, studied all aspects of the response of aquatic ecosystems to climate warming. The final workshop of AQUASHIFT will be held as an open science conference to which we invite interested colleagues from the international community.

Please submit your contributions (oral or poster) and register through the link given in the attached circular.

Looking forward to see you at Kiel.

Ulrich Sommer

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AQUASHIFT – Final Workshop & Open Science Conference
Life in Warming Waters  
Kiel, Germany  4-7 October  
1st Circular

Invitation:

Research to understand the response of aquatic ecosystems to climate change has been one of the most dynamic growth industries in limnology and oceanography of the recent decade, worldwide. In Germany, research activities have been bundled by the DFG-sponsored priority program AQUASHIFT (“The impact of climate variability on aquatic ecosystems”). This priority program is now approaching the end of its funding period.

We, the AQUASHIFT community, invite all members of AQUASHIFT and the interested external aquatic ecology community to join our nal workshop. Oral presentations and posters contributing to the topic of AQUASHIFT from members and non-members are welcome.

The focus is on all types of aquatic ecosystems: oceans – lakes – running waters

Key scientific questions:
How do species cope with a warming environment?  
Does warming drive intraspecific evolution?  
Does warming change competitive and predator prey interactions?  
How are seasonal growth and activity patterns shifted by warming?  
Does warming influence the energy-/carbon transfer along food chains?  
Does warming influence ecosystem properties and functions?

Place and time:  
Auditorium maximum of the Christian-Albrecht’s University  
24118 Kiel, Germany  
4 – 7 October 2010

Registration:
Please register online, using the following link:  
http://www.ifm-geomar.de/go/aquashift-conference

Registration and abstract submission should be done simultaneously.

You may submit your contribution for an oral lecture or for a poster.  
Since we will have time for app. 80 oral lectures, it might be necessary to shift some of the submitted lectures to the poster session.  
You will be informed shortly after the registration deadline.

Registration deadline: 30 April 2010

Contact:
Please send all inquiries to the conference secretary, Gaby Barth  
(gbarth@ifm-geomar.de)

Further details at http://www.ifm-geomar.de/go/aquashift

Ulrich Sommer, conference chair

----Original Message--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
From: anton.micallef@um.edu.mt [mailto:anton.micallef@um.edu.mt]  
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2010 4:14 PM  
To: mcrr3-2010@um.edu.mt  
Subject: Conference on the Management of Coastal Recreational Resources MCRR3
Conference Objectives:
The conference is the third in the biennial series on Management of Coastal Recreational Resources (MCRR) organised by the Euro-Mediterranean Centre on Insular Coastal Dynamics (ICoD), within the International Environment Institute at the University of Malta. This international event is characterized by its focus on selected coastal management issues relating to beaches, yacht marinas, ecotourism & conservation, and the impact of coastal hazards on such resources. The Conference aims to bring together researchers as well as practitioners and policy makers to highlight and discuss issues of concern while also showcasing appropriate solutions through the exchange of experiences, best-practice scenarios and innovative management concepts. In this manner, the Conference will provide an opportunity to consider issues of concern to both tourism and the environment sector, and to address sustainable management practice in these fields by exploring the dependency of tourism on a well-managed environment and conversely, the negative impact of insensitive tourism on environmental quality.

Target Audience:
The conference is aimed at academics in the natural and social sciences, researchers dealing with coastal hazards reflected by ongoing climate change, project managers, tourism professionals, infrastructure investors and staff from the private sector and government agencies whose work involves integrated coastal area management practices and the development and management of coast-related recreational amenities. The conference will also be of interest to managers of natural resources and environmental agencies, urban and coastal planners, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), environmental economists and coastal municipalities.

Third Announcement and Call for Abstracts: [http://www.um.edu.mt/iei/mcrr3-2010](http://www.um.edu.mt/iei/mcrr3-2010)

-----Original Message----------------------------------------------------------------------------------
From: Mark Costello - Leigh Marine <m.costello@AUCKLAND.AC.NZ>
Date: Sat, 13 Mar 2010 10:45:27 +1300
Subject: World Conference on Marine Biodiversity

Dear Colleagues,

The University of Aberdeen, in partnership with the University of St Andrews, is delighted to be bringing the World Conference on Marine Biodiversity to Scotland from 26-30 September 2011.

