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ENCORA NATIONAL NETWORKS IN THE PICTURE

The past 15 months were a fruitful and busy period for the ENCORA partnership. Most of the services provided by the ENCORA platform and the European Coastal community made best use of them. More than 100 Young Professionals across Europe have participated in international coastal events. But much more has been done and is planned again for the last year!! Read this special e-news issue to get some images of your National Network.

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History?

HISTORY?

The COASTAL WIKI got a tremendous push. Approximately 800 high quality information pages of which 400 articles were increasingly using the WIKI as dissemination e-tool for knowledge and experience. **Two articles about ENCORA were published in the journal "Coastal Management".** National Networks also contributed to the development of the platform by practice by (co)organising special events. **The PoCoast coordinators have been invited to take part in several events in their own country and realized a more balanced membership between science, practice and policy.** On top of that, new National Networks from North-Africa (Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria) joined the ENCORA family and also established their national websites. **UK National Network has a new Picture Gallery on its [National Website](#).**

In addition, various services of the ENCORA platform were further developed. **HENCORE registered an increase of 300 members and managed to provide a live interview on a public TV channel about ENCORA.**

National Networks also participated actively in major coastal events. **During the Water Forum (Madrid 2007) Hispacosta implemented the implementation of the Directive in areas in which fresh and salt water join together; a BeNCoRe conference has**

ICZM in the Second BeNCoRe Conference on GIS and Coastal and Marine Research and Management (May 2008)

Clearly, ENCORA has started to show its true capacities and its potential impact to the vast European coastal community. **RIC members joined in a National Research Project (PRIN) on Coastal Flooding; ICoNet had the honour to explain its activities; delegates talked about more than just Coastal planning but also included in their discussions topics such as marine monitoring and communication; INET took the opportunity to discuss with a local member of Parliament during the ICZM Conference.**

WHAT IS IN IT FOR 2008?

As the ENCORA project has entered its final year, the expectations for a continuation of the platform beyond 2009 are high. ENCORA will continue to offer and improve its core services. The YPEP program is expected to continue its successful activities and create new opportunities for young professionals. For this reason, more than 10 coastal related events are scheduled to be organized in 2008: **Marine Invasive Species at the Brorfelde observatory (September 2008, DANCORE)** and workshops which tackle **Science and Global Change seminar (July 2008, Hispacosta); ICZM in a Climate Change Perspective (June 2008, Hispacosta)**.

National Networks and the ENCORA platform are expected to expand further, contributing to the implementation of ICZM. This is given to the balance between scientists, practitioners and policy makers by **RIC, PoCoast and Hispacosta**. And there are more workshops! **Dancore, ENCORA-nl and GKSS seem to hit the number of workshops to be organized among others during the Wadden Sea meeting on Water Quality (October 2008, Schiermonnikoog) and Marine Research (October 2008, Schiermonnikoog)**.

...AND FOR THE FUTURE...?

As for the future, the National Networks are currently in discussions for securing support and funds that will allow their activities to continue beyond 2009. Merging with similar structures on a national level such as with EUCC branches seems a promising option for the future. **Merging or still Searching? GKSS is seeking to merge with EUCC-Germany to continue the networking service. They are currently talking about details to elaborate on a future merger.**

And then, to have some food for thought, let's not forget about: Language noises...

- **UkrENCORA will create the second multilingual (English, Russian, Ukrainian) version of the ENCORA national network. This initiative makes an ICZM community possible.**
- **The Coastal Wiki has merely seen the light and already has a sister: [Wiki Côtier](#) within the francophone countries.**

During the ENCORA Follow-up Start Event at Littoral 2008 in November, the new initiative towards a European Coastal Research Network will be inaugurated and will provide the opportunity to improve further services and knowledge sharing for the EU ICZM community. If you are interested, please contact [info@encore.eu] to this process is highly appreciated!



