

Irish Coastal Network Bulletin No. 3 - September 2006



Dear all,

Welcome to the third bulletin of the Irish Coastal Network (I-CoNet). The coming weeks see a number of important coastal and marine events taking place within Ireland - more details are outlined in the events section below. In this bulletin we also have information on publications and initiatives of interest to Ireland's coastal and marine community. As always, if you have a news item, big or small, that fits any of the bulletin categories and you wish to circulate to an audience of over 580 network users (and growing!), please send it in. To find out more about I-CoNet please visit <http://iconet.ucc.ie/> - the homepage of the network or contact Cathal O'Mahony at iconet@ucc.ie.

EVENTS:

September 18th - 20th: The 8th International Conference - **Littoral 2006: Coastal Innovations and Initiatives** will take place in Gdansk University of Technology, Gdansk, Poland. For full programme and further details please visit <http://www.littoral2006.gda.pl>.

September 27th: The MESH (Mapping European Seabed Habitats) project will host a workshop entitled **Uses of Habitat Maps for Spatial Planning and Environmental Management**. The location for the event is the Marine Institute, Galway. A major function of the MESH project is to demonstrate the value of marine habitat maps for regional/spatial/environmental planning. This workshop will provide an ideal opportunity to bring together those who develop habitat/marine resource maps and those who use them for environmental and spatial management. For further information please contact Pauline Ni Fhlatharta at pauline.flaherty@marine.ie / +353 (0)91 387200 or visit <http://www.searchmesh.net>.

September 28th: A conference entitled **Carrying Capacity - What's it All About?** is being organised by AquaTT on behalf of Clew Bay Marine Forum, South East Shellfish Co-op and La Tene Maps. The event is also sponsored by BIM and the Marine Institute and the EU funded Keyzones Project. The conference will take place in the Atlantic Coast Hotel, Westport, Co. Mayo. For further details please contact aquatt@aquatt.ie or Tel: 01 6449008.

October 13th: Further to its 'Audit of Maritime Collections' and in support of its Museum Standards Programme for Ireland, the Heritage Council will host a one-day seminar entitled **The Future of Maritime and Inland Waterway Collections**. The event programme will comprise conservators, collectors, museum curators and practitioners examining Maritime and Inland Waterway Collections as an intrinsic part of the country's heritage and exploring how to safeguard the future of such collections. The event will take place at the Radisson Hotel, Athlone, for initial expressions of interest and to obtain a full programme for the day please contact Martina Malone at mmalone@heritagecouncil.com / Tel: 056 7770777.

October 12th-13th: Cobh Tourism and Junior Chamber International Cobh are hosting a conference entitled **Spike Island - Hidden History An Opportunity In Tourism**. For further details please contact Cllr. Paddy Whitty at padwhit@oceanfree.net / Tel: 086 8699780.

November 8th: The headquarters of the Marine Institute in Galway will be the location for an international conference entitled **The EU Green Paper on a Future European Maritime**

Policy - The Objectives, Potential Implications and Challenges. This **free** conference is being jointly hosted by the European Commission, Marine Institute and the Corepoint project (Jeremy Gault - j.gault@ucc.ie / Tel 021 4703108). To request further information, or to register for the conference please contact the Corepoint conference organiser - Theresa Redding at theresa.redding@coastnet.org.uk / Tel: 0044 (0)1206 728644.

November 8th - 9th: **Exploring Atlantic Ireland** is a major conference and exhibition organised in partnership with the Petroleum Affairs Division of the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources. In addition to the main conference on November 8th, there will be three workshops on November 9th covering: Irish Petroleum Prospects; Improved Seismic Imaging; and North Atlantic Petroleum Systems Research. For further details please contact Martin Davies - Irish Shelf Petroleum Studies Group (ISPSG) at mdavies@csa.ie / Tel: 01 2964667 or visit <http://www.pip.ie>.

REPORTS:

The Heritage Council have launched a new online resource - **Marine and Coastal Heritage Directory** - which can be accessed at <http://www.coastalheritage.ie>. The website contains information on Ireland's coastal heritage - cultural and natural - as well as sections on legislation, policy and publications. The development of the website was a collaborative effort involving a number of organisations and provides valuable information to anyone wishing to find out more about Ireland's coastal and marine heritage.

ICZM INITIATIVES:

Clew Bay - The *AquaReg Coastal Zone Management Project* aims to review best practice in aquaculture and inshore fisheries management, and produce guidelines of best practice for use by these industries. It is a co-operative project between the Marine Institute in Ireland, CETMAR (Socio-economic Institute for the Marine) in Galicia (Spain) and the Sor-Trondelag Fylkeskommune in Trondelag (Norway).

Through a series of consultative and participative exercises the AquaReg initiative aims to highlight issues relating to: administration; licensing; monitoring programmes; access to results and data processing and; current management fora in place.

At present, pilot studies in each of the three AquaReg regions are looking at the application of seabed mapping to aquaculture and inshore fishing and at the establishment of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) for the pilot study regions. In Clew Bay, the project has also linked with Mayo County Council's *CoastAtlantic Project* which has establishing an ICZM framework for the region as a central objective. For further information on the activities of AquaReg please contact Oisín Naughton (Marine Institute) at oisin.naughton@marine.ie / Tel: 091 387200.

VACANCIES:

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

CONTACTS SOUGHT:

Please send in requests for information, expertise or collaboration and we will post them here.

ENCORA NEWS:

An ENCORA meeting and workshop has been organised for the Littoral Conference. One of the key aims of the event is to develop methods for disseminating the different services

offered by the network. We will keep you posted of any outcomes arising from the workshop.

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best regards,

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