

# COASTAL ZONE CANADA ASSOCIATION

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This newsletter, which is issued quarterly, is distributed by e-mail to members of the Coastal Zone Canada Association (CZCA), providing news about the Association, its activities and its members, as well as information of potential interest to members. Please feel free to circulate it among your own networks. Also check out the Association's Web site at: <http://www.czca-azcc.org>

### **Editor's Note**

*The publication of Newsletter #22 was delayed so that it could include several items considered at the CZCA Board Meeting of June 21, 2007.*

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Peter Ricketts)**

The CZCA is now firmly focused on our next Coastal Zone Canada conference, which will be the eighth in the series since we began with CZC '94 in Halifax. As previously announced, CZC 2008 will be held in Vancouver at the campus of the University of British Columbia from May 25-29, 2008. The pre-conference Youth Forum will be held from May 23-25, 2008. Please mark your calendars now for this important conference, and plan to join us.

The overall theme of CZC 2008 is "Managing Our Oceans and Coasts for a Sustainable and Prosperous Future". Under this title, we will explore what progress has been made over the past 30 years since the very first national Canadian conference on coastal management (the Shore Management Symposium, held in Victoria, BC in 1978) and the challenges and opportunities for the next thirty years. Effective integrated management of our oceans and coasts is essential if we are to have a truly sustainable and prosperous future into the twenty-first century. As with previous CZC conferences, we plan to produce a major Conference Statement and Call to Action in order to make concrete recommendations for the future of ICOM in Canada. This Newsletter includes important information about the Call for Papers, and the CZCA website will be posting information about the conference over the next few weeks and months.

At its recent meeting on June 21, the CZCA Board of Directors approved a formal request from the provincial government of PEI to host CZC 2010 in Charlottetown. We are delighted to be returning to the Maritimes for the first time since CZC 2000 in Saint John, NB. For CZC 2012, we are hoping to be able to join with The Coastal Society (TCS) at a Great Lakes location. However, we will have to see what the Board of TCS decides before we can finalize that plan.

As part of the follow-up to CZC 2006 and the Tuktoyaktuk Declaration, the CZCA sponsored a spring meeting in Ottawa bringing together many of the participants of the Northern Forum, which was part of CZC 2006, and selected representatives from the Canadian government, the Territorial governments, the Ocean Management Research Network, as well as the CZCA. The meeting was funded through a Walter Gordon Foundation grant to the CZCA, and was successful in exploring the needs and opportunities for developing a Northern CZC organization to build on the momentum generated by CZC 2006. There will be a follow-up meeting at the OMRN conference in the fall, and a special session at CZC 2008 in Vancouver next spring. I am very grateful to Jack Mathias for his dedication and hard work in bringing off this important initiative.

Former CZCA President, Barry Jones announced his retirement as Past-President and from the CZCA Board recently. Barry has given long and dedicated service both to the Association and to ICOM in Canada. He retired from the Provincial Government of NB some years ago, and he now feels it is indeed time to retire fully. He was President from 1998 to 2002, and he organized CZC 2000 in Saint John, NB. I want to thank Barry for his important contribution to the Association. He will be greatly missed at the Board teleconferences and at CZC meetings.

I hope that you will all plan to attend CZC 2008. It will be a major meeting on ICOM at a critical time for Canada. Whether you live in BC, Atlantic Canada, Arctic Canada, or along the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River, you know that failing to manage our ocean, coastal and freshwater environments and resources is a recipe for disaster. Given the progress of recent years towards implementing the Oceans Act, we cannot let Canada slip behind and the CZCA intends to do its part to encourage and support the federal government, in concert with the Provincial and Territorial governments, in moving forward with Phase II of the Oceans Action Plan. It is especially important that Canada continues to build upon the integrated management component of the OAP, and develop the Large Ocean Management Areas, Marine Protected Areas, and other key aspects of the OAP. As previous CZC conferences have done, CZC 2008 will play an important role in moving the ICOM agenda in Canada forward and I look forward to a strong turnout in Vancouver in May 2008.