→ Belgium: BENCORE

www.bencore.be



BeNCoRe, the Belgian Network for Coastal Research established in 2006-2007 is a national network bringing together coastal researchers. BeNCoRe aims at stimulating and facilitating knowledge exchange between network participants both at national and regional level. Bottlenecks to be addressed are fragmentation of the coastal communities, communication between science, practice and policy makers, and lack of multidisciplinary approaches.

BeNCoRe is managed by a coordinator, a secretariat and the BeNCoRe Bureau. The latter executes the daily management of the network. Ten Network Ambassadors fulfil the role of liaisons between marine scientists and policy makers from both regions and the federal level. Ten Network Ambassadors fulfil the role of liaisons between science and practice. Activities of the BeNCoRe network include the organisation of national conferences to improve communication between science and practice, the implementation of the BeNCoRe Travel Grants Programme to increase the mobility of young researchers: coastal researchers wishing to attend ICZM and Coastal Research related events organised across Europe may apply for funding to cover their registration costs.

During the First BeNCoRe Conference (2007), an introduction and state of the art of the Belgian Coastal Research was presented. Topics related to Coastal Engineering and Observation Techniques, the Natural System, Integrated Coastal Zone Management and Coastal Planning were discussed.

Outcomes of the conference were communicated to the Green Paper on a Maritime Policy, which had a considerable impact. The Second BeNCoRe Conference (2008) on Geographical Information Systems (GIS) in Coastal and Marine Research and Management will be held in Copenhagen to discuss future developments and new perspectives in the field of Coastal and Marine GIS. During this one-day event, GIS systems, Coastal remote sensing techniques and the development of Coastal and Marine Atlases will be presented.

For 2008 we hope to increase the communication between network partners and increase the visibility of the Network. We will continue to work for European Funding and that we can continue cooperating with other European Countries under the framework of the Network.



Denmark: DANCORE

www.dancore.dk



Currently, DANCORE has 165 individual members from 55 different companies and institutions with an even distribution across Denmark.

2007 Activities:

- DANCORE and SENCORE jointly organised and hosted a 2-day coastal seminar on 2-3 May in Malmö and Copenhagen.
- DANCORE organised and hosted a YPEP seminar on Coastal Zone Management on 11-13 September with the participation of Poland, Russia, Italy, Germany and Denmark. Both events were very successful.
- DANCORE put quite some effort into organising and hosting the 2nd ENCORA Annual Meeting on 6-8 February in Copenhagen.
- DANCORE contributed significantly to the Coastal Wiki by providing 35 articles within Theme 5 and Theme 6.
- Information on DANCORE and ENCORA was disseminated at various national coastal related events.

2008 Activities:

• Baltic Workshop

On 2-5 June 2008, the Polish network will host the workshop "ICZM in a Climate Change Perspective - Important Issue for the Baltic Sea Region" together with the Danish, Swedish and German networks.

• YPEP Seminar

On 1-3 September 2008 DANCORE will host a YPEP seminar on Marine Invasive Species at the Brorfelde observatory.

• Meet & Greet Day

On 9 October 2008 DANCORE will host a national Meet & Greet event at the University of Copenhagen during which the networks will meet and discuss future activities.

• Littoral 2008 + ENCORA Final Event

On 25-28 November 2008 DANCORE will participate in Littoral 2008 and the ENCORA Final Event in Venice, Italy.

DANCORE has already had preliminary discussions with the EUCC regarding a possible merger and the future of DANCORE and the Danish Steering Committee.



Netherlands: ENCORNAL

www.nck-web.org



Summary of the achievements of 2007

Last year EncorNL and NCK have organised a theme day with the subject "Nourishments at the North Sea coast". It was not only about the technical and morphological aspects of nourishments, but also about "other" aspects that have to be taken into account.

meeting was dissemination of knowledge and information between all the disciplines, which was reached perfectly during the workshop. Furthermore EncoraNL organised a workshop on Wadden Sea Environments in collaboration with Encora Germany. It took place from 29th-31st October 2007. The workshop aimed to bridge the gap between decision-making, science and practice. The workshop discussed protection and restoration measures against the background of climate change and the consequences for the Wadden Sea from a planning perspective (20-30 years), while keeping in mind the expected long term development (100 years).

