



Call for Papers - MEDCOAST 2009

THE NINTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE MEDITERRANEAN COASTAL ENVIRONMENT

10-14 November 2009, Sochi, Russia

Since the first conference organised in Antalya, Turkey during 2-5 November 1993, eight events in the "Mediterranean Coastal Environment" conference series of MEDCOAST have established this series as a major international scientific and environmental meeting focusing on the management of the coastal and sea areas in general with particular emphasis to the Mediterranean and the Black Sea. The past eight conferences produced 20 volumes of proceedings, adding up to nearly 15 000 pages, and five special issues of leading coastal management journals. These meetings, together with six thematic workshops and specialty conferences, organised over a period of fifteen years, have created a steadily growing MEDCOAST family and among members, various significant collaboration initiatives have been developed.

When MEDCOAST was initiated 18 years ago, the goal was to enhance collaboration among various actors 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, the collaboration extended across two basins. MEDCOAST was one of the first channels through which Mediterranean and Black Sea problems and experiences have flown through for addressing them collaboratively.

MEDCOAST conferences always aim to achieve high levels of scientific, professional qualities and follow peer-reviewed processes for abstract selection and manuscript acceptance. At the same time, they are relaxed and enjoyable events carried out in a casual, friendly atmosphere and attractive environment. The poster sessions, which are as important as the oral 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.

With **MEDCOAST 2009**, the conference moves for the first time in history of the series to the shores of the Black Sea, to a very attractive town located at the foot of the Caucasus Mountains. We expect to have another successful event in the magnificent setting offered by the City of Sochi and the surroundings, enhanced by the Russian culture and hospitality. Scientists, experts, managers, planners, policy makers, administrators, resource developers, users and conservationists from the Mediterranean and the Black Sea countries, and from all corners of the world, are cordially invited to participate!

TOPICS OF MEDCOAST 2009

COASTAL SYSTEMS, ECOSYSTEMS, CONSERVATION ISSUES

Physical features;
Geography, coastal geology, geomorphology, sedimentology;
Coastal oceanography;
Coastal and marine ecosystems, biology and ecology;
Mammals, problem of exotic species, invasive species;
Conservation issues, biodiversity, endangered species,
Coastal ecosystem management;
Rehabilitation of damaged ecosystems;
Protected areas, coastal and marine parks;
Coastal landscapes;

INTEGRATED COASTAL MANAGEMENT

Integrated coastal management - theoretical framework and case reports;
Coastal management tools and instruments;
Coastal and sea policy, integration of science and policy;
Coastal governance, institutional arrangements for implementing coastal management;
International efforts and programs pertinent to ICM;
Legal, economic and social issues;
Environmental and ecological economics, economic 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 management;
Watershed management;
Water quality management, water pollution, sediment pollution, land based sources of pollution, hazardous wastes, toxic organisms and harmful algal blooms, bio-indicators of pollution and monitoring, pollution control, sea outfalls, waste water treatment, reuse and recycling;
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;
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 land use and 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 engineering, ecocoastal engineering, environmentally friendly engineering;
Water level changes;
Climate change impacts, sea level rise and consequences;
Monitoring of coastal environment;
Use of remote sensing technology and geographic information systems in coastal management



MEDCOAST 2009

10-14 November 2009, Sochi, Russia.



CONFERENCE CO-ORGANISERS

A number of Russian institutions are invited to be the Co-organisers of MEDCOAST 09. The names of these institutions will be communicated in the Second Announcement.

CONFERENCE SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS

A large number of international, Russian and private organisations are invited for sponsoring and supporting the conference. The complete list of sponsors and supporters will be listed in the conference bulletin and MEDCOAST website.

POSTER SESSION

Certain topics may be better presented in the **MEDCOAST 2009** Poster Session. If you wish to make a poster presentation, please so indicate in your abstract.

Prospective Poster Session participants should submit proposals to **MEDCOAST 2009** 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. Best Poster Prizes will be given during the Closing Session to the winners of the competition.

SOCIAL EVENTS

A variety of social and cultural events will be included in the program. A half-day cultural tour in the City of Sochi and a full day technical trip to the Russian Black Sea coast will be included in the conference program.

POST-CONFERENCE TOURS

A rich choice of post-conference tours will be made available to the participants for exploring the charms of the Krasnodar Region and other parts of Russia.

For abstract submission and general information, contact Conference Secretariat:

MEDCOAST Secretariat
C/o Middle East Technical University
06531 Ankara - Turkey
Telephone: 90 - 312 - 210 54 29
Facsimile: 90 - 312 - 210 79 87
E-mail: medcoast@metu.edu.tr
Http: www.medcoast.org.tr

GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstracts for **MEDCOAST 2009** Conference must be submitted to the MEDCOAST Secretariat no later than 20 April 2009. They should be limited to single-spaced one page at the maximum, and 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 2009** Conference, which is addressed by your paper, must be indicated. If necessary, you may use another topic that is not 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 (see the left corner below for postal and e-mail addresses, and the fax number). 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 paper presentation, together with the format for preparation of manuscripts and submission instructions, will be e-mailed (or faxed if required) to the first authors from the MEDCOAST Secretariat by 11 May 2009. The final manuscript, prepared in full accordance with the instructions, must be sent by 14 September 2009, in soft copy by e-mail and also by post in a CD from accepted authors for inclusion in the Conference Proceedings.

The Program Committee and the MEDCOAST Secretariat 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.

DEADLINES

Abstract submission: **April 20, 2009**
Acceptance notification: **May 11, 2009**
Manuscript submission: **September 14, 2009**