



SOCIAL PROGRAMME

A social programme for participants is planned. It offers opportunities to enjoy the historical city of Bruges, to meet colleagues or to taste the gastronomic qualities of Belgium.
Thursday, 19 October: Historical guided tour (19.00) & Conference dinner (20.00) in Bruges.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

An option has been taken on a number of centrally located hotels (cf. hotel booking form). Accommodation is available in all price categories, but early booking is highly recommended. The final deadline for reservation is 20 August 2006.

Please fax or e-mail the hotel booking form to:

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ABSTRACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

The Extended Abstracts of the oral contributions will be published and distributed to the participants at the start of the symposium. They will consist of refereed papers.

REGISTRATION

The enclosed registration form should be completed and sent to the conference secretariat prior to 10 September 2006. Participation is complimentary and will be effective upon receipt of the registration form. Written confirmation will be sent to each participant.

REGISTRATION INCLUDES

- Conference documents and extended abstracts
- Coffee/tea served during breaks
- Lunches

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Full refunds of the payments for the conference dinner less 20% will be made on written request received prior to 30 September 2006. Full refunds less 30% will be made on written request received between 30 September and 15 October 2006. After this date refunds will not be possible. All refunds will be processed after the conference. Only cancellations received in writing to the conference secretariat will be considered.

CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT AND REGISTRATION

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WEBSITE

We refer to the MIMAC 2006 website (www.vliz.be/projects/mimac/symp.php) which will be updated on a regular basis for all further information (route description, forms, etc.).

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SCOPE & OBJECTIVES

The North Sea is an intensely used marine area and contains one of the most intensive merchant shipping routes in the world. The interest and engagement of society to improve the quality of the sea and the coast and to protect the marine environment has led at national and international level to increased attention. This is shown amongst others by recent changes in the EU legislation and steps taken by the EC to speed up enforcement of the ERIKA regulations. It is also aligned with the Bergen declaration of the 5th North Sea Conference in which the Ministers invited OSPAR to develop an appropriate system of risk assessment and risk profiles connected with relevant human activities (e.g. shipping and aquaculture) in particular regions and localities. The final aim is risk reduction of hazardous substances. Increased attention is also found in EC environmental policy documents for protection of the marine environment (communication of the European Commission to the European Parliament and Council of Ministers "Towards a strategy to protect and conserve the marine environment").

To keep the risk of unwanted incidents at sea as low as reasonably feasible and/or acceptable, appropriate measures, both technical and organisational, need to be defined and taken. However, such preventative and mitigating measures can only be taken on the basis of a sound analysis of the risks involved. As marine environmental risks are border-crossing, the approach should have an international character.

Policy makers, scientists and the final users of these risk and contingency plans all have every reason to learn from each other and exchange ideas and practical experience. To achieve this, the MIMAC team is organizing a two-day international conference (19-20 October 2006) that will focus on the current changes in policy concerning marine intervention and the risk management strategies of the North Sea countries (risk analysis and efficient database management).

VENUE

Provinciaal Hof, Markt 3, B-8000 Bruges, Belgium

DATE

19-20 October 2006

LANGUAGE

The official language of the conference is English.

CONFERENCE INFO

The conference consists of invited papers, plenary oral presentations and discussion sessions.

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Thursday, 19 October 2006

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

10.00 – 11.00	Registration - coffee
11.00 – 11.20	Welcome by the Minister of Economy, Energy, Foreign Affairs and Science Policy <i>Marc Verwilghen</i>
11.20 – 11.30	Welcome by the Minister of Mobility and the North Sea <i>Renaat Landuyt</i>
11.30 – 11.40	Introduction to the workshop MIMAC <i>Dirk Le Roy (Ecolas)</i>
11.40 – 12.20	Current developments in the risk policy of the North Sea: from a tripartite to a quadripartite Bonn Agreement Responsibility Zone <i>Eric Donnay (FPS Environment)</i>
12.20 – 14.00	Lunch
RISK ANALYSIS NORTH SEA – chair: Dirk Le Roy (Ecolas)	
14.00 – 14.25	Risk analysis of marine activities in the Belgian Part of the North Sea (RAMA) <i>Annemie Volckaert (Ecolas)</i>
14.25 – 14.50	State of the affairs of risk analysis of the Dutch Part of the North Sea <i>Dick Knoester (RWS-North Sea Directorate)</i>
14.50 – 15.15	State of the affairs of risk analysis of the French Part of the North Sea <i>Jean-Christophe Burvingt (Préfecture maritime de la Manche et de la mer du Nord)</i>
15.15 – 15.40	State of the affairs of risk analysis of the English Part of the North Sea <i>Kevin Colcomb (Maritime and Coastguard Agency)</i>
15.40 – 16.30	Coffee

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RISK ASSESSMENT NORTH SEA – chair: Marnix Vangheluwe (Euras) & Colin Janssen (UGent - Letea)

16.30 – 16.50	Development of an Integrated Database for the Management of Accidental Spills (DIMAS) <i>Bram Versonnen (Euras)</i>
16.50 – 17.10	Oil spills: effects and management <i>Sjon Huisman (RWS-North Sea Directorate)</i>
17.10 – 17.30	Endocrine disruption of the marine environment <i>Mike Waldock (CEFAS)</i>
17.30 – 17.50	Conclusions day 1
20.00	Conference dinner

Friday, 20 October 2006

9.30 – 10.00 Registration & information – coffee

CONTINGENCY PLANNING – chair: Frank Maes (UGent - Maritime Institute)

10.00 – 10.30	Tricolor experience in the framework of the bilateral Manche Plan Agreement with Great Britain <i>Jean-Christophe Burvingt (Préfecture maritime de la Manche et de la mer du Nord)</i>
10.30 – 11.00	The sub-regional contingency plan between Denmark, Germany and the Netherlands (DENGERNET): development and experience <i>Peter Poulsen (Admiral Danish Fleet)</i>
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee
11.30 – 11.50	The National Contingency plan for the North Sea "Rampenplan Noordzee": present state and critical evaluation – Organisational <i>Johan Debyser (Cabinet governor of West Flanders)</i>
11.50 – 12.10	The National Contingency plan for the North Sea "Rampenplan Noordzee": present state and critical evaluation – Operational <i>Thierry Jacques (MUMM)</i>
12.10 – 12.30	Plenary session
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch