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EVENTS:

April 2008: We are pleased to inform you that this year's Irish Coastal Network (ICoNet) conference will be jointly organised with, and hosted by, the Northern Ireland Coastal and Marine Forum (NICMF). The conference will take place in Derry on April 10th (full day) and 11th (half day); this year's conference theme is **Planning Challenges and Opportunities for Ireland's Coast**. As with last year's successful event in Cork, the conference will bring together the many different elements of the coastal and marine community within the island of Ireland; conference sessions will focus on a range of topical coastal and marine issues relevant to planning and management. The event will be free of charge but prior registration will be necessary as space is limited. Further information will be made available in the coming weeks; please direct any queries and early registration requests to Cathal O'Mahony, c.omahony@ucc.ie / 021 4703111. We look forward to your participation.

February 6th and 7th: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will host a special two-day **Environmental Research Conference** on environmental research (including marine monitoring) and its vital role in environmental protection. The conference will take place in the Royal Hospital Kilmainham (Irish Museum of Modern Art), and will bring together research performers, policymakers, local authorities and business organisations that have an interest in environmental policy and management. If you have any queries regarding the conference organisation please contact: epa@greenlightevents.ie.

February 13th: The Geological Survey of Ireland and the Marine Institute are pleased to announce that the 2008 **INFOMAR (Integrated Mapping for the Sustainable Development of Irelands Marine Resource) Seminar** will take place on Wednesday 13th 2008. The seminar will be held in the Marine Institute, Galway; the programme will include a mix of project updates, survey plans, data exchange as well as associated projects and research talks. For further information and to confirm your attendance please contact Linda Grealish; e-mail: linda.grealish@marine.ie, Tel: 091 387509 by Wednesday, February 6th. The seminar, an all day event, is free and open to all.

February 29th: The Joint Working Group on Agricultural Meteorology (AGMET) are organising a one day conference entitled **Energy and the Irish Climate - Harnessing the Irish climate for Energy**. The conference will take place in the Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Dublin 9, and will focus on climatic issues associated with sustainable wind, solar, marine and biomass energy supply in Ireland. Further information on the conference are available at http://www.agmet.ie or contact Sarah O'Reilly; e-mail: sarah.oreilly@met.ie, Tel: 01 8065560.

March 12th and 13th: The Countryside Access and Activities Network and the Heritage Council in partnership with the Countryside Recreation Network are organising the conference **Wet, Windy and Wonderful – Future Opportunities and Challenges for Outdoor Recreation in Ireland**. The event will take place in the Lough Erne Golf Resort, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh; participation is invited from anyone with an interest in countryside recreation and Ireland's heritage in its widest sense. For conference and booking information please contact Sylvia Watson; e-mail: sylvia@countrysiderecreation.com.

POSITIONS VACANT:

Birdwatch Ireland are currently looking to fill a number of positions relating to bird conservation and bird research. For an extensive listing and further information go to http://birdwatchireland.ie/Jobs/tabid/71/Default.aspx or contact Helen Boland; e-mail: hboland@birdwatchireland.ie, Tel: 01 2819878/ 01 2812410.

COASTAL INITIATIVES:

Royal Haskoning is organising a competition for students (Bsc, Msc and PhD) entitled the **Delta Competition** – the aim of the competition is to identify ideas from different disciplines could contribute to a sustainable development of the deltas worldwide. These could cover (combinations of) areas such as: water; nature; mobility; agriculture; energy; health; housing; and/or recreation. For information on competition rules and awards visit http://www.deltacompetition.com. Potential participants from Ireland can contact Niels Minnen, Haskoning Ireland Ltd., 19 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2; e-mail: n.minnen@royalhaskoning.com, Tel: 01 6345349.

ENCORA:

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. ENCORA provides a range of services to coastal practitioners and researchers, including: a mechanism to search for contacts or information across European coastal networks; opportunities for young professionals to travel to conferences and take part in exchange visits. To find out more about the recent activities of ENCORA please see copies of **ENCORA News** attached to this message as an html document.

As always, if you have a news item, big or small, that 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 contact Cathal O'Mahony at iconet@ucc.ie.

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. To remove your details from I-CoNet please contact iconet@ucc.ie.

best regards,

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