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## **COASTAL ZONE CANADA 2008 CONFERENCE, VANCOUVER**

**Location:** University of British Columbia, Vancouver BC

**Dates:** CZC 2008: May 25-29, 2008; Pre-conference CZC Youth Forum: May 23-25, 2008

**Title:** Managing Our Oceans & Coasts for a Sustainable and Prosperous Future

**Details/News:** CZCA Website <http://www.czca-azcc.org> (Go to CZC 2008 VANCOUVER, FIRST CIRCULAR AND CALL FOR PAPERS)

## **Conference Overview**

The Coastal Zone Canada Association (CZCA), in conjunction with the Canadian Coastal Science and Engineering Association (CC-SEA), is proud to announce that the Eighth Coastal Zone Canada Conference (CZC 2008), incorporating the Canadian Coastal Conference 2008, will be held at the University of British Columbia's Vancouver Campus from May 25-29, 2008, preceded by a CZC Youth Forum on May 23-25, 2008.

Canada's rich ocean and coastal resources are critical to its ability to build a sustainable and prosperous future in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. CZC 2008 will mark thirty years since the first Canadian national conference on coastal management (the Shore Management Symposium) in Victoria in 1978, and it is an opportune time to assess how far we have come towards managing our oceans and coasts and where we are going in the future. Globally, there have been great advances in the state of ocean and coastal management, but huge challenges remain. Bounded by three oceans and the world's largest freshwater lakes system, Canada cannot maximize its potential for prosperity and sustainability into the 21<sup>st</sup> century unless we effectively understand, protect, and manage our oceans and coastal zones in an integrated manner. This conference will look at the advances and the setbacks in our understanding and management of coastal and ocean systems, both in Canada and globally, and will establish recommendations and actions for the immediate future and the next thirty years.

Through the plenary and theme sessions, as well as invited and contributed papers, the CZCA hopes to clearly identify what a "sustainable and prosperous future" for Canada's oceans, coasts and trans-boundary waters would look like and offer some insight into how this will benefit the people of Canada. Speakers from around the world will be expected to articulate the tangible applications of their work to achieving this "sustainable and prosperous future", and what "on the ground" improvements should be implemented in integrated ocean and coastal management in Canada and globally, now and in the near future, to achieve this desired future state.

## **Conference Themes and Sub-themes**

### **A. Governing and Regulating Our Oceans and Coasts**

- Canada's Oceans Act and Oceans Action Plan
- Governmental approaches (international, national, sub-national, First Nations) to ICOM
- Regional, local and community-based approaches to ICOM
- Sovereignty and security in ICOM

### **B. Developing Our Oceans and Coasts**

- Sustainable resource use and development
- Land and water use management in ICOM
- Role of industry, commerce, and the private sector in ICOM

### **C. Managing Our Northern Ocean and Coasts**

- The Northern Network Initiative – building from CZC'08
- ICOM issues for the Arctic
- Impacts of the International Polar Year for Canada and the World

#### D. Protecting and Restoring Our Oceans and Coasts

- Ocean and coastal engineering and technology
- The impacts of climate change on ocean and coastal environments, habitats, and infrastructure
- Marine and coastal habitat preservation, conservation, and restoration

#### E. Understanding Our Oceans and Coasts

- Ocean and coastal science and technology
- Monitoring and modeling our oceans and coasts
- Supporting informed decision-making in ICOM
- Education and outreach for ICOM

#### F. Managing Our Shared Oceans and Coasts

- Trans-boundary issues in ICOM
- Multinational initiatives and co-operation
- Global approaches to ICOM
- Managing the Great Lakes system

### **Call for Papers**

Proposals are invited for oral or poster presentations under the Conference Themes and Sub-themes (see above). Proposals should be in the form of an abstract of not more than 300 words, and must be submitted electronically as a Word file attachment to: [czc2008@nipissingu.ca](mailto:czc2008@nipissingu.ca). The deadline for submission is October 31, 2007. Type the proposal in 12 point Times New Roman according to the following format:

- Name of presenter
- Affiliation/organization of presenter
- Name(s) & affiliation(s) of co-author(s), if appropriate
- Title of presentation
- State if oral or poster presentation
- Conference theme
- Conference sub-theme
- Abstract (300 words max)
- Relevance to conference title, theme & sub-theme
- Contact information of presenter (mailing address, telephone no, fax no, e-mail address)

**Additional Information:** <http://www.czca-azcc.org> (Go to CZC 2008 VANCOUVER, FIRST CIRCULAR AND CALL FOR PAPERS)

## **VICE-PRESIDENT, COMMUNICATIONS, REPORT (Grant Gardner)**

For some time now, we have been working (albeit slowly!) to upgrade the CZCA web site. My goal is to have a revised version of the site available by the end of June, so please have a look at it when you have a chance. It will still be a work in progress, but there will be a lot more content and (hopefully) a complete collection of conference statements/declarations and CZCA newsletters. Once we have upgraded the English pages, we will be translating the content and bringing the French side of the site up to the same level.

