



Mediterranean Coastal Foundation

Call for Papers - MEDCOAST 2011

THE TENTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE MEDITERRANEAN COASTAL ENVIRONMENT

25-29 October 2011, Rhodes, Greece

The first MEDCOAST conference was held in Antalya, Turkey during 2-5 November 1993. Since then, the bi-annual series of the Mediterranean Coastal Environment conferences have been organised regularly in the odd-numbered years, always in the months of October or November. The nine past events, convened in Turkey, Spain, Malta, Tunisia, Italy, Egypt and Russia, established this series as the coastal management conference for the Mediterranean, Black and Caspian Seas in particular as well as for other coastal seas. The past nine conferences made the MEDCOAST's biannual conference series a major international scientific meeting focusing on management of the coastal and sea areas. They produced 22 volumes of proceedings, adding up to more than 16 000 pages, and six special issues of leading coastal management journals. MEDCOAST's bi-annual conferences and six thematic workshops and specialty conferences organised over the past eighteen years, have created a large and steadily growing MEDCOAST family, within which various significant collaboration schemes have been developed among members.

When MEDCOAST initiative was launched 20 years ago, the goal was to enhance collaboration among various actors, especially from the Mediterranean and the Black Sea countries, which would lead to products and instruments contributing to better management of the coastal and sea areas of these basins. More or less at the same time in the Mediterranean, and a few years later in the Black Sea, similar efforts were started at the governmental levels. In this very suitable environment, MEDCOAST's initial goal was highly achieved by the establishment of very productive international links under the MEDCOAST umbrella. Furthermore, collaboration was extended across two basins. MEDCOAST provided the first channels through which Mediterranean and Black Sea coastal management problems and experiences were disseminated for addressing them collaboratively.

MEDCOAST conferences that employ serious peer-reviewing processes for abstract selection and manuscript acceptance, aim to achieve the highest levels of scientific and professional qualities. At the same time, they are relaxed and enjoyable events carried out in a casual, friendly atmosphere and attractive environments. The poster sessions form a significant part of the conference program. These sessions provide greater opportunities for mutual interaction of the participants. Conference programs often contain several thematic presentation and discussion sessions, organised jointly with sponsoring and sporting institutions.

MEDCOAST 2011 will be the first MEDCOAST event ever organised in Greece. We expect to have another successful event along the shores of the magnificent Aegean Sea, enhanced by the charms of the historical town of Rhodes and environs, enjoying the rich Greek culture and warm hospitality. Scientists, experts, managers, planners, policy makers, administrators, resource developers, users and conservationists from the Mediterranean, Black and Caspian Sea countries, and from all other corners of the world, are cordially invited!

TOPICS OF MEDCOAST 2011

COASTAL SYSTEMS, CONSERVATION ISSUES

Physical features;
Geography, coastal geology, geomorphology, sedimentology;
Coastal oceanography;
Coastal and marine ecosystems, biology and ecology;
Marine mammals, problem of exotic & invasive species;
Conservation issues, biodiversity, endangered species,

Coastal ecosystem management;
Rehabilitation of damaged ecosystems;
Coastal and marine protected areas;
Coastal landscapes.

INTEGRATED COASTAL MANAGEMENT

Theoretical framework and case reports;
Coastal management tools and instruments, databases;
Coastal and marine policy, science and policy integration;
Coastal governance, institutional arrangements;
International efforts and programs pertinent to ICM;
Legal, economic and social issues;
Environmental and ecological economics, instruments;
Education, public involvement & NGO role, media role;
Evaluation of ICM impacts, coastal management indicators.
Demonstration pilot projects

COASTAL MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Coastal wetlands, coastal dunes, estuaries, deltas and lagoons;
Beaches and their management;
Coastal water resources and watershed management;
Water quality management, water and sediment pollution,
land based sources, hazardous wastes, algal blooms, bio-
indicators of pollution and monitoring, pollution control,
sea outfalls, waste water treatment, reuse and recycling;
Marine litter, solid wastes management;
Trans-boundary pollution issues;
Coastal and environmental impacts, coastal degradation,
environmental impact assessment (EIA) for coastal
projects, Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA);
Environmental risk management;
Climate change impacts and adaptation strategies;
Coastal and submarine archaeology; management of ancient
sites, monuments and ship wrecks;