An outlook for the activities of this year

In the coming year EncoraNL will organise a number of workshops. Through a careful selection of invitees (scientists, politicians and practitioners) will attend the workshops. The first workshop will be held in June, and the subject will be the Wadden Sea and ecology. In the beginning of October we will organise a 3-day workshop about the Wadden Sea at the island Schiermonnikoop up of the one held in October last year at Sylt, and it will be organised in association with Encora Germany and Dancor. The workshop will focus on water quality and European regulation, such as the Water Framework Directive and Natura2000. In November there will be a workshop on the North Sea. All these activities will be organised in close collaboration with NCK, and of course YPEP's can join. In addition to the workshops the EncoraNL website will be kept up to date, and we will make sure the EncoraNL network activities throughout the year.



France: RFRC

www.rfrc.fr



The dissemination of knowledge depends heavily on the language in which documentation is available. The drafting of articles in English alone is therefore a brake on their appropriation by non-English speakers. Moreover, it is easier for an English speaking person to publish in its native language, so that this can lead to an over-representation in the documentation, dissemination of other approaches remaining more limited because of an insufficient fluency in English. Finally, if the scientific community has adopted the English language in its daily work, it is not the same for local actors who are often unable to access to the available knowledge.

That is why the French Network for Coastal Research (RFRC) began to develop a [French coastal Wiki](#). This initiative has been welcomed by the Nafcoast network (North Africa) as well as partners in Quebec, because a common culture or common approaches.

However, this French coastal Wiki is not supposed to remain isolated: it is intended to build bridges by translating into English.



Spain: HISPACOSTA

hispacosta.org/

2007-2008

Over the last year, Hispacosta has focused its efforts on increasing the number of member institutes and individual participants.

in several workshops and conferences within the Spanish territory. Dissemination of ENCORA activities has also been and Coastal Wiki specific material. To help “bridge the gap” between policy and practice, Hispacosta organized the Wa practitioners, administrators, policy makers and consultants working on the WFD were invited to discuss difficulties in th especially in areas in which fresh and salt water join together. Promoting coastal science global change related research professionals was another of our main objectives, for which Hispacosta provided 5 YPEP grants to participate in differ

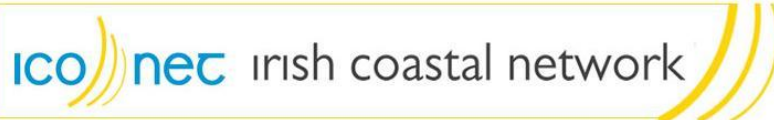
2008-2009

For this coming year, Hispacosta would like to increase membership through website related activities, including more p must improve services offered by ENCORA through the website to encourage active participation from members. New Hispacosta website, to increase the number of visits, by changing the structure, localization of tools and including interv which are of interest to our members. We also aim to disseminate the ENCORA message to a larger number of coastal between practioners. Hispacosta is currently organizing a Coastal Science and Global Change seminar in July 2008 to ENCORA member can assist. The continuation of Hispacosta is also a relevant item for this last year of the project. The means to maintain the network after the finalisation of ENCORA.



Ireland: I-CoNET

iconet.ucc.ie/index.htm



In April 2007, the Irish Coastal Network (ICoNet) held a national coastal conference – the first of its kind in over ten year coastal practitioners, policy makers and researchers to consider and discuss contemporary issues facing the Irish coast heritage, industry, and communication were just some of the topics addressed over the course of two-day conference, opportunity to pose questions and engage in plenary discussions. Overall the conference was a resounding success in and stimulating the whole debate around the sustainable development of Ireland’s coast.