The conference will provide the premier platform for discussion, dissemination, policy analysis and development of the key issues surrounding marine biodiversity, as well as providing an opportunity for the marine community to further influence the key thinkers and policy makers worldwide.

SIGN UP TO NOTE YOUR INTEREST AS A PRESENTER, EXHIBITOR OR SPONSOR AT:

http://www.abdn.ac.uk/marine-biodiversity

We look forward to hearing from you,

Martin Solan.
(Conference co-chair)
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Date: Fri, 26 Mar 2010 11:20:09 +0100
Subject: New position: EU Science of Marine Reserves Coordinator at Oregon State University

European Marine Reserve Science Coordinator
PISCO

Position Summary:
The Appointee will serve as the European Marine Reserve Science Coordinator for the Oregon State University team of the Partnership for Interdisciplinary Studies of Coastal Oceans (PISCO) located in Corvallis, Oregon. This is a 12-month position funded by a contract from Natural England. The Coordinator will organize the development of a European version of the second edition of "The Science of Marine Reserves" booklet. The output will apply global lessons to a European context, drawing particularly from temperate waters including the UK. To do so, the booklet will feature case studies from relevant marine reserves in EU waters and from relevant regions outside of Europe, such as other temperate zones. The Coordinator will be responsible for synthesizing the existing, regionally-applicable scientific information about marine reserves, focusing on marine reserves in northern European waters, in other European waters, and in other temperate locations. The Coordinator will research and collate relevant case study material; perform a meta-analysis of existing marine reserve data from the EU and create a map of all MPAs in the region; identify and draft regional content for the booklet including case studies; create and support a Science Advisory body; manage logistics associated with booklet production; coordinate meetings and conference calls of project team members, design staff, PIs, Science Advisors, and other partners; and develop and implement strategies to catalyze new science in order to fill information gaps about marine reserves. The Coordinator will work with a team of individuals located at Oregon State University (Dr. Kirsten Grorud-Colvert) and University of California, Santa Barbara (Drs. Steve Gaines, Satie Airamé, and Sarah Lester).

Highest Degree: Graduate degree in marine science (Ph. D. preferred)

Work experience: Experience in the field of marine conservation, science, and/or policy is preferred.

Other job-related skills and abilities: Strong understanding of marine ecology, specifically the science of marine reserves; ability to articulate and communicate marine conservation science and its implications to non-scientific audiences; ability to work well in partnerships, including as part of a physically dispersed team; ability to coordinate, develop, and execute strategies and related activities. Must be organized and demonstrate ability to coordinate multiple partners and efforts; must demonstrate...
initiative and be able to work independently and as a member of a team. Must have strong communication and writing skills. This position requires travel.

Preferred candidates will have a demonstrable commitment to promoting and enhancing diversity.

For more information about the Science of Marine Reserves project, visit http://www.piscoweb.org/outreach/pubs/reserves

To apply: Please submit a cover letter, CV, and names and contact information for three references to Kirsten Grorud-Colvert (grorudck@science.oregonstate.edu). Review of applications will begin April 7, 2010 and continue until the position is filled.

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Date: Fri, 9 Oct 2009 22:27:34 +0200
From: Tim Deprez <tim.deprez@UGENT.BE>
Subject: Applications for the Erasmus Mundus Master of Science in Marine Biodiversity and Conservation (EMBC) academic year 2010-2011 are open

Applications for the Erasmus Mundus Master of Science in Marine Biodiversity and Conservation (EMBC) academic year 2010-2011 are open!

From 10 October 2009 onwards students can apply on the EMBC website (http://embc.marbef.org) for becoming a member of the next group of starting students in this international Master program.

Scholarships are offered for both European and Non-European students. All students should fill in the online application form before 1 January 2010 (Non-European students) or 15 April 2010 (European students). All students with a bachelor degree in Biology or related topics, and sufficient knowledge of English are eligible for EMBC.

The Erasmus Mundus Master of Science in Marine Biodiversity and Conservation is a joint master offered by a University consortium consisting of 6 partners (Ghent, Bremen, Algarve, Oviedo, Paris and Klaipėda). The study program focuses on 3 thematic modules: (1) Understanding the structure and function of marine biodiversity, (2) Toolbox for investigating marine biodiversity, (3) Conservation and Restoration of marine biodiversity.

More information is available on the website or by contacting the EMBC secretariat (embc@ugent.be).

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