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++++ MESSAGES FROM ECSA / ECSA EVENTS++++  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Wilson <jwilson@tcd.ie>  
Date: Friday, May 1, 2009 14:38:01 +0100  
Subject: **Secretary's report 2009**

Estuarine and Coastal Sciences Association  
Secretary's Report 2009

The previous year's Report (2008) brought the members' attention to the attempts of the Association to consolidate the changes of the past few years.

In particular there were a number of areas of concern, focussing around the seemingly continued decline in membership. While the new website would help raise the Association's profile, it seemed to be proving difficult to attract the next generation of estuarine scientists into ECSA, and more importantly to retain these recruits and involve them in the committees and organisation. One of the mechanisms to address this situation is obviously the use of the Symposia to attract recruits, and Council did emphasise the advantage, necessity almost, of building ECSA membership into Symposia registration. Council has also looked to broaden the membership base, and has been very active in promoting Symposia venues outside the UK. This has worked very well, in that not only have these been successful meetings in their own right, but also we have been able to recruit new Council members as a result of these meetings.

The Association has continued to be in demand for meetings. We have offers for some years to come, and these offers come from Ireland (2009), Germany (2010), Portugal (2010), South Africa (2011), Lithuania (2011) and China (2012), with local meetings planned in France, Netherlands and Germany as well as the UK. Again, what is gratifying has been the range of delegates to these meetings, which, as remarked above, provide us with an excellent opportunity to promote the Association internationally.

ECSA has continued to review the range of services it offers to members. The bulk of these efforts have been directed towards the website, with for example a section on 'Jobs and PhD opportunities' and official thanks to the webmaster Shona Thompson for her efforts. In addition, the second electronic newsletter was

sent out in November 2008, thanks to the efforts of Anita Franco, and the Association would like some feedback from members on this form of communication. In particular, ECSA would like to know whether this electronic version should supplant or merely reinforce the *Bulletin* in hard copy. Thanks to the Editor, Colin Taylor, and as usual, a plea for articles and copy to both Colin and Anita.

The revival of the estuarine Handbooks is proceeding rather more slowly than at first hoped, but still with prospects of their re-issue. The Elsevier Treatise is well under way with a major input from ECSA members including the Commissioning Editor, Donald McLusky. Donald has served as Editor of ECSS for many years, and has been instrumental in raising the profile of the journal and improving its citation index. This year he announced his intention to step down from this post and ECSA has nominated a successor to Elsevier. Their response is awaited.

ECSA continues to explore avenues of closer cooperation with its sister organisation in the USA (ERF, now CERF), and Council has been grateful to the efforts of 'Si' Simenstad in this regard. The Association is also grateful to the contributions of all its Councillors, especially those outside its traditional UK base, to promote ECSA and to keep expanding in terms both of membership and geographical representation. Particular thanks to our retiring President, Mike Elliott, who has been a vigorous supporter and promoter of ECSA as Council member, as *Bulletin* Editor, as Secretary and of course as President.

Finally, as Secretary, I would like to thank personally all the members of ECSA Council for their support over 2008-9 and look forward to their continuing support in 2009-10.

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Subject: **ECSA45 news**

Deadline for offers of Poster/Oral Presentations at the ECSA45 symposium is **May 29th 2009**

Online Registration and Abstract Submission are now available.

Access to ECSA45 website for additional information via [www.ecsa-news.org](http://www.ecsa-news.org)

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

From: "Mike Elliott" <Mike.Elliott@hull.ac.uk>

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Subject: **ECSA Workshop on Numerical Methods in Estuarine and Marine Ecology, 2010**

### **Preliminary Announcement**

#### **ECSA Workshop on Numerical Methods in Estuarine and Marine Ecology, 2010**

To be held at the Institute of Estuarine & Coastal Studies, University of Hull, UK, in May 2010 and led by Victor Quintino (Universidade de Aveiro, Portugal) and Mike Elliott (IECS) amongst others. This 4 day workshop/training course will cover the basics of ecological data treatment and analysis and then move on to the detailed use of commonly used methods. It will be suitable for postgraduate students and researchers as well as those in statutory bodies and industries who need an understanding of ecological data analysis. It will allow ample opportunity for participants to discuss and analyse their own data. For further details and to register an early interest in the workshop contact Karen Nicholson in IECS ([K.L.Nicholson@hull.ac.uk](mailto:K.L.Nicholson@hull.ac.uk), +44 1482 464120).

