

Future Perspectives BLAST Annual Conference September 17 - 18, 2012 in Edinburgh

Oriented to decision-makers, maritime stakeholders, coastal zone planners and scientists in the geographic field, the 2012 BLAST conference will focus on policies and tools needed for more harmonised planning and management across the land-sea margin. The conference will highlight BLAST's contributions to harmonisation across the North Sea.



September 17: Site Visit and Conference Dinner

13:00 Conference Registration

14:00 Site Visit (NB. limited space - please register early)

Managing vessel traffic and coastal stability in Scotland's Firth of Forth

18:30 Our Dynamic Earth Gallery Visit and Conference Dinner

September 18: BLAST 2012 Conference

09:00 Conference Registration

09:30 Morning Plenary Session

BLAST and the Geographic Information Community
Roy Mellum, BLAST Project Manager, Norwegian Mapping Authority

The Marine Scotland Approach to Planning for Marine Renewable Energy
Dr. Ian Davies, Marine Renewable Energy Programme Manager, Marine Scotland

Industry Involvement in the Data Supply Chain - BLAST as a showcase of private-public cooperation
Michael Bergmann, Director of Maritime Industry Affairs and Services, Jeppesen GmbH

11:00 Coffee Break

11:15 Project Showcase - A demonstration of BLAST's results and achievements

Parallel Session 1: Harmonised Maritime Information for Improving Safety at Sea

Parallel Session 2: New Data and Methods for Coastal Zone Management

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Afternoon Plenary Session

Hydrographic Offices' Future Roles, Needs & Contributions
Evert Flier, Director, Norwegian Hydrographic Service

Managing our Coasts with New Data and Growing Demands (preliminary title)
Dr. Jim Hansom, Reader, University of Glasgow School of Geographical and Earth Sciences

Our Country, Our Communities, Our Coast - How BLAST can impact heritage in the North Sea region
Amanda McFarlane, Chief Executive, Fife Coast and Countryside Trust

15:00 BLAST Salute and Reception

16:00 Conference Closing

The conference will be held at Our Dynamic Earth, Holyrood Rd. in Edinburgh, and is free-of-charge.