June also marks the celebration of Oceans Day, on June 8. Canadian Oceans Day events are coordinated by the Canadian Wildlife Federation (<http://www.cwf-fcf.org>), and CZCA is one of their many collaborators in this effort. This year, CWF encouraged us to celebrate 'Rivers to Oceans Week', from June 8-14, recognizing that the Oceans (and their links with the land) are too important to restrict to one day. I hope that many of you had the opportunity of participating in local Rivers to Oceans Week events and celebrating Canada's unique relationship with our three oceans. Next year, perhaps you will get involved in planning an event of your own!

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## **VICE-PRESIDENT, GREAT LAKES, REPORT (Patrick Lawrence)**

**Lake Superior recedes to lowest level in 80 years** (Frank Dobrovnik , The Sault Star, Tuesday, May 8, 2007)

A group of University of Minnesota scientists last month confirmed global warming over the past three decades has brought change faster to Lake Superior than to its surroundings. A trend toward warmer and shorter winters has a spiraling effect: less winter ice cover means Superior loses more water to evaporation and gets more sun, contributing to the overall warming of the lake. It hasn't been lower since 1926. It has fallen 46 centimeters (18 inches) below its long-term average and 32 cm (12.6 inches) lower than just a year ago, reports the International Lake Superior Board of Control. Also significant is the length of time water levels have been below average, said David Fay, Canadian member of the Board, which controls outflow from Superior into the lower lakes and to power the utilities on either side of the St. Mary's River. "The levels have been below average now for almost nine years," Fay said from Cornwall. "This is the longest stretch below average on Lake Superior since we started keeping records in the early 1900s."

### **Great Lakes priorities**

At the annual Great Lakes Day in Washington (March 6-7, 2007), an event at which the shared legislative priorities of the Great Lakes states are presented to Congress, an unprecedented alliance of the Great Lakes states along with other regional organizations set forth a short list of critical, near-term priorities for starting the Great Lakes on the road to recovery. Urging Congress to join state and local efforts to increase funding for Great Lakes clean-up programs and approve key policy measures,

these near-term priorities were presented to Congress by the Council of Great Lakes Governors and the Great Lakes Commission. These two bodies were joined in Washington by an alliance that included the Mayors of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority and conservation organizations under the Healing Our Waters – Great Lakes Coalition umbrella. The number one priority on the list is: Stop invasive species. The full list is available at the Web-site of the Great Lakes Commission, <http://www.glc.org/restore>; while the Web-site of the Great Lakes Governors provides information on the Great Lakes Day event <http://www.cglg.org>. Note that Ontario and Quebec are Associate Members of the Great Lakes Commission.

### **Great Lakes "Test the Waters" Survey**

Water, water everywhere, but how much can we drink? The role of the Great Lakes as the largest source of fresh, surface water in the world is in the news every day. And worries about global warming have only made the question of Great Lakes sustainability more urgent. In the spirit of international cooperation between the citizens of Canada and the United States, the International Joint Commission of Canada and the United States is conducting a survey to gather public views around this international basin to "test the waters" regarding views on:

- How successful the current U.S.-Canada Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement has been in improving water quality in the lakes;
- Whether there is a need for a new or amended agreement; and
- Who should be responsible for further improvements to water quality?

The results of the survey were scheduled to be released at the Commission's "Sustainable Cities, Healthy Watersheds" 2007 Great Lakes Biennial Meeting and Conference, held on Thursday and Friday, June 7 and 8, 2007 at the campus of the University of Illinois at Chicago. The Commission hopes that the survey will be a fun, easy way for the Canadian and U.S. public to let decision-makers know how they feel about cleaning up the Great Lakes. For further information go to: <http://www.ijc.org>

### **Future of Great Lakes Coast Workshop** (University of Western Ontario, October 26, 2007)

The Great Lakes Coastal Zone – Coastal Zone Canada Association, in partnership with the Lake Huron Center for Coastal Conservation (<http://lakehuron.on.ca/>), is hosting a one day workshop examining the critical land use planning and management issues facing the coastal zone of the Great Lakes in Ontario. The workshop is being held at the University of Western Ontario's London Hall on Friday October 26, 2007. Topics will include: Wind Energy, Source Water Protection, Public Access, and Global Warming & Water Management. This event will be of interest to municipal staff, public officials, professional planners, government agencies, academics, consultants, public interest groups, students, and citizens. For more information and future updates refer to: <http://www.greatlakescoastalzone.com/>

