

Announcements

The Social Development of Southern Mediterranean Countries in Relation to European Unity and Crisis

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Non-EC Countries in the Mediterranean region are faced with the prospects of a single internal market which may not give sufficient and sustained attention to its relationships with non member states. This sphere of a "new European order" has raised visions of marginalisation from the large and lucrative market of a unified Western Europe. If such marginalisation arises, countries outside the EC, but nevertheless strongly dependent for their socio-economic development on EC flows, may find themselves in sudden serious jeopardy.

This issue can be explored from various aspects in the field of the Social Sciences; political, socio-cultural and demographic primarily, though not excluding the economic aspect.

The Political Aspect

This situation presents the need for more collaboration between countries within the Mediterranean Basin. Such collaboration should reach not only economic levels, but also political ones. As an example we can mention that development is often hindered by political issues such as sanctions, border conflicts, when in overcoming such barriers would be the key for development.

The Socio-Cultural Aspect

On the socio-cultural level, the Mediterranean presents common elements which can serve as basis for solidarity between countries in the region. This solidarity can be concretised in stricter forms of co-operations which are as yet untapped.

The Demographic Aspect

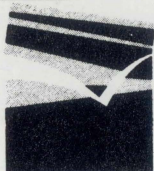
The promotion of Even Development throughout the Mediterranean basin serves to maintain the human resources which these developing countries, in particular, are much in need to preserve. The alternative scenario could be one of migrant workers forced to accept substandard working conditions in host countries, which conditions do not promote full human development.

Those who are interested in participating in this meeting or would like to present papers on the subject are to send an abstract of their presentation and a C.V. to Ms Rose Anne Zammit, Research Assistant by mail, Foundation for International Studies, St. Paul Street, Valletta VLT 07, Malta; fax (0356) 230551 or telex 1673 FOUND.

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International Ocean Institute

**20th Annual International Conference
Malta, November 1 - 5 1992**



PACEM IN MARIBUS XX **Ocean Governance:** **A Model for Global Governance** **in the Twenty-First Century**

Conference Agenda

Sunday 1 November

- 10.00 Inauguration of the Exhibition 'From Grotius to the Contemporary Law of the Sea'
18.00 Plenary Session: Key-note Address on the Common Heritage of Mankind, 21st Century

Monday 2 November

- 10.00 Plenary Session: Key-note Address on World Order in the 21st Century
14.30 Working Group I: Energy.
Working Group II: Food.
Working Group III: Atmosphere.

Tuesday 3 November

- 10.00 Plenary Session: Key-note Address on World Order in the 21st Century
14.30 Working Group IV: Outer Space.
Working Group V: Science and Technology.

Wednesday 4 November

- 10.00 Reports of Working Groups, followed by Discussion and Adoption of Conclusions and Recommendations
15.00 Closing Session: Key-note Address: Humankind as a Subject of International Law. Official closing of Conference.

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Training Workshop on
**ASPECTS OF MARINE
DOCUMENTATION
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN**

23 - 26 November 1992

Valletta, Malta

Organised by

The Documentation Centre, Foundation for International Studies, Malta
Euro-Mediterranean Centre on Marine Contamination Hazards, Malta
All - Union Research Institute of Marine Fisheries and Oceanography of Russia
and supported by

The International Ocean Institute, Malta and the
Co-ordinating Unit/Mediterranean Action Plan, UNEP, Athens

Purpose

To evaluate experiences with regard to the system of collating, documenting and disseminating marine pollution, and protection materials in the Mediterranean region. The workshop will also deal with both publications and non-print materials and will discuss perspectives for the future.

Structure

The four-day programme consists of seven sessions and three workshops which will discuss and analyse the following three main topics: Documentation aspects including data base system, aspects of marine environmental legislation, threatened marine species and protected areas. Working groups will meet simultaneously and present their conclusions and recommendations at the closing Plenary Session.

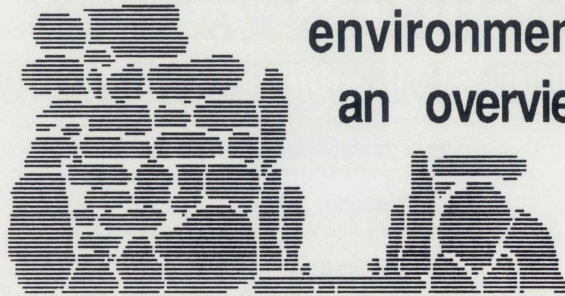
Conference Location

Aula Magna, Foundation for International Studies, University of Malta, St. Paul Street, Valletta, Malta.

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Training Seminar
the
mediterranean
environment:
an overview



Valletta - Malta 9 - 13 September 1992

Organised by the Mediterranean Environmental Management & Training Network,
International Environment Institute

The Mediterranean is a unique region. It is the only remaining remnant of an ancient ocean that once circled the globe. It is fully enclosed by land, and the largest such sea. The interaction between land and sea is more pronounced and fundamental than for any other ocean or sea - this interaction drives the Mediterranean circulation and shapes its hydrology. The climate type is characteristic and only found in a few parts of the world. Mediterranean habitats are shaped by the climate, and are equally characteristic, while the biota, both terrestrial and marine, includes many forms endemic to the region. The shores of the Mediterranean have been settled since the earliest of times and the region is often described as the cradle of civilisation. Currently the Mediterranean littoral includes some of the most densely populated areas of the world. Human impact on the environment is intense and key problems include: deforestation, erosion, urbanisation, pollution of the terrestrial and marine pollution, eutrophication and destruction of wildlife and habitats.

This course is designed to give an overview of the Mediterranean environment, both natural and human, and discusses the geophysical and biological characteristics of the region as well as its special problems.

An interdisciplinary approach is adopted which should be particularly attractive to university undergraduates, especially those following courses in geography, Mediterranean studies, the natural sciences, planning and management. The course sessions are:

- Session 1 The physical setting (geography, geology, geomorphology, soils and water resources of the Mediterranean littoral)
- Session 2 Mediterranean geopolitics
- Session 3 Mediterranean climate and weather
- Session 4 Mediterranean habitats and biota
- Session 5 Marine ecology
- Session 6 Human impact on the Mediterranean environment
- Session 7 The human population
- Session 8 Social economic aspects.

In addition a number of sites of special interest will be visited.