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

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Subject: **ECSA UK Local Meeting on the Humber and the English East Coast, 2011**

### **Preliminary Announcements:**

**ECSA UK Local Meeting on the Humber and the English East Coast, 2011**

To be held at the University of Hull, UK and organised by the Institute of Estuarine & Coastal Studies, University of Hull, in Spring 2011. Topics will cover all aspects of the science and management of the Humber Estuary and the English East Coast from the Wash to the Tees Estuary. For further details and to register an early interest in the meeting and/or offer an oral paper or poster contact Karen Nicholson in IECS ([K.L.Nicholson@hull.ac.uk](mailto:K.L.Nicholson@hull.ac.uk), +44 1482 464120).

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++++ OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST++++  
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Subject: **Free online access 2009 - Springer**

Throughout 2009 Springer is offering free access to:-

Celebrating the Darwin Bicentennial

Evolution: Education and Outreach will be dedicating all of Volume 2 to the honour of Darwin, in celebration of his life and work-and especially as the founder of modern evolutionary biology

<http://www.springerlink.com/content/120878/?v=editorial>

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Subject: **MEDCOAST 09**

Dear Colleague,

This is to remind you that the Ninth International Conference on the Mediterranean Coastal Environment (MEDCOAST 09) will be realised during 10-14 November 2009, in Sochi.

You can find out the Call for Abstracts at the following address:

[http://www.medcoast.org.tr/MC09/Call\\_for\\_Papers\\_MEDCOAST%2009.pdf](http://www.medcoast.org.tr/MC09/Call_for_Papers_MEDCOAST%2009.pdf)

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

From: Rutger De Wit [<mailto:rde-wit@univ-montp2.fr>]

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**Subject: First announcement of 4th European Conference on Coastal Lagoon Research Research and Management for the Conservation of Coastal Lagoon Ecosystems, South - North comparisons**

Dear colleagues,

I am happy to announce you that the first announcement of the 4th European Conference on Coastal Lagoon Research Research and Management for the Conservation of Coastal Lagoon Ecosystems, South - North comparisons is now published on line:

<http://www.ecolag.univ-montp2.fr/lagoon-conference>

Please disseminate this address largely through your lagoon networks. Please publish the link in your newsletters or website. Hoping that we will meet you in Montpellier with many participants from your networks.

Best wishes,  
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From: ASLO Business Office [<mailto:business@aslo.org>]  
Date: Thu, April 23, 2009 7:52 PM  
Subject: **ASLO-NABS 2010 Meeting - Call for Sessions**

ASLO-NABS 2010 Meeting  
Global Changes from the Center to the Edge  
June 6-11, 2010  
Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA

On June 6, 2010, aquatic scientists of many nationalities from two major scientific societies, ASLO & NABS, will rendezvous on Santa Fe, New Mexico to share and discuss their latest findings. The global water resources these scientists study face inordinate challenges. The year 2010 marks the 400<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of Santa Fe as a capital and cultural center. During these past four centuries, a limited supply of water has been a precious hydrological lifeline in this area of the US. The 2010 ASLO-NABS meeting's theme, Global Changes from the Center to the Edge, draws attention to the entirety of aquatic systems on which humans depend. Lakes and ponds have centers that respond to influences from the nearshore and the watershed, as do oceans. Science, too, has centers of scholarship and associated interdisciplinary activities. This meeting will explore these and other centers and edges, encompassing and embracing the entire hydrological cycle and drawing strength from the synergy to be found between the North American Benthological Society and the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography.

Bringing these two societies together in a joint meeting shines light on many types of connections, whether they be thematic or interdisciplinary. It is an efficient and effective means for both memberships to hear the latest scientific findings and results. The conference layout and schedule will fully integrate the best of the typical meetings of both societies, as well as offer a unique setting in Santa Fe. This marine science meeting will provide diverse opportunities for strong international interaction with emphasis on freshwater topics.

The Planning Committee invites proposals from all interested scientists in the aquatic sciences and leaders of major programs in this area for special sessions of interest to this joint conference. This meeting, emphasizing Global Changes from the Center to the Edge, is an important venue for scientific exchange across broad aquatic science disciplines, including physical, biological, chemical, and geological aspects, all branches of limnology, hydrology, and multidisciplinary topics ranging from evolution to climate change. We also welcome proposals for sessions on subjects that reflect new and ongoing research on watersheds, water resources, and society, including science education, outreach, and public policy.

Proposals for special sessions are due 30 September 2009. Proposals should identify at least two co-chairs and include an informative session title and a short description of the session (see details below). Session presentations will be oral, poster, or both, to be determined by the Planning Committee after abstracts have been received. As a note, we strongly encourage proposals for 'poster-only' sessions. Poster sessions will be designed for maximum attendance and will not conflict with oral presentations. We are also looking at creative ways to allow electronic poster presentations.

