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Objectives: The Commission on Coastal Systems encourages the study of coastal systems throughout the world. The Commission sponsors and supports activities leading to the exchange of information regarding coastal systems among our members and throughout the IGU at large. The focus of attention is on interactive systems, both human an physical, and the areas of inquiry include issues such as sea-level rise, land-use changes, estuarine resources, coastal tourism and shoreline development, coastal recreation, and coastal zone management. The Commission will make concerted efforts to emphasize issues of Global Change. Copies of our Newsletter and announcements are on our website: http://www.igu-ccs.org/

Message from the Chair

The 2012 International Geographical Congress is fast approaching. This special issue of the CCS Newsletter is to invite to you participate in this Congress and especially to contribute to the sessions on coastal systems.

The Commission on Coastal Systems is arranging to sponsor five topical sessions and you are invited to submit an abstract to be presented in any of these sessions or in a variety of other sessions with a coastal theme.

Our thematic sessions are:

- 1. Coastal Erosion and Management
- 2. Sea-level Rise and Impacts
- 3. Coastal Monitoring
- 4. Beaches and Dunes (including pocket beaches)
- 5. Rocky Coasts

In addition, there will be other sessions of coastal interest that we will fully support and sponsor. It is your participation that is encouraged at this time.

EDWARD ANTHONY

MEETING SPONSORED BY THE COMMISSION ON COASTAL SYSTEMS

AUGUST 26-30, 2012, INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHICAL CONGRESS, COLOGNE, GERMANY

The 32nd International Geographical Congress in Cologne focuses scientific attention on the core themes of humanity. Researchers from around the world are expected in Cologne in 2012. Geographers bring the wide-ranging perspectives and methodology of their subject to bear on four major thematic complexes and contribute to the solution of urgent scientific and socio-political issues – bringing research down to earth:

Global Change and Globalization Society and Environment Risks and Conflicts Urbanization and Demographic Change

Additionally, there will be two scientific symposia within the IGC 2012:

Symposium on Geographie & Schule (in German)

Symposium on Applied Geography

Deadline for Submission of papers and posters: 8 January 2012

You are strongly encouraged to submit your abstract as early as you can.

To submit an abstract for any session at the IGC 2012, it is necessary to create a personal account. Registering your participation for the congress, submitting an abstracts, booking a place on a field trips or making a payment is only possible online via the IGC 2012 congress management system available on the Congress website.

Further information is on the IGU Congress website: http://www.igc2012.org/

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