

**The Proudman Oceanographic Laboratory announce a 3-day workshop on**

**THE STATUS OF EUROPEAN COASTAL OBSERVING  
AND FORECASTING SYSTEMS**

**22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> October 2007, Hotel Formentor, Majorca**

The UK Natural Environment Research Council has provided funds to POL to enhance awareness, interaction and collaboration between coastal observing and forecasting systems world-wide. This workshop, the 2<sup>nd</sup> in the series, is intended to bring together the European coastal observing and forecasting community to share knowledge and experiences. We anticipate that many members of the regional Eurogoos alliances (i.e. BOOS, NOOS, IBIROOS, MOON and Black Sea Goos) and members of the EU ECOOP project will participate.

We propose a meeting from lunchtime on 22<sup>nd</sup> to lunchtime on 24<sup>th</sup> October at the Hotel Formentor, Majorca (<http://www.hotelformentor.net/>). The workshop will be limited to 40 participants. We would like to be as inclusive as possible and hear about emerging systems as well as developed and ongoing systems. The programme will consist of 4 sessions of 9 talks, each talk being 20 minutes including questions. We have also scheduled 2 discussion periods to address the following questions ‘*Can we identify how the coastal zone is affected by climatic and anthropogenic factors?*’ and ‘*Can we forecast, to sufficient accuracy for marine management purposes, the physical and ecosystem response in the coastal zone?*’

We invite you to participate in the meeting as a contributor, providing the status of system(s) you are involved with. We ask you to reply by the end of August and ask for a talk title to help arrange the programme. In preparation for the workshop, by the end of September, we would like a 1-2 page status summary of the system you will present. As an invited speaker, your accommodation (Monday/Tuesday nights) will be paid for as will your air fare (with an expected limit of 250 Euros).

As outputs of the meeting we plan to make available on the POL Coastal Observatory website (<http://coastobs.pol.ac.uk/workshops>)

- a) a summary document containing the 1-2 page status summaries of the European observing and forecasting systems presented
- b) links to all systems on the European page of our world-wide directory of coastal observing and forecasting systems (currently under development)
- c) the powerpoint or pdf talks presented at the meeting.

We hope you will accept our invitation to attend and look forward to your talk title. Please reply as soon as you can to Roger Proctor ([rp@pol.ac.uk](mailto:rp@pol.ac.uk)) or John Howarth ([mjh@pol.ac.uk](mailto:mjh@pol.ac.uk)).

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