Following the success of the 2007, ICoNet collaborated with the Northern Ireland Coastal and Marine Forum (NICMF) t this year. The conference - “Planning Challenges and Opportunities for Ireland’s Coast” - focused on the emerging role of human activities and interactions; this was examined from European, national and local perspectives, as well as from Preliminary plans have already been made for the 3rd Irish Coastal Network conference scheduled to take place in 200 ICoNet activities in 2008 include: continued representation of ICoNet / ENCORA at conference, seminar and workshop YPEP, including the organisation of a YPEP event on ‘Engineering Response to Climate Change: Flooding and Coasta the network; and, progress working relationships with the recently instituted statutory organisations responsible for coas



UK: COZONE



cozone.org.uk/



Germany: GCN - EUCC

www.encora-gcn.de



Achievements German Coastal Network in 2007

With almost 150 registered members, ENCORA has achieved a sound basis in the German coastal community. By attending specialized groups within the coastal community (coastal engineers, spatial planners, national coastal authorities and regional ENCORA and its services was disseminated. Many new members were acquired this way. In 2007, 11 oral presentations took place on various occasions, and 2 articles about ENCORA were published.

The cooperation with EUCC-Germany is close, many joint meetings took place in 2007. In addition, the contact with DG Regional Policy was strengthened. The national website is with an average of almost 400 visits per month a widely appreciated source of information in the field of coastal management. Besides the individual invitations, numerous authors for the Coastal and Marine Wiki were recruited by the following two research activities and achievements at the Institute for Coastal Research at GKSS Research Centre was approved to participate in a) and b) in cooperation with the ICZM Master course at the Ecology Center of the University of Kiel, the opportunity was given to present seminar work as a Wiki article which was highly accepted.

Outlook and Perspective for 2008 and thereafter

In 2008, two important workshops will be co-organised with other European ENCORA partners, covering both coastal management and water quality. ENCORA-PL, DANCORE, and SENCORE a workshop on the impacts of climate change on the Baltic Sea to be held in Gdansk, Poland. With ENCORA-NL and DANCORE a workshop on the water quality issue in the Wadden Sea within the frame of the Wadden Sea World Heritage Site events we intend to strengthen the regional and transnational cooperation with other European coastal networks.

For the final ENCORA event at the Littoral 2008 conference in Venice, we prepare in close cooperation with EUCC-Germany a national level after the project period, which is embedded in the international concept of the ENCORA services at the national level after the project period, which is embedded in the international concept of the ENCORA team.

The main emphasis of activities preparing the follow-up beyond 2008 will be on the merging with EUCC-Germany. We will continue to provide ENCORA services that are mostly appreciated by the German coastal community: the Coastal and Marine Wiki, and the ENCORA website. These should be better inter-linked among the two servers of VLIZ and EUCC-Germany. Regarding the several search tools provided we will be happy to receive early for any feedback from the network. The continuation of the Young Professional Exchange Program depends on a decision by the EUCC-Germany.



Poland: INET

www.ibwpan.gda.pl/inet/



Between 2nd and 4th April 3rd all-Polish ICZM Conference was organized by the Institute of Marine Sciences of the University of Szczecin in a coastal village located 70 km NE from Szczecin with 3,500 permanent inhabitants and 100,000 tourists everyday in July. During the conference, where scientists, managers and policymakers exchanged their views and expectations regarding the implementation of the ICZM concept, representatives of ENCORA PL member institutions (IBW PAN, Universities of Szczecin and Gdańsk, Maritime Office in Gdansk) participated.

well as institutions not affiliated to it, e.g. Maritime Offices in Słupsk and Szczecin, Union of Coastal Towns and Districts in Szczecin and Koszalin, Regional Board for Water Management in Szczecin, Institute of Meteorology and Water Management. Participants representing some 20 coastal boroughs and districts, which means that ICZM is becoming to reach to the best methodology in Poland. The Conference was also attended by a local member of Parliament (from Niechorze constituency) and the Polish Parliament.

