

Dear colleague,

The Estuarine and Coastal Sciences Association (ECSA) and the Instituto Argentino de Oceanografía (IADO) announce the ECSA 44 Symposium: *Science and management of estuaries and coasts: A tale of two hemispheres*, to be held in Bahía Blanca, Argentina, from September 29 to October 3, 2008. The symposium is aimed at promoting a fluid exchange between specialists of different disciplines and from both hemispheres, working on estuarine and coastal issues. It will provide a stimulating frame for comparing results, and for discussing the ongoing scientific and management challenges, highlighting similarities and differences between northern and southern coasts and estuaries.

On behalf of the ECSA and IADO, the local Organization Committee invites you to participate on this event, which we envision will enhance communication among those working on both sides of the world, under different physical, biological, and social scenarios. Argentina welcomes you, and Bahía Blanca invites you to know our place and people. We are working to make sure you will enjoy an exciting and worthwhile meeting, and we hope you feel at home during your stay with us.

We look forward to seeing you in Bahía Blanca,

The Organizing Committee

Conference Themes

ECSA 44 focuses on the Science and Management of Estuaries and Coasts, with emphasis on the interactions between physical and biological processes. Contributions on the theory, modeling, and field studies in the following topics are welcome:

- Fundamental physical processes determining conditions for biota
- Local role of coastal areas in world wide processes and functioning
- Fate of organic matter produced in estuarine and coastal systems
- Role of biota in modifying the physical and chemical conditions of the environment
- Defining modern environmental management terminology in an operational way
- Combinations of ecological and socio-economic models
- Judging the system species structure and system functioning
- Comparing the effects of climate change and human activities in a quantitative way
- Comparing effects of pollution to that of other factors like climate change and human activities

Registration

Each participant is required to complete the Registration Form and payment.

After the Organizing Committee receives the form and payment confirmation, the participant will be officially registered and will receive a confirmation number, which must be used to habilitate the Abstract Submission Form.

The following registration fees are applicable to the participants of the ECSA 44 Conference:

| | Before/on May 20, 2008 | After May 20, 2008 |
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| Abstract Submission fee | 50 U\$\$ | --- |
| Participants Full Registration | 125 U\$\$ | 180 U\$\$ |
| Students Full Registration* | 75 U\$\$ | 100 U\$\$ |
| Day Registration | --- | 45 U\$\$ |

* As of starting date of the Congress, students must be under 30 years old and produce evidence of multiple coursework.

Registration fee of participants and students will include:

- Attendance to the Congress
- Daily transportation from downtown Bahía Blanca to the Convention Center
- Conference documents, bag, certificate of attendance
- Participation in the welcome reception
- CD with the accepted Abstracts

webpage: <http://ecsa44.criba.edu.ar/>

Dates and deadlines

Deadline for Abstract submission: May 20, 2008, extended to
15 June 2008

Deadline for early full registration: May 20, 2008, extended to
15 June 2008

Acceptance Notification July, 2008

Arrival of Participants: September 27 and 28, 2008

ECSA44 Congress: September 29 to October 3, 2008

Post Congress excursions: October 4, 2008