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF COASTAL AREAS

Sustainable development concerns, indicators, sustainable
development of coastal and sea resources;
Coastal and maritime spatial planning;
Urban development issues; waterfront renovation;
Coastal tourism planning and management, facility siting,
alternative tourism, ecotourism, recreation,
Marine tourism, cruises, yachting, marinas;
Living resources, fisheries, mariculture;
Transportation issues: oil transport and pollution;
Siting of major industrial facilities

COASTAL ENGINEERING, MODELLING, DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEMS AND DATA MANAGEMENT

Coastal, environmental and ecosystem modelling;
Coastal hydrodynamics;
Coastal sediment transport and erosion;
Coastal processes; shoreline management and erosion control;
Coastal and ecocoastal engineering;
Water level changes, sea level rise and consequences;
Monitoring of coastal environment;
Use of remote sensing technology and geographic information
systems in coastal management



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GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstracts for **MEDCOAST 2011** Conference must be submitted to the MEDCOAST Foundation no later than **15 April 2011**. They should be limited to **single-spaced one page** at the maximum, and must list the names, titles, affiliations, mailing addresses, telephone and facsimile numbers, and e-mail addresses of each author.

Abstracts should be sufficiently informative and must summarise the **major theme, findings and conclusions** of the paper to be presented in the conference. The last name of each author and co-author(s) should be underlined. In the upper right hand corner of the first page, one of the topics of **MEDCOAST 2011** Conference, which is addressed by the abstract, must be indicated. If necessary, you may use a new topic that is not on the list. In the case that the paper is co-authored, please indicate at the end of the abstract, the person who will present the paper at the conference.

Abstracts may be submitted by mail, e-mail or fax (see the information below). However, a soft copy will be requested from the authors of the selected abstracts who have not used e-mail at the initial submission.

Notification of acceptance of the abstract, together with the format for manuscript preparation and submission instructions, will be e-mailed to the first author (or to the corresponding author) by **06 May 2011**. The final manuscript, prepared in full accordance with the instructions, must be received by **02 September 2011** in soft copy by e-mail. In the case of failure in complying with the rules for preparation of manuscripts or in meeting the deadline for submission, the paper will not be included in the Conference Proceedings and the Program.

The Program Committee and the MEDCOAST Foundation will accept or reject papers based on the information in the abstracts and will assign accepted papers to appropriate poster and oral sessions. The final selection of a paper for inclusion in the conference program and in the proceedings will be made on the basis of peer-reviewing the submitted manuscript.

For abstract submission and general information, contact MEDCOAST Foundation:

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POSTER SESSION

Certain topics may be better presented in the **MEDCOAST 2011** Poster Session. If you wish to make a poster presentation, please so indicate in your abstract.

Prospective Poster Session presenters should submit abstracts to **MEDCOAST 2011** Conference, in the same way as the oral presentations by using the abstract format described opposite, clearly indicating that a poster paper is proposed.

A poster competition will take place and a jury will review and evaluate all poster presentations. Three Best Poster Prizes will be given during the Closing Session to the winners.

SOCIAL EVENTS

A variety of social and cultural events will be included in the program. A half-day cultural tour and a full day technical trip to interesting coastal spots adjacent to the City of Rhodes will be placed in the conference program.

POST-CONFERENCE TOURS

A rich choice of pre or post-conference tours will be made available to the participants for exploring the charms of Rhodes and other Greek Aegean Islands. Tours that combine Greek and Turkish destinations and attractions will also be offered.

OFFICIAL TRAVEL AGENT

The official travel agent for MEDCOAST 11 Conference is Yesil Dalyan Travel & Shipping Agency (and her collaborators in Rhodes):

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Yesil Dalyan Travel and Shipping Agency operates a fast passenger boat between Fethiye (a Turkish town which is an hour away from the International Dalaman Airport) and Rhodes. One way boat trip takes about 80 minutes.

DEADLINES

Abstract submission: **April 15, 2011**
Acceptance notification: **May 06, 2011**
Manuscript submission: **September 02, 2011**