

# The Third EMECS Conference

## EMECS '97

Joint conference with the 7th Stockholm Water Symposium

"With River to the Sea: Interaction of Land Activities, Fresh water and Enclosed Coastal Sea"



Stockholm, Sweden

From 11th August, 1997 through 14th August, 1997

1,000 delegates from 80 countries including researchers in the fields of both fresh and ocean water, government officials, and representatives from NGO went beyond the confines of their individual specialties and forged ties by debating such topics as flow of nutrients from land to sea, the function of fresh water in transporting harmful pollutants, and the relationship between land utilization and water quality.

In the workshop, 165 speakers from 37 countries presented papers, with a discussion period following each presentation. There was also a poster session with submissions from 72 people representing 8 countries.

At the end of the conference, the Stockholm Statement was adopted by the delegates, identifying four principles to reduce the pollution load on enclosed coastal sea environment : (1)Pursue an holistic approach, (2)Improve understanding, (3) Develop an active dialogue, (4)Act locally - think regionally