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# NEWSLETTER

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## SUMMARY OF RECENT NEWS – JUNE 2008

The EUCC-UK Newsletter comprises two (or more) A4 sides in a PDF email attachment. The Newsletter will be issued in June and December. **David R. Green – Aberdeen, Scotland.** Tel. +44 (01224)272324; Fax. +44 (01224)272331; Email [d.r.green@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:d.r.green@abdn.ac.uk)

### ***The Coastal and Marine Wiki***

The Coastal and Marine Wiki, is a spin-off from a European Community project “ENCORA”, which aimed to improve sharing of coastal knowledge and experience within Europe. The purpose of ENCORA is to help overcome the fragmentation of coastal expertise. In all European coastal states, many institutions are engaged in coastal and marine studies related to science, practice, or policy. Together these institutions constitute a huge resource of knowledge and experience. However, the resource is not fully exploited, because of the lack of a rapid and easy means of communication.

The transfer of scientific knowledge occurs mainly among fellow experts. Scientific publications focus on specific disciplinary aspects and are almost inaccessible to non-expert coastal and marine professionals. Existing publications are also not always appropriate for passing on new insight to management practice.

The Coastal and Marine Wiki is an Internet encyclopaedia, which currently has 880 information pages written for and by coastal professionals providing up-to-date high quality Coastal and Marine information.

The Wiki can be accessed at: [http://www.encora.eu/coastalwiki/Main\\_Page](http://www.encora.eu/coastalwiki/Main_Page).

However, it is important to note that the Coastal and Marine Wiki does not follow exactly the same concepts as the more familiar Wikipedia. An important difference is that it is not possible to edit pages anonymously. All contributors have an identity, allowing discussion to take place between those submitting articles on similar subjects. This also promotes informed debate, should any differences occur in the interpretation of information. Another difference is that in the Coastal Wiki, terms are defined in separate, individual definition-pages.

People who attended the International Sand Dune conference “***Changing Perspectives in Coastal Dune Management***”, 31<sup>st</sup> March - 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2008, Liverpool, UK received a copy of a revised “Sand Dune Inventory of Europe” on CD. However, it has become clear that there is considerable scope for the individual country reports to be improved. Several people therefore suggested importing individual chapters of the Sand Dune Inventory into the ‘Coastal Wiki’. This would allow individuals to add to, revise and update the contributions on an ongoing basis.

Pat Doody has begun the process of importing country reports to the Coastal Wiki. Please email [pat.doody@ntlworld.com](mailto:pat.doody@ntlworld.com) with any queries or comments.

It is hoped this example will encourage others to use the functionality of the web site to share a wide range of information on our coasts.

**Pat Doody – July 2008**

## ***Books***

**GIS for the Coastal Zone.** Edited by Colin D. Woodroffe, Eleanor Bruce, Marji Puotinen and Ronald A. Furness. Proceedings of Conference held at the University of Wollongong, 13-16 July 2006. Available from Myree Mitchel, Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security, University of Wollongong, Wollongong, NSW 2522, Australia. [Myree\\_mitchell@uow.edu.au](mailto:Myree_mitchell@uow.edu.au)

## ***Workshops and Conferences***

### **ICAN - International Coastal Atlas Network**

Taken from the opening page of the ICAN website: *The International Coastal Atlas Network (ICAN) is a newly-founded informal group of organizations who have been meeting over the past two years to scope and implement data interoperability approaches to coastal web atlases (CWAs). The mission/strategic aim of ICAN is to share experiences and to find common solutions to CWA development whilst ensuring maximum relevance and added value for the end users. The long-term view is for global level operational interoperability which will evolve as the ICAN community strives to increase awareness of the opportunities that exist for increased coastal and marine data sharing among policy makers and resource managers as strategic users of a CWA (<http://ican.science.oregonstate.edu/ican>).*

ICAN recently held its third annual workshop and conference at the EEA offices in Copenhagen on the 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> July 2008. The Programme and Presentations on ICZM, coastal atlases, and some new EEA initiatives can be found on the following website: [http://ican.science.oregonstate.edu/eea\\_prog](http://ican.science.oregonstate.edu/eea_prog) . Next year the event will be held in Italy. Details will be posted on <http://ican.science.oregonstate.edu/ican> in the coming year.

## ***Aberdeen Coastal Atlas***

As part of a funded project on regeneration of the Torry area in Aberdeen, Scotland, David R. Green will be starting the development of a small digital coastal atlas for the Aberdeen City waterfront and coastline. The atlas will be developed with the help of ICAN (see above) and will focus on gathering together data and information on the following themes: coastal features (geomorphology and geology), coastal heritage and culture, and coastal tourism. Watch this space for progress.

## ***International Coastal Dunes Conference***

The International Dune Conference - Changing Perspectives in Coastal Dune Management was held in Liverpool 31 March - 3 April 2008. Keynote speakers were Norb Psuty (USA), Pat Doody (UK) and Maurice Hoffman (Belgium). For further information contact: Paul Rooney Deanery of Sciences and Social Sciences Office, Liverpool Hope University, Hope Park, Liverpool L16 9JD United Kingdom Tel: +44 (0)151 291 3933 Fax: +44 (0)151 291 3172

## ***Second BENCORE Conference***

Geographic Information Systems in Coastal and Marine Research and Management - Opportunities and new perspectives for Coastal and Marine Research took place on Friday 30 May 2008 in Leuven, Belgium. Details and presentations can be found at <http://www.bencore.be>. Invited speakers included David R. Green.

## ***Hands-on Workshops on Coastal Atlases***

Watch this space for two Coastal Atlas meetings. One will be held at Littoral 2008, and the other early in the New Year (2009)

## ***Littoral 2008 - 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference***



### ***A CHANGING COAST: CHALLENGE FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES***

***November 25-28 2008 Venice Italy***

The Littoral 2008 event to be held in Venice is getting ever closer. Amongst the sessions being offered this year there will be an Encora session, See the programme at the following website: <http://www.littoral2008.corila.it/>

Download the Provisional Programme at: <http://www.littoral2008.corila.it/programme.php>

## ***IMCORE***

The kickoff meeting of the Interreg IVB project IMCORE - Innovative Management for Europe's Changing Coastal Resource – took place earlier this year in May in Dublin, Ireland. Led by CMRC, UCC, the 6 million euro project will last for 42 months, and involves a number of international partners including EUCC, the University of Aberdeen, and Aberdeen City Council.

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