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The conference will be sponsored, contributed or supported by numerous international and Italian institutions. The names of these institutions will soon be announced.

Location

All activities of MEDCOAST 03 will take place at the premises of the modern conference facilities of Pala De André, Ravenna, Italy.

Language

The whole program of MEDCOAST 03 will be conducted in the English language.

Conference topics & Session themes

The following groups of topics indicate the coverage of presentations in MEDCOAST '03. Please note that the list below is NOT exclusive.

PHYSICAL, ECOLOGICAL, AND CONSERVATION ISSUES

- Physical features, coastal ecosystems, coastal landscapes;
- Conservation issues, archeology, biodiversity, endangered species, habitat protection, specially protected areas, coastal and marine parks.

INTEGRATED COASTAL AND OCEAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

- Sustainable development of coastal and sea resources;
- Integrated coastal area management generally;
- Management of wetlands, coastal dunes, estuaries, deltas and lagoons;
- Management of ancient sites, monuments and ship wrecks;
- Management of living resources: fisheries and mammals;
- Coastal tourism planning and management: facility siting, marinas, ecotourism;
- Transportation issues: oil transport and pollution;
- Siting of major industrial facilities;
- Water quality issues: land based sources of pollution, pollution control, sea outfalls, hazardous and solid waste management;
- Coastal and sea policy;
- Institutional arrangements for implementing CM;
- Evaluation of ICM impact;
- Legal, economic and social issues; international aspects;
- Education and public involvement;
- Environmental impact assessment for coastal projects.

COASTAL ENGINEERING, MODELLING AND DATA MANAGEMENT

- Coastal, environmental and ecosystem modelling;
- Shoreline management and erosion control;
- Sea level rise and consequences;
- Ecocoastal engineering;
- Use of remote sensing technology and geographic information systems in coastal management.

Deadlines

Abstract Submission: 21 FEBRUARY 2003

Acceptance Notification: 21 MARCH 2003

Camera-Ready Final Paper: 30 JUNE 2003

Guidelines for Abstract submission

Abstracts for MEDCOAST '03 must be submitted no later than January 10, 2003, to MEDCOAST Secretariat. They should be limited to two pages, double spaced, and should list the names, titles, affiliations, mailing addresses, telephone and facsimile numbers and e-mail addresses of each author.

Abstracts should 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, should be underlined. In the upper right hand corner of the first page, one of the topics of MEDCOAST 03 that is addressed by your paper, must be indicated. If you see appropriate, you may use another topic not included on the list. In case 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.

Notification regarding the acceptance of the proposed paper, together with the format for preparation of manuscripts and submission instructions, will be mailed, e-mailed or faxed to the first authors from the MEDCOAST Secretariat by February 15, 2003. The final camera-ready paper, which must be prepared in full accordance with the instructions, should reach the MEDCOAST Secretariat by June 15, 2003, both in hard copy and in a diskette for publication in the Conference Proceedings.

The Executive Program Committee and MEDCOAST Secretariat will accept or reject papers based on the information in the abstracts and will assign accepted papers to appropriate sessions.

Publications

All papers accepted for oral and poster sessions will be published in the Proceedings of MEDCOAST '03 International Conference. The proceedings will be made available to the participants at the time of registration to the conference as a part of the registration fee. As it has been done for the previous MEDCOAST conferences, it is planned to publish special volumes of the Journal of Ocean and Coastal Management, and the Journal of Coastal Conservation on Mediterranean and/or Black Sea coastal and marine issues by using a number of selected papers after a peer review.

Workshops/Special sessions

A number of workshops and special sessions organised in collaboration with other fellow institutions will be included in the conference program. Information on these will be provided later as they become definite. Proposals for a workshop or a special session are welcomed.

Poster session

Certain topics may be best presented in the MEDCOAST '03 Poster Sessions. If you wish to make a poster presentation, please so indicate in your abstract. It is expected that about 60 per cent of the paper contributions will be presented as posters in several sessions.

Decision on the mode of presentation (as oral or poster) will be based solely on the subject matter addressed by the paper and the information to be presented, and not in any way on the quality of the paper. Oral and poster presentations will be treated without any form of discrimination in the proceedings and in preparation of the special journal issues.

A poster competition will take place and jury will review and evaluate all poster presentations. Best Poster Prize(s) will be given during the Closing Session to the winner(s) of the competition.

Commercial exhibit

As a side activity to the MEDCOAST '03 International Conference, an exhibit of information, services and products related to coastal and marine management will be organised. Institutions and companies that wish to have a stand in the Conference Exhibit are encouraged to contact the MEDCOAST Secretariat for rental fees and other details.

Social events

The Local Organising Committee is working on a variety of social and cultural events to enrich the stay of the conference participants in Ravenna.

Pre/Post-Conference tours

A rich choice of pre and post conference tours will be available for the participants who wish to extend their enjoyable stay in Italy. These tours will be offered by the official travel agent of the conference. The travel agent and the details on these tours will be posted later.

Mid-Conference Technical excursion

A half day (or one day) technical trip to the famous coastal sites will be offered to the participants as a part of the conference program.

Hotel accomodation

The Local Organising Committee of MEDCOAST '03 is in the process of negotiations with several classes of hotels in Ravenna for special favourable prices to be offered to the conference participants. Hotel information and the booking procedure will be posted in the near future.

Conference registration fee:

EURO 600 if paid before July 31, 2003;

EURO 700 afterwards.

The registration fee includes a set of conference proceedings, coffee and refreshments, welcome and other cocktails, mid-conference technical excursion, cultural evening and the closing banquet.

- Registration fee for accompanying persons:

EURO 300 if paid before July 31, 2003;

EURO 350 afterwards.

The registration fee for accompanying persons includes sightseeing and cultural programs, coffee and refreshments, welcome and other cocktails, mid-conference technical excursion, cultural evening and the closing banquet.

- Registration fee for students:

EURO 300 if paid before July 31, 2003;

EURO 350 afterwards.

A valid student ID card is required. The registration fee includes a set of proceedings, attendance in the lectures, coffee breaks and mid-conference technical excursion (other social events are not included).

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