Guidelines for Session Proposal Submissions: At least two co-chairs that plan to attend the meeting are required. Session titles should be between 45 to 180 characters. Session descriptions should be limited to 200 words and should be broad enough to include all interested researchers, regardless of affiliation or funding sources.

Schedule: Session proposals must be submitted online by 23:59 U.S. Central Daylight Time, 30 September, 2009. The Call for Abstracts will be issued Fall 2009. Abstracts will be due online 12 February 2010, when an abstract fee and registration for the conference will be required.

Oral Session Format: Oral sessions will consist of 15-min talks. Invited presenters are required to submit an abstract and pay abstract and registration fees. Sessions will be scheduled by the Planning Committee after abstracts have been received.

Poster Session Format: Posters will be approximately 4'x4' or 122cmx122cm. Posters will be grouped by topic for two hours at a time when no oral sessions are scheduled. Beverages and snacks will be available during poster sessions.

Please submit session proposals online at:  
<http://www.aslo.org/forms/santafe2010.html>

<<http://www.aslo.org/forms/santafe2010.html>> Attendance is expected to be high, so please submit your session request early and encourage your colleagues to plan to present in your session. This meeting is a unique opportunity to reach members of NABS and ASLO in a wonderful location - one that truly understands water issues.

On behalf of the meeting co-chairs:

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

From: Mark Costello [markcost@GMAIL.COM](mailto:markcost@GMAIL.COM)  
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Subject: **SAHFOS - Plankton Analyst Vacancy**

PLANKTON ANALYST(S)  
(FULL TIME OR PART TIME)

SIR ALISTER HARDY FOUNDATION FOR OCEAN SCIENCE  
Plymouth, Devon

#### Background

The Sir Alister Hardy Foundation for Ocean Science (SAHFOS) is a UK registered international charity responsible for managing the Continuous Plankton Recorder (CPR) Survey. Since 1931, the Survey's monitoring programme has collected epipelagic plankton using CPRs, towed by volunteer merchant 'ships of opportunity', on regular monthly shipping routes in North Atlantic and North Sea. In recent years the Survey has expanded into the North Pacific and Antarctic Oceans and in future is likely to extend to the Arctic Ocean, Baltic and Mediterranean Seas. The unique dataset of plankton biodiversity, created from these tows, is temporally and spatially the most extensive in the world. It provides a wide range of environmental and climatic indicators and is used throughout the world by marine scientists and policy makers to address marine environmental management issues such as harmful algal blooms, biodiversity, pollution, eutrophication, climate change and fisheries.

SAHFOS was established in 1990 and is funded by the UK government and a consortium of agencies from a number of countries. The Foundation is governed by a Council of Management and by the Director, Professor Peter Burkill. SAHFOS is based in Plymouth overlooking Plymouth Sound.

SAHFOS is looking for one full-time or two part-time plankton analysts to join a small dedicated team of marine parataxonomists in carrying out the microscopic analysis of plankton samples fixed in formalin. Preference will be given to candidates who have experience or an interest in plankton taxonomy and identification and a minimum of A levels in Science; however full training will be given. Hours of employment for the post(s) are 37 and 20 per week respectively.

#### Job Purpose

The purpose of the job is to:

- \* The identification and enumeration, using a microscope, of phytoplankton and zooplankton in samples collected by the CPR survey.
- \* To perform routine laboratory duties as part of a small team operating the Continuous Plankton Recorder survey. These will include:
  - The preparation of samples for analysis
  - Update the database by data entry and manipulation using a computer
  - Preparation of preservation chemicals
  - Maintain an up to date filing system
  - Aid in the curation and cataloguing of samples through the curation programme

#### Further particulars

General PC skills including a good working knowledge of MS Office packages (i.e. Word, Excel, Access) e-mail and use of the internet are prerequisite of the post.

For the full-time post normal minimum hours of attendance are 37 hours per week exclusive of a lunch break worked over a 5 day week. The part time posts may be worked over 4 days. All appointments, however, carry liability to extra attendance, if required. SAHFOS has a flexible working arrangement in place.

SAHFOS operates a Group Personal Pension Plan with Friends Provident.  
A sum equivalent to 10% of the employee's salary will be contributed by the Foundation on successful completion of the probation period of 6 months.

The annual leave allowance is 30 days plus statutory Bank Holidays (25 days pro rata).  
Salary: Full-time from £14,491 Part-time from £7,833.  
If you wish to discuss any aspects of the post, please contact  
Marianne Wootton at mawo@sahfos.ac.uk.

