

## Preface

### Dear Reader,

The painting on the cover shows the winner of the poster competition launched by the Danish National Forest and Nature Agency (Skov- og Naturstyrelsen) to design the poster for the next Trilateral Governmental Wadden Sea Conference in Esbjerg, Denmark, on October 31, 2001. Young people of schools in the Danish Wadden Sea municipalities and in Nordfriesland were invited to take part in a competition in the period from March to May 2001. Over 140 posters from 25 classes of 14 schools reached the jury. All contributions will be published in a booklet by the Danish Nature and Forest Agency.

On 13 June 2001, Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra awarded the first prize to the 4th class of the Esbjerg Bakkeskolen. The award of 10,000 DKK is meant for an educational tour to the Wadden Sea abroad. Additionally, the class is invited to visit the "Multimar Wattforum" in Tönning.

This Wadden Sea Newsletter informs about the current status of the preparation of the Ministerial Conference and a further contribution concerns the future perspective of the Wadden Sea

Cooperation. In spring 2001, the Hamburg and Lower Saxon National Park Act were amended; an overview of the major changes are given together with information about the developments in the other countries. Other articles address highlights of the breeding bird season 2000 and give recent information about the water quality in the Dutch Ems-Dollard estuary and the Danish Wadden Sea.

You will also find the recommendations of the 10<sup>th</sup> International Scientific Wadden Sea Symposium in Groningen (October 30 – November 2, 2000), which provide a valuable input in the preparation of the policy assessment report prepared for the Ministerial Conference.

Last but not least, you will find a list of forthcoming events, most notably the LANCEWAD conference on 17 – 19 September 2001 (Bad Bederkesa, Germany) and the WADSIIS workshop on 11–12 November 2001 (Texel, The Netherlands).

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