Venue and Registration Information

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Introduction - Background

Although there is a huge stockpile of historical and contemporary data concerning all aspects of marine research in the Mediterranean and Black Sea region, there are also equally significant gaps. Information from data and databases, both published and unpublished, bibliographies, unpublished reports and grey literature from the several research institutes around these basins have been maccessible for many years due to linguistic barriers or to the limited publication record or to the lack of dissemination techniques. These largely inactive resources have been brought to the attention of the world scientific community, and indicated the need for compilation and synthesis of information concerning links of both regional and global significance between the ecosystems and the physico-chemical characteristics of the basins with the anthropogenic impacts. The integrated approach appears as the most efficient way to address all the aforementioned issues.

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IASON SSA Project has been designed in order to provide the scientific community and the public with comprehensive state-of-the-art information regarding the current state of the marine and coastal environment of the Mediterranean and Black Sea system, the carrying capacity, and the marine resources. The main objective is to contribute actively to the preparation of future activities, with a view to build and strengthen the cooperation with partners from EU Member States, Associated States and Newly Independent States, enabling the Community to achieve its Research, Technology and Development strategic objectives. The preparation of the future community RTD activities will be achieved through the production of the basis -Science Plan-necessary for prospective research.

Through IASON, 26 partner organisations, from 15 EU and non-EU countries, including USA, as well as two International Organisations, cooperated in order to produce the Science Plan for the Region.

Conference Objectives

The Final Scientific Conference is open to the scientific community and to the public, aiming in introducing the effort and the final products of IASON and disseminating the Science Plan to the wider scientific community and policy makers.

Program

- 09⁰⁰ 09³⁰ Registration
 - Session 1 Chairpersons: T.B. Fuchs, E. Papathanassiou
- 09³⁰ 09⁵⁰ Welcome / Aims (E. Papathanassiou)
- 09⁵⁰ -10¹⁰ **BSC** Needs (O. Tarassova)
- 10¹⁰ 10³⁰ UNEP MAP Needs (F.S. Civilli)
- 10³⁰ 11⁰⁰ Coffee break

Session 2 Chairpersons: O. Tarassova, F.S. Civili

- 11⁰⁰ 11²⁰ Project Communication (M. Eleftheriou)
- 11²⁰ 11⁴⁰ Ecosystem Functioning: Physical status (V. Zervakis, E. Oszoy)
- Biodiversity, hazards and threats on the stability of the SES ecosystem (N. Boero, B. Galil, S. Moncheva)
- 12¹⁰ 12³⁰ Marine Living Resources (K. Mikhailov, C. Papaconstantinou)
- 12³⁰ 12⁵⁰ Marine Non-living Resources (V. Lykousis, G. Ion, T. Alves)
- 12⁵⁰ 13¹⁰ Anthropogenic Pressures on the Coastal Zone : Pollution (A.Karageorgis, A. Oros, R. Minhea)
- 13¹⁰ 13³⁰ Hazards and Threats on the Coastal Zone: Erosion, Sea Level Rise (A. Stanica, Y. Krestenitis, D. Rosen, N. Panin)
- 13³⁰ 14³⁰ Lunch break

Session 3 Chairpersons: L. Mee, C. Papaconstantinou

- 14³⁰ 14⁵⁰ Management Policies in the Region. A Comparative Analysis (L.Mee)
- 14⁵⁰ 15¹⁰ Potential of Socio-economic Modelling to Assess Climate Change Impacts: An Illustration of the Computable General Equilibrium Model to Sea Level Rise (F. Bosselo, P.A. Nunes)
- 15¹⁰ 15³⁰ Development of a Coupled Physical-Ecosystem Model of the Region (M. Zavatarelli, S. Besiktepe)
- 15³⁰ 15⁵⁰ Monitoring and Forecasting Activities (S.C.P. Beken, M. Capari, O. Tarassova, K. Nittis)
- 15⁵⁰ 16¹⁵ Coffee Break

Session 4 Chairperson: E. Papathanassiou

- 16¹⁵ 17⁰⁰ General Synthesis Science Plan Discussion
- 17⁰⁰ Closing