To apply please send your CV under covering letter, details of two referees  
and clearly stating whether it is the full or part-time post you are  
applying for by 15 May 2009 to: Marion Smith, SAHFOS, The Laboratory,  
Citadel Hill, The Hoe, Plymouth PL1 2PB. Tel: 01752 633271.  
E-mail: masm@sahfos.ac.uk  
Closing date: 15 May 2009  
Interviews: 11 June 2009 <>

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

From: "Segr.Tecn. SIBM" [602693@unige.it](mailto:602693@unige.it)  
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Subject: **Studentships at University of Plymouth**

University of Plymouth Research Studentship Scheme 2009 (closing date 26th May 2009)

The University of Plymouth is currently advertising 40 full-time PhD studentships that will start in October 2009.

Some of these awards are likely to be allocated to the Marine Biology and Ecology Research Centre (MBERC) with the opportunity to work on topics included within our main research themes. For details of these research themes and research interests of individual staff within MBERC please visit our web site (<http://www.research.plymouth.ac.uk/mberc/>).

Details of how to apply and application forms can be found at  
<http://www.plymouth.ac.uk/researchstudentships>.

For any further queries relating to awards within the Marine Biology and Ecology Research Centre please contact Dr Simon Rundle (srundle@plymouth.ac.uk).

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

From: Mark Costello [markcost@GMAIL.COM](mailto:markcost@GMAIL.COM)  
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Subject: **Search for New SCAR Executive Director**

Dear Colleagues,

The deadline for applications for the post of SCAR Executive Director is now only one month away. To date, we have received a number of applications for the post. However, in the interests of having the best possible pool of candidates from which to choose, we would urge you to encourage suitable candidates to apply.

The job advert and further particulars can be found on the home page of the SCAR website at:  
<<http://www.scar.org/>> . Additional information is contained in the President's Note on the subject, which can be found at:  
<<http://www.scar.org/communications/presidentsnotes/mar09special.html>> .

Kind regards,  
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Subject: **Call for applications: Phd Programme on Science and Management of Climate Change**

Ca' Foscari University Venice and the Euro-Mediterranean Centre for Climate Change (CMCC)

### **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2009/2010**

PhD Programme on Science and Management of Climate Change

In 2007, the Department of Economics and the Department of Environmental Sciences of the Ca' Foscari University of Venice, in collaboration with the Euro-Mediterranean Centre for Climate Change (CMCC) established a 3-year PhD Programme in Science and Management of Climate Change. The PhD Programme is aimed at providing the job market with experts with a broad, in-depth, scientific and socio-economic background, as well as with a sound and innovative research experience focusing on the dynamics of climate change and on the methodologies and techniques for their evaluation and management. The PhD Programme is organised in two streams:

- Dynamic Climatology at CMCC in Bologna
- Climate change impact and management, at the Department of Economics of the Ca' Foscari University in Venice

For the academic year 2009/2010 (25th cycle of Italian PhD Programmes) the Euro-Mediterranean Centre for Climate Change offers three studentships, others may be provided by other institutions or research projects.

**The Call for Applications will be opened around the 15th of May and the deadline will be set at mid June.**

In order to apply, students are required to hold an Italian "laurea magistrale" or a university degree equivalent of a MSc. Foreign applicants shall provide full documentation of their university studies, including course profiles. Knowledge of the English language is a necessary prerequisite, since all the courses will be given in English. Applicants will be required to submit a research proposal, together with the CV and any other relevant documents, including university certificates, academic transcript of courses, certificate of English language proficiency, publications, presentation/reference letters.

An interview, which may be held telephonically or via internet, may be organised for those candidates whose research projects the commission intends to consider.

For further information please visit: <http://www.venus.unive.it/phd-climate-change/> or contact [phd-climate-change@unive.it](mailto:phd-climate-change@unive.it)

\* Please accept our apologies for any crossed e-mails.

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

From: Bústia PR Premi Ramon Margalef [<mailto:prm@gencat.cat>]  
Date: Thursday, April 02, 2009 2:43 PM  
Subject: **FIFTH EDITION OF THE RAMON MARGALEF ECOLOGY PRIZE 2009**

FIFTH EDITION OF THE RAMON MARGALEF ECOLOGY PRIZE 2009

Please find adjoined the conditions for the fifth edition of the Ramon Margalef Ecology Prize in the hope it may be of interest to you. We would be very grateful if you could give this information the maximum diffusion. In order to propose a candidate, you may do so by e-mail ([prm@gencat.cat](mailto:prm@gencat.cat)) or via the website [www.gencat.cat/premiramonmargalef/en/](http://www.gencat.cat/premiramonmargalef/en/).

Thank you very much in advance.

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