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Paris Thematic Conference: BeNCoRe provides travel grants for Young Professionals

From 5 to 7 December 2007, ENCORA will organise a major conference in the renowned 'Institut Océanographique' in Paris on the preparation of a future European coastal and marine research agenda, which will be elaborated in European Action Plans. By registering to the Paris Conference you may contribute to defining those issues and to the development of a European research programme through FP 7 that provides corresponding means for cooperation and funding. Parallel sessions on the ten ENCORA themes will be held during the second day. BeNCoRe provides [several travel grants](#) for young professionals to attend this conference. So far more than 120 persons pre-registered. Since not more than 180 participants can be accommodated, we urge all interested BeNCoRe partners not to wait to pre-register.

Preregister: <http://www.encora.eu/parisconference.php>

Preliminary program: <http://www.encora.eu/documents/Headlines%20Conference%20Programme.pdf>

Wadden Environments Seminar to be held from 29-31 October in Sylt is open for registration

The Young Professional Exchange Program of ENCORA organises a seminar on the Wadden Sea on the Island of Sylt, aiming to bridge the gap between decision making, science & practice. The topics of the workshop will be coastal protection and restoration measures against the background of climate change and its consequences in the Wadden Sea environment. Registration can be made by email to clivia.haese@gkss.de until September 28. Travel grants are available through the BeNCoRe Travel grants program.

Weblink: http://www.encora.eu/documents/PrelProg_WaddenEnvironments.pdf

Thematic day on beach nourishment at the North Sea Coast, organised by the Dutch Coastal Network

The Dutch Coastal Network, EncoraNL organises Thursday 18 October a thematic day on beach nourishment at the North Sea Coast in Zandvoort. Focus will be the information exchange between different disciplines related to beach nourishment such as socio-economic aspects, regulations, sustainability, biodiversity and management. The conference provides the possibility to present a poster. Dutch will be the official language of the conference.

Weblink: <http://www.nck-web.org/pages/Encora/Current/Themadag/Themadag.php>

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 upcoming Paris conference, new events and training schools organised by ENCORA and an evaluation of ENCORA half term.

Weblink: http://www.encora.eu/enews/Encora_Newsletter_September_2007_11.html

Third deadline for BeNCoRe Travel Grants approaching

BeNCoRe members from BeNCoRe partner institutes have the possibility to apply for BeNCoRE travel grants. The BeNCoRe travel grants vary from 750 to 2000 Euro for short or long term travel 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. The third deadline is Wednesday 26 September 2007. So far 8 BeNCoRe grants were attributed.

Weblink: <http://www.bencore.be/index.php?contentid=31&mid=19>

Coastal Wiki keeps on growing

With over 450 uploaded information pages by more than 150 users the Coastal Wiki can be considered as one of the ENCORA success stories and has great potential for the future. The coastal and marine professional wikipedia, called the Coastal Wiki, provides up-to-date high quality information for coastal professionals. The Coastal Wiki disseminates knowledge to a broad audience, reaching further than the specialists working at the frontiers of science.

The Coastal Wiki can be considered as a dynamic state-of-the-art knowledge system that will be maintained and further developed by the users themselves. Currently there are some initiatives to support this concept in the future. We invite all BeNCoRe partners to contribute their expertise to the Coastal Wiki. Do not hesitate to contact info@bencore.be for more information.

Weblink: http://www.encora.eu/coastalwiki/Main_Page

Search Requests from the SPICOSA project

The 4-year FP6 Integrated Project SPICOSA (Science and Policy Integration for Coastal System Assessment) has started on 1 February 2007, see www.spicosa.eu. The worktasks and site studies defined in SPICOSA are seeking for maximum synergy with experts and projects in similar fields to exchange experience, join efforts, and avoid duplication. Through the Contact Search Mechanism of ENCORA, the World Data Centre for Marine Environmental Data and **VITO** launched two search requests related to data archiving and an invitation to exchange experience and knowledge on modelling tools for decision support systems for the coastal zone. You can download the full search requests.

Weblink: <http://www.encora.eu/documents/CSM/070906SPICOSACSMform1-2.doc>

Weblink: <http://www.encora.eu/documents/CSM/SPICOSACSMformJM.doc>

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