## **VICE-PRESIDENT, LIAISON, REPORT (Larry Hildebrand)**

Our partnership arrangements with a number of other coastal and ocean organizations, both domestically and around the world, continue to provide interesting insights, news of new developments and opportunities for collaboration for the Coastal Zone Canada Association. The VP-Liaison continues to promote our Association and the wisdom and advice derived from our conference series at numerous events globally. Larry Hildebrand was the invited keynote speaker at the International Coastal Symposium in Gold Coast, Australia in late April, the Canadian Coastal Management Area workshop in Moncton, New Brunswick in May, and the Severn Estuary Forum in Clevedon, England in early June, and will do the same at the Living Lake Symposium in Te Waihora, New Zealand in late October/early November this year. Each presentation drew from our conference products and calls for action, thereby spreading our messages of cooperative and inclusive coastal and ocean management and highlighting the challenges that we face in advancing ICOM domestically and internationally.

On the Canadian scene, we continue to strengthen our relationship with both the Canadian Coastal Science and Engineering Association (CC-SEA) and the Ocean Management Research Network (OMRN). The CC-SEA, at its last conference in Dartmouth in November, 2005, agreed to convene its next event in collaboration with CZC'08 in Vancouver. The stronger integration of the coastal science and engineering community with the CZCA family will certainly enrich our discussions. We should all be planning to participate in the upcoming OMRN conference, "Canada's Oceans: Research, Management & the Human Dimension", October 24 - 27 in Ottawa. This 2007 National Conference will place a particular emphasis on the four themes of: Oceans Agenda Implementation; Canada's North and Arctic Ocean; Impacts and Adaptation of Coastal Communities; and Canada's Oceans and Climate Change. These are all themes addressed at previous CZCA conferences, and the OMRN event will serve to further advance the discussion on and recommendations for these key priorities.

Several CZCA Board members participated in a 'Coastal Management Area' workshop in Moncton on May 16/17 that was convened by the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Oceans Task Group under the Canadian Council of Fisheries and Aquaculture Ministers. The objective of the workshop was to explore the interest in, and approaches for, effective coastal management in Canada. While a good discussion ensued, and many extant and developing coastal management initiatives around the country were highlighted, the federal will to formally advance an Integrated Coastal Management agenda in Canada remains in question. A future issue of the newsletter will highlight the results and provide access to the workshop report.

Our partner in China - the Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences (CRAES) - has recently proposed a collaborative effort with CZCA on the Yangtze estuary and adjacent marine areas. The Government of China will develop 'The Blue Sea Action Plan in the Yangtze and Adjacent Area' and is looking to our Association to assist them in the development of the plan. They wish to draw on Canadian expertise

and experience in regional ecosystem-based marine management to guide their efforts in this large, complex and heavily stressed ecosystem. This proposal will be discussed with the full Board during our next meeting.

Our VP-Liaison continues to serve on the Board of Directors of The Coastal Society (TCS) in the U.S., and participated in a strategic planning retreat for the Society in Baltimore, Maryland in late January. This was a highly interactive and productive event that built on membership surveys and produced a new long-term vision. The Board agreed that "the strength of TCS lies in empowering inter-disciplinary coastal professionals, scientists and decision-makers to promote and affect improved management of coasts and oceans and the need to nurture professionals to fulfill these roles." By working through an honest and open discussion about the strengths and weaknesses of the Society, TCS will now be more focused and energized for the future. The CZCA may wish to consider conducting a similar strategic planning event in the near future. Discussions also continue between our two Associations with respect to convening a joint TCS-CZCA conference in the coming years.

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## **THE EVOLUTION OF AN ARCTIC CHAPTER OF THE CZCA (Report by CZCA Member Jack Mathias)**

As reported in recent issues of this newsletter, the Coastal Zone Canada Association held its 2006 biennial conference (CZC2006) in the Arctic in Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories. The theme of this conference was "*Arctic change and coastal communities*". Its primary intent was to bring Inuit and Inuvialuit people from across the Canadian Arctic together with university experts, government officials and others to talk about the rapid changes being witnessed in Arctic marine and coastal areas, the impacts of these changes upon coastal communities, and the policies that affect marine management and governance in the Arctic Ocean.

