Welcome to ECPA 2014

Coastal Protected Areas theme will be addressed for the second time by INOC after the international workshop which was held in the city of Meknes (Morocco) from 23 to 25 March 2005. This Congress is enriched by the new major theme "The Estuaries".

The estuaries, shifting ecotones with hardly significant limits, are physical and ecological dynamics and unique systems, including wetlands, meanders endlessly reshaped via currents, suspended loads of solids carried by rivers, where certain pollutants will settle down preferentially and can be focused. Estuaries are habitats where you can find marine, fresh-water and endemic species. In estuaries, when pollution does not affect and overfishing not overexploits them, biomass produced there is unusually high. Estuaries are characterized by a complex trophic structure originally for many food chains. They are irreplaceable spawning and feeding areas for many species.

Increased human activities in recent years in coastal areas, which are facing the impact of several changes as well as the complex nature of the coastal ecosystems, requires greater collaboration of the entire scientific community and concern INOC members for a close and most important cooperation.

The ECPA 2014 Congress will bring together experts, managers and users of the coastal areas in addition to other stakeholders from both the private and public sectors interested in order to share experiences in the management of the coastal zone; This meeting will also provide us a valuable opportunity to assess and monitor what has been accomplished since the first Meknes workshop of 2005.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we welcome you to the congress ECPA 2014 congress and look forward to your participation in the discussions, presentations and special events where we can collectively work towards understanding the challenges facing the coastal zone — and ultimately recommending solutions.

Conference Themes

The sub-themes below will form the main topics during the sessions and round tables discussions.

1. Coastal ecosystems: understanding the physical & biological complexity of coastal environments.
   - Biodiversity of marine & estuaries ecosystems, species distribution
   - Coastal geomorphology, coast, dynamic, transit of sediments,
   - Instability of coastal, vulnerability, adaptation and coastal resilience,
   - Monitoring of ecosystems

2. Environmental impacts: coastal hazards
   - Physical and chemical changes of estuaries & coastal habitats, including the acidification of the oceans, climate change and related impacts: Storm, flooding and sea-level rise,
   - Water quality, pollution threats,
   - Invasive species and / or harmful species and their spread.

3. The impacts associated with human activities & responses to coastal change
   - Change of estuarine habitats, wetlands and oceans.
   - Integrated management and protected areas marine.
   - Management of biological resources (fisheries, aquaculture) in relation to climate change,
   - Protection and conservation of biodiversity,
   - Restoration of wetlands, coral, mangroves, beaches and coastal areas of adjacent ecosystems and ecotones...
   - Human and social aspects impact related to demography in the coastal area and the solutions
   - Use and development of: coastal Infrastructure, tourism, navigation, exploitation oil and gas, wind energy, etc.
   - Exploration and scientific research.

*Suggested sub-themes are not limited only to these included topics.
CONGRESS FEES

**Cover registration and accommodation**

Fees (in euro) will cover participation to the different sessions, abstracts book and CD proceedings, coffee breaks, lunches, dinners & accommodation (Hotel 4 stars) from the 03 evening to 07 November 2014 morning. A cultural excursion to Ephesus will be on 07 November (one night more).

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Turkish participant, registration fee is 50 Euros (no accommodation). Fees must be paid upon your arrival at the reception of the hotel or the first day before opening session of the Congress during the registration.

**Key Dates**

- Call for Proposals: Presentations, and Posters: Submit deadline: 01 May, 2014
- Notification of abstract acceptance: 20 May 2014
- Deadline full paper submission: 1st October 2014
- Congress Dates: 04-06 November 2014

**Abstracts Submission**

Please, submit your one-page, free formatting (no figures!) via email until 01 May 2014, in MS-Word format.

We strongly encourage the participation of the students. Awards will be given for the two best oral and two best posters presentations.