International Conference and Summer School-Seminar "Dynamics of The Coastal Zone of Non-Tidal Seas"

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Once in two years International Conferences and Summer school-seminars "Dynamics of the Coastal Zone of Non-tidal Seas" were held in Baltiysk, Kaliningrad region, Russia. Conferences take place at the Scientific Station "Baltic Spit" of the Atlantic Branch of Shirshov's Institute of Oceanology of Russian Academy of Sciences, Baltiysk, Kaliningrad Oblast (Province), Russian Federation. The station is located on the Vistula Spit just near the inlet of the Vistula Lagoon at the walking distance (5-7 minutes) from the lagoon and see shores.

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The principal aim of the International Conference and Summer school-seminar "Dynamics of the Coastal Zone of Non-tidal Seas" is to give modern information about dynamics processes in the coastal zone and to afford a base for exchange of scientific results of investigations. Whole spectrum of questions (from surf zone hydrodynamics to interaction of coastal zone with open sea regions) was discussed during oral and poster presentations.

About hundred experts, specialists, young researchers, PhD-students with interest in coastal dynamics participated in this events. Invited lectures come from Russia, Poland, the Netherlands, Bulgaria, Germany, Estonia, Italy, Switzerland.

Specialists and young researchers came from more than ten countries (Russia, Ukraine, Estonia, Poland, Greece, France, Italy, Spain, Netherlands, Turkey, Switzerland and others) to participate to the International Conferences and Summer school-seminars "Dynamics of the Coastal Zone of Non-tidal Seas", to hear a course of lectures and to present their posters during the conference. Course of lectures included three topics: "Dynamics of the coastal zone", "Dynamics of estuaries and lagoons" and "Dynamics of interaction between coastal zone and the open sea".

In addition to the lectures a number of poster presentations (three minutes for each poster) were presented during every of three thematic poster sessions. Scientific Committee selected two best posters for each topic. Authors of best posters received incentive prizes from Scientific and Organizing Committees.

A limited set of fellowships is usually available for young scientists from Russia and other European countries. Conference Proceedings with extended abstracts with illustrative material in English and Russian are published before the conferences and distributed among participants.

Cultural events included barbecue (first day) and closing buffet dinner (last day) in the Station "Baltic Spit" garden, musicales, football and volleyball matches for all participants of these conferences.

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