The conference provided a venue, the "Northern Forum", for northern participants to voice their concerns regarding Arctic marine policy. A central issue discussed at this forum was how to improve northern input into Arctic marine policy. To address this and other key issues a conference statement (the "Tuktoyaktuk Declaration"), drawn up with input from the full conference, included a commitment from the Association to create an Arctic Regional Chapter of the CZCA, which would be known as the "Northern Network" (NN).

A meeting to define the vision of the Northern Network took place in Ottawa, on April 3 and 4. The meeting included thirteen northern organizations concerned with the Arctic Ocean, as well as eight federal departments and several southern professionals familiar with marine affairs from the CZCA and the Ocean Management Research Network (OMRN). It was funded by the Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation, whose objective is "*to support research and education projects that increase Northern peoples' ability to participate in and help shape public policy*".

In the vision that emerged for the Northern Network, two broad functions were identified:

- The Northern Network will bring together information on issues and knowledge related to Arctic marine and coastal areas, and communicate the concerns of Arctic entities to government, business and others, by working actively with federal agencies to develop liaison with key oceans policy committees.
- The Northern Network will facilitate the exchange of information among northern organizations about oceans issues in the Arctic.

The NN will develop an 'Arctic Marine White Paper' aimed at improving coastal and ocean policies in the north, and focusing on five oceans issues that are a priority. The scope of the 'White Paper' will be primarily domestic, with consideration of Canadian oceans policy as it reflects international issues.

The Northern Network will carry out organizational work between April and October, 2007, reporting on results at the OMRN National Conference on October 27-29, 2007. The OMRN conference will provide several workshop sessions at which the work of the Northern Network will be continued and refined. It is hoped that the Northern Network's 'Arctic Marine White Paper' will be presented at the Coastal Zone Canada Conference in Vancouver in 2008.

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## **CZCA MEMBERS IN THE NEWS**

Mike Butler, one of the founding members of the Association and former Vice-President, Atlantic, recently stood down as a Board member of the Ocean Management Research Network (OMRN). The following tribute to Mike appeared in the June 2007 issue of the OMRN Newsletter: "A member of the OMRN Board since its inception, Mike Butler has decided that it is time for him to move out of the OMRN Board and allow room for other interests to take his place at this time. Mike's obligations as Director of the International Oceans Institute (IOI) -- Canada, and Director of the Atlantic Coastal Zone Information Steering Committee (ACZISC) Secretariat are onerous. They are also indicative of his continuing interest and high level involvement in oceans issues. While the OMRN has lost a valuable Board member with Mike's departure, we continue to have an important friend and participating member of the OMRN as a partner. Mike will not be happy that we note this short message of thanks for all his contributions to OMRN over the years, however, it is our way of saying, on your behalf, 'Good luck, Mike and thanks in all your endeavors' ....."

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## **UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS**

*(This item comprises selected events of potential interest to members, the emphasis being on Canadian and US conferences. Events indicated by an asterisk are repeats from previous lists. Members are invited to submit items for inclusion.)*

\*Jul 22-26, 2007; "Coastal Zone 07"; Portland, Oregon; Sponsored/organized by NOAA Coastal Services Center. *Information:* <http://www.csc.noaa.gov/cz/>

\*Jul 31-Aug 3, 2007; International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC) 2007 Conference (Theme: Transitions in defining and utilizing North American commons); Corner Brook, NF (Sir William Grenfell College); Sponsored/organized by Memorial University of Newfoundland. *Information:* <http://www.swgc.mun.ca/iasc2007/index.asp>

Aug 1-5, 2007; 2007 Nature Canada Annual Conference (topics include Fundy tides, intertidal life, Fundy birds and mammals); Wolfville, NS (Acadia Univ); Sponsored/organized by Nature Nova Scotia. *Information:* <http://www.chebucto.ns.ca/Environment/FNSN/agmNC2007.html>

Aug 12-18, 2007; "SIL 2007 Montréal", 30<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Association of Theoretical and Applied Limnology (Theme: Redefining theoretical and applied limnology for the 21<sup>st</sup> century); Montréal, QC; Sponsored/organized by SIL, the Society of Canadian Limnologists, Groupe de Recherche Interuniversitaire en Limnologie et Environnement Aquatique, and the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography. *Information:* <http://www.sil2007.org>

