

Objectives and scope

Since the establishment of the Belgian Network for Coastal Research, more than 50 institutes across Belgium agreed on becoming partner of the network, which aims at initiating and facilitating knowledge sharing and cooperation between Belgian institutes involved in coastal and marine science, policy and practice. This conference provides for the first time the platform to meet the BeNCoRe network and exchange ideas on the future of coastal and marine research in Belgium.

During this one-day conference the BeNCoRe Network Ambassadors will introduce, provide a Belgian State of the Art and give their ‘personal view’ on ten coastal thematic issues related to Coastal Engineering and Observation Techniques, the Natural System, Integrated Coastal Zone Management and Marine and Coastal Spatial Planning.

The ten thematic issues will be discussed during four sessions. Each session will additionally focus on issues raised in the Green Paper on a future European Maritime Policy. This document is at the moment under consultation till the end of June 2007 outlining a European Maritime Policy aimed at developing a thriving maritime economy in an environmentally sustainable manner. Possible outcomes or suggestions from this First BeNCoRe Conference will be communicated through ENCORA to the Green Paper on Maritime Policy.



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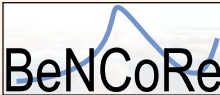
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The Belgian Network For Coastal Research announces: First BeNCoRe Conference State of the Art and future of Belgian Coastal Research

-BeNCoRe and its relation to the Green Paper on a future European Maritime Policy-



Leuven
26 April 2007

Date

Thursday 26 April 2007

Venue

Provinciehuis
Provincieplein 1,
B-3000 Leuven
(Easy accessible by train; parking available)

Language

The official language of the conference is English

Registration

Please register before the 30th of March 2007 at the conference website at *<http://www.bencore.be/index.php?contentid=36&mid=15>* or contact the conference secretariat.
The registration is free and includes a sandwich lunch and closing reception.

Website

We refer to the BeNCoRe website (*<http://www.bencore.be/index.php?contentid=36&mid=15>*) which will be updated on a regular basis for all further information (route description, etc...)

8.30-9.00:	Registration and Coffee
9.00-9.25:	Prof dr. ir. Jean Berlamont Coordinator BeNCoRe Hydraulics Laboratory, KUL <i>Welcome and introduction; BeNCoRe activities</i>
9.25-9.50:	Prof dr. Job Dronkers Coordinator ENCORA RIKZ, Den Haag <i>Role of BeNCoRe in European Network; The Green Paper on a future Euro-pean Maritime Strategy</i>
Session 1: Coastal engineering and observation techniques (Chair: Dr. Marilaure Grégoire - Laboratory of Oceanology, ULg)	
09.50.10.15:	Prof dr. ir. Jaak Monbaliu Hydraulics Laboratory, KUL <i>Sustainable coastal engineering techniques</i>
10.15-10.40:	Dr. Alberto Vieira Borges Chemical Oceanography Unit, ULg <i>Assessment of field observation techniques</i>
10.40-11.10:	Coffee
Session 2: ICZM Implementation and Stakeholder Participation (Chair Rudy Herman - Ministry of Flanders, Department Economy, Science and Innovation)	
11.10-11.35:	Kathy Belpaeme Coordination Centre <i>ICZM Participation and Implementation</i>
11.35-12.00:	Annemie Volckaert Ecolas n.v. <i>Social and economic aspects of ICZM; functionality and Valuation</i>
12.00-12.25:	Natalie Beenaerts ECOMAMA, VUB <i>Capacity building, training and education in ICZM</i>

12.25-13.25	Lunch
Session 3: The Natural System and Human Impact (Chair Prof dr. Magda Vincx - Marine Biology Section, UGgent)	
13.25-13.50:	Prof dr. Jean-Marie Beckers Geohydrodynamics and Environment Research, ULg <i>Pollution, prevention, detection and mitigation</i>
13.50-14.15:	Dr. ir. Véronique Rousseau Ecology of Aquatic Systems Unit, ULB <i>Marine Ecology and Biodiversity</i>
14.15-14.40:	Dr. Vera Van Lancker Renard Centre of Marine Geology, UGent <i>Effect of Development and Use on Eco-morphology and Coastal Habitats</i>
14.40- 15.05:	Coffee
Session 4: Land-sea interface and Marine Spatial Planning (Chair David Cox – Belgian Science Policy)	
15.05-15.30:	Miguel Berteloot Agency for Maritime and Coastal Services, Coastal Division <i>Coastal geo-morphological Change and land-sea interface</i>
15.30. 15.55	Prof dr. Frank Maes Maritime Institute, UGent <i>Marine and Coastal Spatial Planning</i>
15.55-16.30:	Discussion, synthesis and conclusions
16.30-18.30:	Reception