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### Pre-Registration: Paris Theme Conference on European Action Plans

From 5 to 7 December 2007, ENCORA will organise a major conference in the 'Institut Océanographique' in Paris on the preparation of a future European coastal and marine research agenda, which will be elaborated in European Action Plans. The conference is dedicated to the identification of key issues for advancing the sustainable management of our coastal zones and for which knowledge progress can only be achieved through in-depth research investments. We would like to invite you to Pre-register for this event. We expect a strong participation but we cannot accommodate more than 180 participants; we also aim at a balanced representation over themes and countries. Online registration is possible online now . The conference will be prepared during the months October and November through a number of thematic internet forums, to which you will be invited to participate upon pre-registration.

Weblink: http://www.encora.eu/parisconference.php

# Broaden your field of expertise, consult the Young Professional Exchange Program from ENCORA

One of the services provided by ENCORA is the Young Professional Exchange Program. This program has been designed especially for young researches, practitioners and policymakers who are at the start of their career or research in coastal zones. The program enables young persons with a background in coastal science, policy or practice to travel abroad and to participate in coastal related events (conferences, summer schools, symposia etc) organised across Europe. You can consult a list of events which are supported by ENCORA and BeNCORe.

Weblink: http://www.encora.eu/ypep.php#ENCORA Events

## New issue ENCORA Newsletter

A new ENCORA newsletter with information on the 13 European National Networks can be downloaded from the ENCORA website. This issue includes some additional information on the recent Aberdeen Declaration, adopted during the Eurocean 2007 Conference and which calls for an Integrated European Marine and Maritime Science, Research, Technology and Innovation Strategy and for adequate resources to support specialised infrastructures, data collection, information management and capacity building.

Weblink: http://www.encora.eu/enews/Encora Newsletter July 2007.html

## New PHD positions in the field of marine modelling and microbial diversity

Planning to start a career as a Belgian Coastal and Marine Scientist after this hot summer? In the framework of the TIMOTHY project (*Tracing and integrated modelling of natural and anthropogenic effects on hydrosystems: the Scheldt River basin and adjacent coastal North Sea*), the Liege university is searching for a PHD student in marine modelling while the Laboratory of Aquatic Ecology of the Ghent University offers a PHD position within the MICROMET project (*Microbial Diversity and Metal Fluxes in Contaminated North Sea Sediments*). Weblink: http://www.bencore.be/index.php?page=doc\_show&cat=6&mid=45

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