\*Aug 20-24, 2007; "GeoNorth 2007", 1st International Circumpolar Conference on Geospatial Sciences & Applications (IPY Event); Yellowknife, NT; Sponsored/organized by: Natural Resources Canada, Can. Inst. of Geomatics, and Northwest Territories Centre for Geomatics. *Information:* [http://ess.nrcan.gc.ca/ipygeonorth/index\\_e.php](http://ess.nrcan.gc.ca/ipygeonorth/index_e.php)

Aug 21-23, 2007; 4<sup>th</sup> Annual EnergyOcean Conference (of interest because many developments are in the coastal zone; includes consideration of environmental aspects); Oahu, Hawaii; Sponsored/organized by the Ocean Energy Council and Technology Systems Corp. *Information:* <http://www.energyocean.com>

Sep 11-14, 2007; 5<sup>th</sup> International Coastal & Marine Tourism Congress (Theme: Balancing marine tourism, development, and sustainability); Auckland, New Zealand; Sponsored/organized by AUT University, New Zealand Tourism Research Institute, et al. *Information:* <http://nztri.aut.ac.nz/cmt2007/>

Sep 23-26, 2007; "Aquaculture Canada 2007" (Theme: Securing sustainable economic prosperity); Edmonton, AB; Sponsored/organized by the Aquaculture Association of Canada. *Information:* <http://www.aquacultureassociation.ca/temp/welcome.html>

Sep 23-27, 2007; 15<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species (ICAIS) (conference covers both marine and freshwater environments); Nijmegen, The Netherlands; Sponsored/organized by The Institute for Inland Water Management and Wastewater Treatment (RIZA). *Information:* <http://www.icaais.org/index.html>

\*Sep 29-Oct 4, 2007; "Oceans 2007"; Vancouver, BC; Sponsored/organized by MTS/IEEE-OES. *Information:* <http://www.oceans07mtsieevancouver.org>

\*Sep 30-Oct 3, 2007; 34<sup>th</sup> Aquatic Toxicity Workshop; Halifax, NS; Sponsored/organized by Environment Canada et al. *Information:* <http://www.atw.ca/>

\*Oct 1-3, 2007; Scientific Workshop on the Impact of Global Climate Change on the Arctic Coastal Zones; Tromsø, Norway; Sponsored/organized by LOICZ, AMAP and IASC. *Information:* <http://w3k.gkss.de/events/arctic07/>

Oct 2-4, 2007; Ocean Biodiversity Informatics Conference; Dartmouth, NS (Bedford Institute of Oceanography); Sponsored/organized by IODE, ICES and the Ocean Biogeographic Information System (OBIS). *Information:* <http://marinebiodiversity.ca/OBI07>

Oct 19-21, 2007; "Melting Boundaries: Carrying out effective research in the circumpolar world" (8<sup>th</sup> International ACUNS Student Conference on Northern Studies) (IPY Event); Saskatoon SK; Sponsored/organized by Indian & Northern Affairs Canada, NSERC and Univ of Saskatchewan. *Information:* <http://www.dbakerproductions.com/acuns/confrenceinfo.htm>

Oct 24-27, 2007; OMRN (Ocean Management Research Network) National Conference 2007 (Theme: Research, management & the human dimension); Ottawa, ON; Sponsored/organized by OMRN. *Information:* <http://www.omrn-rrgo.ca>

Oct 26, 2007; Future of the Great Lakes Coast Workshop; London, ON (Univ of Western Ontario); Sponsored/organized by The Great Lakes Coastal Zone – Coastal Zone Canada Association and Lake Huron Center for Coastal Conservation. *Information: refer to Vice-President, Great Lakes Report, above.*

\*Oct 26-Nov 2, 2007; PICES 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting (Theme: The changing North Pacific: Previous patterns, future projections, and ecosystem impacts); Victoria, BC; Sponsored/organized by PICES and DFO. *Information:* <http://www.pices.int/meetings/>

Nov 4-8, 2007; "ERF (Estuarine Research Federation) 2007" (Theme: Science and management); Providence, RI; Sponsored/organized by the Estuarine Research Federation. *Information:* <http://www.erf.org/erf2007/>

\*May 23-29, 2008; Coastal Zone Canada 2008 Conference; Vancouver, BC; Sponsored/organized by the Coastal Zone Canada Association. *Information:* <mailto:francisk@pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca>

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