Plenary sessions consisted of a number of presentations (20 plus), which were often triggering spontaneous discussions. The borough leader of Niechorze fiercely advocated groins as coastal protection measure of highly erosive beach segments to this community. He was countered by numerous scientists and managers, who were in favor of intensive beach nourishment. His enhanced concern as regards soft coastal protection and weak belief in the competence of scientists by saying 'the one third of sediment is gone; it would not have happened if we had had groins'. In response one of the managers from Niechorze about the history of beach nourishment along the Hel Peninsula insisting that 'first nourishments (there) were also disappearing and replenishments are not as big as they used to be – we simply have sediment in the system now and the beach remains stable'. The NN Coordinator delivered a presentation on ENCORA services and was invited by the Vice-Rector of the University of Szczecin especially dedicated to Coastal Wiki and deliver it for the staff of the University's Institute of Oceanography. This will be an important event for the future of ENCORA services in PL was the general meeting of EUCC Poland was held before the Conference. The Coordinator proposed incorporation of ENCORA PL into EUCC Poland after the expiry of EU funding. This proposal will be discussed later this year. Ultimately, EUCC Poland and ENCORA PL will apply to provide further funding of ENCORA services through the



Italy: RIC

www.ric.unibo.it



Second year achievements

RIC (the Italian network for Coastal Research) during the second year of ENCORA made many improvements and became a national coastal community by the advertisement and dissemination of the network activities through e-mails, newsletters, and a website. The website, updated, proved to be a valuable tool able to facilitate coordination and cooperation between network participants and to disseminate information about the network activities both at national and European levels.

People interested in participating to the network activities can apply and register directly from the website: up to now about 100 people have registered in various disciplines of coastal zones, and 14 member-institutes form the network. During the second year many young professionals participated in YPEP (Young Professional Exchange Programme) activities. Through this programme, RIC funded 5 young professionals in Marina di Massa during September 2007: Short course on shore protection strategies. RIC also organized a National meeting on the scientific activity of all members in order to promote the process of knowledge and experience exchange.

RIC always supports National members in the creation of consortium; in particular during the second year some RIC members participated in a National Project (PRIN) on Coastal Flooding.

Prospect/actions 2008

Since most of the national members are research institutions, RIC primary objective for next year is to enlarge and balance the network involving more practitioners and policy makers.

Next year the young professionals participation will be larger since we already received 10 funding requests. RIC will also participate in an International Short Course and Workshop on Applied Coastal Research, that will be held from 2 to 4 June 2008 in Lecce. A National meeting will be organized during the last year with the principal aim to discuss RIC follow-up after EU funding.





Greece: HENCORE

www.hencore.gr



2007 MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

During the second year of the ENCORA project, the Hellenic Network on Coastal Research has shown a remarkable progress towards ENCORA objectives. A leading development was the realization of the YPEP service in Greece. 10 young professionals attend an international coastal-related event abroad and to create synergies and cooperation initiatives with colleagues. The Greek network has developed its contact database in the ENCORA PORTAL where currently information on 108 persons is uploaded. Furthermore, the Greek network has continued to implement its advertising campaign through posters and presentations about HENCORE/ENCORA at national and international events. As a result, an increase by 30% on membership has been achieved during 2007. The Greek network has also supported the COSTA DAY initiative in Greece by organizing a live interview on a public TV channel.

2008 OUTLOOK

As the ENCORA project is entering its final year, HENCORE will continue to support the YPEP service in Greece by providing training for young professionals. Moreover, the - continuously updated – website of the Hellenic Network is planned to be operational by the end of 2007. Discussions towards this objective are ongoing. In addition, a new leaflet about HENCORE/ENCORA is under development and will be distributed to members as well as in major national events the following months as part of the scheduled dissemination/informational campaign. It is also scheduled to discuss possible ways of continuation of the Network after ENCORA.



