

## Irish Coastal Network Bulletin No. 4 - November 2006



Dear all,

Welcome to the latest bulletin of the Irish Coastal Network (I-CoNet). This bulletin contains information on events of interest taking place during the month of November as well details of Ireland's first national coastal and marine conference – confirmed to take place in April 2007. In this bulletin we also have information on publications and initiatives of interest to Ireland's coastal and marine community.

### **EVENTS:**

November 8<sup>th</sup>: 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](mailto: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](mailto:theresa.redding@coastnet.org.uk) / Tel: 0044 (0)1206 728644.

November 8<sup>th</sup>: The **National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI) Annual Conference – Environment Ireland** will be held in the Gresham Hotel, O'Connell Street, Dublin. The conference addresses a number of environmental thematic areas including: energy and the environment; business development and sustainable development; and corporate social responsibility. For further information and to register please contact Patricia Whelan at [patricia.whelan@nsai.ie](mailto:patricia.whelan@nsai.ie) / Tel: 01 8075003.

November 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>: **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 8<sup>th</sup>, there will be three workshops on November 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mdavies@csa.ie) / Tel: 01 2964667 or visit <http://www.pip.ie>.

November 29<sup>th</sup>: The **Irish Sea Marine Aggregates Initiative (IMAGIN)** workshop will take place in the Arklow Bay Hotel, Arklow, Co. Wicklow. Funded through the Ireland/Wales INTERREG programme, IMAGIN brings together a scientific consortium for the purpose of formulating a strategic framework to underpin future policy development for Irish Sea aggregates. This workshop, which is open to all interested parties, will be an opportunity to catch up on what has been accomplished to date in the project and to contribute your views by participating in an interactive group discussion and feedback session. For further information and to register please contact Cathal O'Mahony, Coastal and Marine Resources Centre, at [c.omahony@ucc.ie](mailto:c.omahony@ucc.ie) / Tel: 021 4703111.

November 30<sup>th</sup>: The 7<sup>th</sup> **Irish Shellfish Safety Workshop** will be held in the Marine Institute Headquarters in Rinvile, Oranmore, Co Galway. The workshop has become an annual event since April 2000 where scientists, regulators, and shellfish farmers meet to review developments in the monitoring and research of shellfish safety issues both in Ireland and internationally – this year's workshop is co-sponsored by MI, FSAI & BIM. To confirm your attendance please contact Maeve Gilmartin, Marine Institute, [maeve.gilmartin@marine.ie](mailto:maeve.gilmartin@marine.ie) / Tel: 091 387244.

**April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007:** Ireland's 1<sup>st</sup> **National Coastal and Marine Conference** will take place in University College Cork. This event, entitled **"Towards the Sustainable Development of Ireland's Coast"** will provide an opportunity for Ireland's coastal and marine community to chart progress, as well as providing a platform for practitioners to highlight their success and achievements to a national audience. Further details on abstract submission, conference themes and programme will be issued in

the near future. For further information please contact Cathal O'Mahony, Coastal and Marine Resources Centre, at [c.omahony@ucc.ie](mailto:c.omahony@ucc.ie) / Tel: 021 4703111.

### **REPORTS:**

The first automated reports from the **North of Ireland Joint Agency Coastal Monitoring Programme (NIJACMP)** are now available in electronic format. This facility will output data from the moored instruments on a weekly basis, delivering near-real-time environmental information to members and interested parties. The reports contain summary statistics and indices calculated from the most recent data, and plots of the most recent month's data.

For further information on the coastal monitoring programme please contact Adam Mellor, Fisheries and Aquatic Ecosystems - Agriculture and Environmental Science Division at [Adam.Mellor@afbini.gov.uk](mailto:Adam.Mellor@afbini.gov.uk) / Tel: +44 (0)28 90255652 or visit <http://www.afbini.gov.uk/index/services/specialist-advice/coastal-monitoring.htm>.

### **ICZM INITIATIVES:**

**Cork Harbour Forum** – On June 9<sup>th</sup> participants of the Cork Harbour Forum took part in a workshop which focused on identifying recommendations associated with the management of Cork Harbour. On October 20<sup>th</sup> a second workshop was organised for the purpose of identifying potential management solutions to these recommendations. Following the completion of two workshops a report outlining the key issues and recommendations will be drafted in the coming months. For information on the activities and process of Cork Harbour Forum please contact Val Cummins, Coastal and Marine Resources Centre, at [v.cummins@ucc.ie](mailto:v.cummins@ucc.ie) / Tel: 021 4703100.

### **VACANCIES:**

**GIS/Modelling Post Doctoral Researcher** - A GIS/Modelling Researcher of the highest calibre to work with a multi-disciplinary team as part of an EPA-funded research project on the Urban Environment. The project is based at UCD Urban Institute and involves a number of schools at UCD, partners in TCD, NUI Maynooth and ERA-Maptec Ltd. as well as collaboration with the European Commission's Joint Research Centre. The aim of the project is to design decision support tools which will enable planners and policy makers to gain a better understanding of the inter-relationships between development, space and the environment and to support decision making at local authority and national levels.

Full details are available at <http://www.ucd.ie/personl/html/vacancies/index.html#acad> (Reference no. 002651). Or contact: Sheila Convery, Project Manager, Urban Environment Project, UCD Urban Institute Ireland, Richview, Clonskeagh Drive, Dublin 14, Ireland. Email: [Sheila.convery@ucd.ie](mailto:Sheila.convery@ucd.ie) Tel: 01-716 2695.

**Research Position in Environmental Monitoring** - This work is part of an exciting Marine Institute / EPA funded research programme – SmartCoast, at the National Centre for Sensor Research - Dublin City University. This research involves the development of the network technology for continuous monitoring, using sensors, of the aquatic environment. An 18-month research position is available to start immediately. A suitable candidate would have a BSc. in Environmental Science, Analytical Chemistry, Marine Science or related discipline or an MSc. in related area. If the candidate can start immediately there will be an option of registering for an MSc degree. For further information please contact: Dr Fiona Regan, School of Chemical Sciences, Dublin City University, Glasnevin, Dublin 9, Tel: + 353 1 7005765; Fax: + 353 1 7005503; E-mail: [fiona.regan@dcu.ie](mailto:fiona.regan@dcu.ie).

### **CONTACTS SOUGHT:**

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

## **ENCORA NEWS:**

**ENCORA** - European Network for Coastal Research Co-ordination Action - is a European part-funded initiative that essentially acts as a "network of networks", linking national coastal networks across Europe. An **ENCORA Theme Workshop** is to take place in Valencia, Spain (29<sup>th</sup> November – 1<sup>st</sup> December). The purpose of this ENCORA event is to elaborate new concepts in sharing European knowledge and experience in integrated coastal management: **The European WIKI Coastal Directory** will provide a survey of existing coastal knowledge and experience in Europe, with references to the most relevant sources published in the literature and on the Internet. It is intended for use in daily practice by professionals in coastal science, practice and policy.

If you are interested in participating in the Theme Workshop please visit <http://www.ENCORA.org> or contact [iconet@ucc.ie](mailto:iconet@ucc.ie) for registration contacts, funding opportunities and a full programme. Funding opportunities extend to accommodation and subsistence but do not cover travel.

*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 600 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](mailto:iconet@ucc.ie).*

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best regards,

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