

Irish Coastal Network Bulletin No. 1 - May 2006



Dear all,

On behalf of the I-CoNet team, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the first Irish Coastal Network Bulletin. We are pleased to announce that the network has received a huge amount of support to date and we would like to thank all of you who have sent messages of encouragement for the network. I-CoNet was officially launched on the 4th April. More information on the launch and what I-CoNet is about can be found at <http://iconet.ucc.ie/> - the homepage of the network.

As this is the first bulletin we will provide an outline of how future bulletins will look and feel. We aim to issue regular bulletins containing information on upcoming events, reports and documents of interest, integrated coastal zone management initiatives, contacts sought, vacancies and a section on ENCORA which will highlight opportunities for the Irish coastal community to link in with their European counterparts.

If you have a news item that fits any of the above categories that you may wish to circulate to an audience of over 500 network users, please send it in.

EVENTS:

May 20th: **Bull Island Clean Up**

May 21st: **Fingal Biodiversity Day**

For further details please contact Aidan Gray, An Taisce (Mob: 087 682 6934; Email: gcawards@eircom.net).

May 24th: Annual Seminar of the Geophysical Association of Ireland's - "**Geophysical Exploration of Irish Natural Resources**." This event will include a dedicated session on marine geophysics, for further details please contact Fiona Grant, Central Fisheries Board (Tel: 01 8842686; Email: fiona.grant@cfb.ie).

June 13th - 17th: [ECO IMAGINE Conference - "Building Coastal Knowledge and Geographical Information."](#) This four-day conference will include thematic sessions examining the use of GI in the Water Framework Directive, for Inshore Seabed Mapping and Marine Spatial Planning. There is also a fieldtrip and an ESRI poster competition included in the conference programme. For further information please contact Liz O' Dea, Coastal and Marine Resources Centre (Tel: 021 4703106; l.odea@ucc.ie).

Attention researchers!! Marie Curie Grants are available to support individuals wishing to participate in the upcoming Eco-Imagine Conference. For further information on the conference, and on how to apply for grant support, please visit http://www.gisig.it/eco-imagine/next_event/index.htm, and select "Call for Grants."

Spring 2007: **National Coastal Conference for Ireland**

One of the key outputs from I-CoNet is the organisation of a National Coastal Conference for Ireland. This is scheduled to take place in early 2007 and preparations are underway. In due course we will be giving all I-CoNet users the opportunity to provide input into the organisation of the conference - we'll keep you posted!

REPORTS:

The report of the workshop "**Addressing Public Perception of Changing Coasts for Improved ICZM**" recently hosted by the CMRC in Cork is now available. For further details please contact Cathal O'Mahony, Coastal and Marine Resources Centre (Tel: 021 4703111; Email: c.omahony@ucc.ie).

ICZM INITIATIVES:

Cork Harbour Forum - As part of the ongoing work undertaken through the Coastal Research and Policy Integration ([COREPOINT](#)) project, a forum for Cork Harbour was initiated in March 2006. Essentially the forum aims to draw together those with an interest and responsibility for Cork Harbour to investigate opportunities to facilitate improved management of Cork Harbour as a resource. For further information on the Cork Harbour Forum, please contact Val Cummins, Coastal and Marine Resources Centre (Tel: 021 4703100; Email: v.cummins@ucc.ie).

Dublin Bay Forum - The Dublin Regional Authority is currently developing a Dublin Bay Forum - the members of the Forum are representative of the regional and local authorities, community interest, recreational groups and economic and environmental institutions. The objective of the forum is to discuss the issues and challenges surrounding the Dublin Bay area and to make recommendations to Government on an agreed course of action. For further information, please contact Lisa Pollock, A & L Goodbody Consulting (Tel: 01 649 2000; Email: lpollock@algoodbody.ie).

VACANCIES:

Please send in details for any position (temporary, full time, and voluntary) that you wish to advertise here.

CONTACTS SOUGHT:

Anton Martens, a planner with Galway County Council is seeking any information / examples of best practice from individuals with experience (nationally or abroad) in coastal (village) planning, specifically in relation to determining appropriate foreshore setback for development, preservation of coastal habitats, and establishment of integrated open space system or ecological network that could be accommodated at the foreshore. Contact details for Anton are E-mail: amartens@galwaycoco.ie / Tel: +353 (0)91 509177.

ENCORA NEWS:

[ENCORA](#) - European Network for Coastal Research Co-ordination Action - is a European funded initiative that essentially acts as a "network of networks", linking national coastal networks across Europe. In future bulletins, this section will feature requests for information sought by Irish and European coastal practitioners.

The Irish Coastal Network is administered through the [Coastal and Marine Resources Centre](#), supported by an advisory committee comprising representatives from the [Marine Institute](#), [Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources](#), [Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government](#), [Heritage Council](#), [Enterprise Ireland](#), [NUI Galway](#) and [University of Ulster, Coleraine](#). While every effort is made to ensure the information contained in the I-CoNet Bulletin is correct, we cannot accept any responsibility for factual errors. Please inform us if you experience any difficulties with the I-CoNet Bulletin or if you wish to amend your contact details.

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best regards,

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