

**Dear BeNCoRe partner,**

**We would like to thank you for having expressed your interest in the BeNCoRe network that has reached his first six months. In order to keep you up to date about the BeNCoRe developments, a BeNCoRe Web News will from now on be used to inform BeNCoRe partners about activities, events or special news items within the BeNCoRe network.**

#### **Latest news**

- First call BeNCoRe travel grants officially launched
- All ten Network Ambassadors appointed for the ten thematic networks within BeNCoRe
- So far 52 Belgian marine institutes or research laboratories partner of BeNCoRe
- First BeNCoRe conference will take place Thursday 26 April, 2007 in Leuven

#### **First call BeNCoRe travel grants officially launched**

Members from BeNCoRe partner institutes have the possibility now to apply for BeNCoRe grants. Coastal researchers, practitioners and decision makers wishing to attend ICZM and Coastal Research related events and ENCORA activities organised across Europe may apply for funding of travel, accommodation or registration costs.

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#### **All ten Network Ambassadors appointed for the ten thematic networks within BeNCoRe**

The ten thematic networks defined by the ENCORA Project are now represented in Belgium by 10 Network Ambassadors. These Network Ambassadors are the key persons within BeNCoRe and advice the Network in response to contact search requests of customers. BeNCoRe expresses their gratitude for their commitment to the BeNCoRe Network.

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#### **52 Belgian marine institutes or research laboratories partner of BeNCoRe**

Since the start of BeNCoRe 52 institutes or research laboratories agreed on becoming BeNCoRe partner and this number is still growing. The agreement of becoming partner can be considered as a memorandum of understanding. There are no real obligations, restrictions or financial implications associated to the agreement but the intention to co-operate to BeNCoRe for the development and exchange of information, knowledge and experience related to coastal research and Integrated Coastal Zone Management.

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#### **First BeNCoRe conference will take place Thursday 26 April, 2007 in Leuven**

The date and venue of the first BeNCoRe conference are fixed. During this conference, the 10 Network Ambassadors are invited to give a presentation about some of the important issues for Belgian Coastal Research within their theme. Central to the conference will be the link with Integrated Coastal Zone Management and Coastal Research. The conference will be introduced by Job Dronkers, coordinator of the ENCORA Network. More information will follow in due time.

**With best regards,**

**On behalf of**

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