

Irish Coastal Network Bulletin No. 5 - January 2007



Dear all,

Happy New Year and welcome to the first Irish Coastal Network (I-CoNet) bulletin of 2007. This bulletin contains information on events of interest taking place in the first months of 2007 as well as further information on **April's I-CoNet conference - the first national coastal conference for Ireland**.

EVENTS:

March 2nd – 3rd: An Taisce and Keep Wales Tidy will host the **Coast Care Aware Seminar** in the National Museum, Collins Barracks, Dublin. The seminar programme includes speaker presentations and field trips, and will examine community involvement in litter containment and pollution control on rural beaches. For further information on the seminar please contact Aidan Gray or Jimmy McVeigh at cleancoast1@antaisce.org / Tel: 01 4002221.

March 14th – 15th: The Mapping European Seabed Habitats Project (MESH) will host a conference in Dublin Castle entitled **Mapping European Seabed Habitats - A Framework to Support Sustainable Management**. Seabed mapping is now a major tool to assist decision-making in the marine environment. The MESH project has addressed this management need by producing seabed habitats maps for north-west Europe delivered via an online web mapping tool, and publishing guidance on best practice for future seabed mapping studies. This conference will provide an opportunity to learn more about the MESH project, its outputs and their relevance to you. For further information please contact Pauline Ni Fhlartarta at mesh@marine.ie or visit <http://www.searchmesh.net>.

March 21st – 23rd: EuroSDR and the International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO) are jointly hosting a workshop on **Land and Marine Integration** in Malahide, Dublin. With climate change, rising sea levels pressing harder year on year and the need to manage our resources more carefully the absence of a seamless spatial information framework is an increasing problem in many countries. The absence of such a framework exposes us all to unnecessary risks due to the inability to georeference information that crosses the land-sea interface. The aims of this workshop is to determine and document the state of the art and progress at national level and across Europe in integrating maintained national land and marine databases, specifically by exploring: drivers for integration; current status; issues; examples of best practice; and future steps. For further information on the workshop please contact Oonagh Birchall, Dublin Institute of Technology at admin@eurosdrr.net / Tel: 01 4023933 or visit http://www.eurosdrr.net/workshops/landsea_2007/.

April 10th - 11th: In conjunction with the April I-CoNet conference the CMRC is running a short course in **Applied GIS for Coastal and Marine Management**. Participants will gain exposure to specific applications by attending seminars from experts in the field of GIS and related areas such as remote sensing, modeling, seabed mapping, visualisation and Internet technologies. They will gain practical experience of GIS in the new GIS computer laboratory in University College Cork. For information please visit http://cmrc.ucc.ie/pages/GIS_Course/GIS.htm.

April 12th & 13th: Ireland's 1st **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 community to chart progress, as well as providing a platform to highlight achievements and challenges in coastal management to a national audience.

The conference will focus on the key areas of **Coastal Environment and Planning**, **Coastal Communities and Heritage** and **Coastal Industries**. A flyer containing further information preliminary programme details and registration is attached to this bulletin. For further information please contact Cathal O'Mahony, Coastal and Marine Resources Centre, at c.omahony@ucc.ie / Tel: 021 4703111. The conference is sponsored by DCMNR and [ENCORA](#) and registration is free.

REPORTS:

Tide and temperature information is publicly available from the wave/tide recorder put in place by Techworks Marine Ltd. in Dun Laoghaire Harbour. If you are interested in viewing the outputs from the instrumentation, please visit <https://www.techworks.ie:8443/site?login=tide&password=tide>.

Information from the Irish National Tide Gauge Network is now directly accessible through the Marine Institute's website. The public interface can be viewed at <http://www.marine.ie/home/services/operational/oceanography/TideGauge.htm>. At present, data from a number of gauges situated around Ireland's coastline can be viewed, and it is intended to bring more gauges online in the future. For additional information, please contact Guy Westbrook at guy.westbrook@marine.ie / Tel: 091 387200.

The European Commission's new Environmental Marine Information System (EMIS), an online GIS, can be accessed at http://emis.jrc.ec.europa.eu/4_1_gismap.php. The purpose of the Environmental Marine Information System (EMIS) web site is to enhance the understanding of particular marine phenomenon by providing information on the various supporting factors and their effects.

VACANCIES:

The Marine Institute is currently seeking to recruit a temporary **Scientific and Technical Officer (STO)** – Demersal Fisheries: Area VII Anglerfish and Cod Tagging Project, Scientific Advisory Programme. The successful candidate will join a team that is engaged in scientific investigations on the status of the stocks of fish exploited by the Irish demersal fleet. The investigations consist of routine biological sampling programmes (part of the Data Collection Programme - DCR) of catches landed in various ports, and surveys carried out on research vessels and commercial vessels. The person employed will join a team responsible for the collection and primary analyses of demersal data that is collected under the data collection programme. This involves taking part in a number of surveys each year on commercial and research vessels. For further information on the post and application procedure please visit <http://www.marine.ie>.

Compass Informatics have a number of positions available – **GI Systems Developer**, **Systems Developer** and **GI Data Manager** – Information on how to apply and outline details of the positions are attached to the bulletin as a pdf document.

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. Recent ENCORA news of interest include:

The second issue of **ENCORA E-news** is now available to download from <http://www.encora.org>. This electronic newsletter will inform you frequently about the activities and achievements of the ENCORA network. Please let us know if you are interested in receiving ENCORA News directly and we can facilitate delivery to your e-mail address.

Opportunities for collaboration in FP7 - ENCORA provides an ideal platform for network members to advertise interest in coordinating or participating in a project proposal under FP7. ENCORA is willing to provide assistance in locating partners in other European countries.

Please find attached a form that allows you to indicate which topics you are interested in and what role you would like to take in a project / proposal. Completed forms should be returned by e-mail to iconet@ucc.ie.

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 650 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.

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best regards,

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