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BONUS+ Programme Mid-Term Assessment

Electronic forms now available

In order to check that the projects are progressing well, and that the Programme management mechanisms function efficiently, BONUS Secretariat has sent out three self-assessment forms for the Projects' participants to be filled in; one form for the Coordinators, one form for the Principal Scientists and one form for the Young Scientists. The forms may be filled either electronically in the BONUS Portal (www.bonusportal.org/mid-term_assessment), or as Word-files (available at the same page).

IMPORTANT! All the filled-in forms must be submitted to the Secretariat before **Saturday, 8 May 2010**.

EurOCEAN 2010 Conference Grand Challenges for Marine Research in the Next Decade

The EurOCEAN 2010 Conference GRAND CHALLENGES FOR MARINE RESEARCH IN THE NEXT DECADE will be held in Oostende, 12-13 October. The Conference will provide a unique opportunity for the European marine science community to consider, discuss and respond to new policy developments and achievements since the last EurOCEAN conference (2007, Aberdeen), and to highlight new challenges and opportunities for marine research in the next decade. The EurOCEAN 2010 Conference and Ostend Declaration (October 2010) will come at a crucial time, as the research funding landscape in Europe is expected to undergo considerable changes. It will provide a timely opportunity to reinforce the importance of marine science in effective maritime policy making and the key role it will play in the path towards economic growth and recovery in Europe. EurOCEAN 2010 Conference is a Belgian EU Presidency event, organised in close collaboration with the European Commission and the Marine Board-ESF. More information at www.eurocean2010.eu.

2nd International Conference on the Dynamics of Coastal Zone of Non-Tidal Seas, Baltiysk, Russia, 26-30 June 2010

P.P. Shirshov Institute of Oceanology, Russian Academy of Sciences informs that the 2nd International Conference (School) on the Dynamics of Coastal Zone of Non-Tidal Seas, Baltiysk (Kaliningrad Oblast, Russia, 26-30 June 2010) is still open for registration. Event will be devoted to three topics: Hydrodynamics of marine coastal zone, Lagoons and estuaries, Interaction between coastal zone and open sea. More information at www.ocean.ru/eng/content/view/125/40/.

ICES workshop "Introducing coupled ecological – economic modelling and risk assessment into management tools" (WKIMM), 16–18 June 2010, Kiel, Germany

The ICES WKIMM workshop will be hosted by the group "Sustainable Fishery", within the Cluster of Excellence "Future Ocean" at Kiel University. The workshop will bring together ecological and economic modellers to review the state of existing models and to evaluate the possibility of integrating state-of-the-art ecological and economic modelling approaches to (ecosystem-based) fishery-management-plan development and evaluation.

[Link to the flyer of the workshop](#)

More information at www.bwl.uni-kiel.de/eree/WKIMM.html.

Multidisciplinary course on Risk governance in the Baltic Sea, Stockholm, 16-22 August 2010

Application deadline EXTENDED until 15 May 2010!

The BONUS+ projects RISKGOV and PROBALT will jointly give a PhD course on Risk governance, especially focusing the Baltic Sea. This course is open to all PhD candidates interested in multidisciplinary environmental science. From an ecosystem approach to management perspective, environmental risks such as those emanating from eutrophication, hazardous chemicals, shipping, loss of biodiversity and over-fishing will be analyzed and discussed. The course will comprise two weeks of preparatory reading at home followed by an intensive week with lectures, seminars and field excursions at the Askö Marine Laboratory in the Stockholm archipelago. Finally, two weeks at home will be devoted to writing a report from the week at Askö. More information at the RISKGOV homepage www.sh.se/riskgov.

best regards,

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