

10th Wadden Sea Symposium

Challenges to the Wadden Sea Area

10th International Scientific Wadden Sea Symposium
Groningen, The Netherlands 31 October - 3 November 2000

The Scientific Wadden Sea Symposia, which have, in the past 25 years, been a venue for scientists, NGOs and policy makers, to discuss Wadden Sea matters, have been an important impetus for this co-operation. The first Scientific Wadden Sea Symposium, which was held in 1975 on the island of Texel, focussed on a number of substantial threats to the Wadden Sea, such as embankments and pollution. This year, 25 years later, the 10th symposium will be dedicated to the theme "Challenges to the Wadden Sea Area". The question will be addressed whether and how ecology and economy can be integrated in a way that is profitable to both nature and the inhabitants of the area.

As specific cases, shellfish fisheries, sea level rise, agriculture and tourism will be elaborated. In these sessions both the ecological impact and the present and future economic perspectives will be assessed. On the last day of the symposium, the future policy and management aspects of ecology and economy in the Wadden Sea area will be covered in sessions related to the development and implementation of ecological and socio-economic Targets and the legal international framework. The latter will focus on topical questions like the role of the EU Directives, Integrated Coastal Zone Management and a legal status for the international Wadden Sea.

The Symposium will be organized in plenary sessions and poster sessions. In the opening session, keynote speakers will look back at 25 years of Wadden Sea symposia and look ahead at the future challenges. The sub-themes will consist of an introduction by an invited speaker and selected contributions (on the basis of submitted abstracts). For each sub-theme, main conclusions will be formulated by the chairperson of the session, in cooperation with the speakers. The conclusions will form the basis for the plenary discussion of the last day.

Call for Papers and Posters

Papers and posters are welcome for all of the sub-themes outlined above. Those wishing to present a paper or poster should send an abstract in English of no more than 400 words to the organizer no later than 15 of May 2000.

Preliminary registration

Please return the preliminary registration form if you wish to receive the next circular or offer a pa-

per/poster no later than 15 May 2000. A 2nd circular, posted in the beginning of June, will contain the detailed program and information on transport, accommodation, meals and excursions.

Dates

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| Deadline for abstracts | 15 May |
| Acceptance of contributions | 30 June |
| Deadline for final registration | 31 August |
| Deadline for hotel bookings | 31 August |

Preliminary Program

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| Monday evening, 30.10.2000 | |
| | Arrival and registration |
| Tuesday, 31.10.2000 | |
| Morning | Opening session |
| | Keynote 1: 25 years Wadden Sea symposia |
| | Keynote 2: The integration of Ecology and Economy: challenges to the Wadden Sea area |
| | Session 1 Shellfish fisheries |
| | Session 2: Sea level rise |
| Evening: | Lecture by invited Speaker |
| Wednesday, 1.11.2000 | |
| Morning | Session 3 Agriculture |
| Afternoon | Session 4 Tourism |
| Evening | Symposium dinner |
| Thursday, 2.11.2000 | |
| | Session 5 Ecological and socio-economic Targets |
| | Session 6 Future policy and management |
| | Plenary discussion |
| Friday, 3.11.2000 | |
| | Excursion |

Further information

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