Sweden: SENCORE

www.sencore.se/



SENCORE

ett nätverk för folk verksamma i kustzonen

Achievements 2007

The main effort of SENCORE has been devoted to the management of the flow of information to and from the SENCORE network and ENCORA. SENCORE arranged a joint Meet and Greet event together with the Danish DANCORE network 2-3 May. Co-arranged with Erosionsskadecentrum, the Swedish Coastal Authority and the city of Malmö. Co-arranged MUT07, a national meeting on coastal erosion in cooperation with The Department of Engineering Geology at Lund University and Swedish Defence Research Agency 20-21 May. SENCORE attended 15 national meetings where SENCORE and ENCORA were promoted.

Outlook for Activities for 2008

SENCORE will continue to act as an active member within the Swedish coastal community. This will include the communication of the network but also to take responsibility as a facilitator between the network and the broader public. It is our ambition that SENCORE will be a link between the network. Also, SENCORE will maintain its role as a link between coastal researchers, practitioners, and policy makers in other countries in Europe. It is our hope that we can continue to arrange joint meetings between Sweden and other countries.



Portugal: POCOAST

webpages.fe.up.pt/ihrh/pocoast/



As most of the other national networks of ENCORA, PoCoast was set-up in the year 2004, since then the network has

The last year, 2007, has been a good one for PoCoast. In addition to the enhancement of the website and the production of reports, PoCoast coordinators have been invited to take part in several events of other working groups. Further, a moderated e-list is functioning on the principles of the well-known Coastal List. It has currently over 500 enrolled Portuguese coastal practitioners among others job announcements, conference calls-for-papers, and information requests.

Another important achievement of 2007 was a more balanced membership between science, practice and policy.

For 2008 and forthcoming years, PoCoast wants to increase membership considerably. Nevertheless, PoCoast strategy focuses on the quality of membership, the synergy of members and the engagement in network activity.

To live up to these goals PoCoast will further promote cartel and merger meetings at the national level, and produce reports on coastal zone management (e.g. National SoA Reports, translation of "Living with Coastal Erosion in Europe – Sediments and Space for Sustainability. Luxembourg reference in Portuguese: Viver com a erosão costeira na Europa – Sedimentos e espaço para a sustentabilidade. Luxembourg: Comissão das Comunidades Europeias. 2006 – 40 pn. ISBN 92-79-02209-1).



CoRuNA

<http://www.coruna.coastdyn.ru/home.html>



UkrENCORA

<http://www.nodc.org.ua/ukrncora/>



**The Ukraine Network
for Coastal Research**

Summary of UkrNCORA Achievements 2007

UkrNCORA activity was mainly focused on drawing attention of Ukrainian coastal scientists and practitioners to the project through emails, by phone and through UkrNCORA website that was created and permanently updated. NCO attended central E

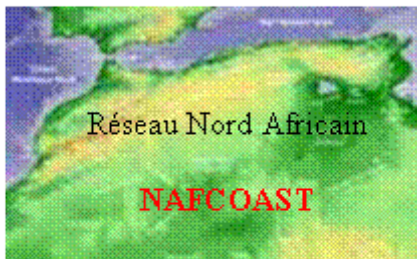
and seminars. Dissemination at the local level also took place through verbal communication and display material. They provide exchange of information concerned coastal zones among UkrNCORA members and between UkrNCORA and

Summary of UkrNCORA Outlook for Activities for 2008

UkrNCORA is going to create the second multilingual (English, Russian, Ukrainian) version of the website in order to increase its visibility. UkrNCORA should also find National and Thematic Ambassadors able to give the most adequate answer and satisfy in their respective countries. UkrNCORA will continue to distribute information on conferences and other events in framework of ENCORA paying particular attention to the Black Sea region and Ukraine. We will try to attract as many young scientists as we can to participate in conferences and other events in framework of ENCORA. UkrNCORA is planning to hold the Seminar on the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov Coastal Zones in June 2008. The event will be organized in Ukraine, Russia and other Black Sea countries.



NAFCOAST



www.inrh.org.ma/Projet/nafcoast.html



