

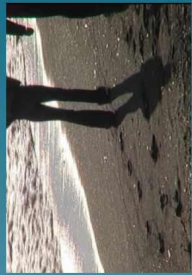


IOI successfully delivers Training Programmes on coastal and ocean matters to a targeted audience of practitioners, scientists and policy makers in Malta and Cuba.

Training Programme on Regional Ocean Governance for Mediterranean and Eastern European Countries

16th November – 19th December 2008 Malta

organised by the **International Ocean Institute**, in collaboration with the **IOI-Malta Operational Centre**
and accredited by the **University of Malta**



Left: Class of 2008

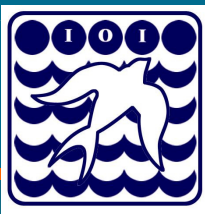
The IOI 5-week Training Programme builds upon the more than 30 years experience of the International Ocean Institute in conducting training and capacity building programmes in ocean governance. Organised for the fourth year running the IOI Malta Training Programme has become a reference point for training and capacity building on the governance of the oceans and a resource for innovative teaching appealing to a wide range of participants and practitioners in marine-related science, management and policy undertakings. The primary focus of the

Programme is the Mediterranean, Black, Baltic and Caspian Seas inter-regional comparisons and experiences, and promoting exchanges between participants from European, Eastern European, and the Maghreb countries.

The latest training programme was successfully held in Malta in November and December 2008. It was attended by 13 participants from 10 countries surrounding the regional seas – Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, Italy, Malta, Romania, Russia, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine – having different experiences and backgrounds in marine-related science, management and policy undertakings. The faculty was composed of a diverse selection of experts in topical matters coming from leading institutions and organisations working on regional seas matters from countries around the areas under study.

The course programme included field trips, a project study providing participants with the opportunity to apply a multidisciplinary approach to decision making in marine and maritime matters, and a number of simulation exercises and hands-on sessions. The essence of the course related to the sessions dedicated to the participants' preparation of regional ocean policy frameworks by the Mediterranean, Black Sea, Caspian Sea and Baltic groups to build upon the concept of national, regional and inter-regional policy development for a shared, integrated and common approach to ocean management.

During the training course a special half day Seminar entitled "*The Evolving EU Integrated Maritime Policy - Making the Move to Ensure Coherence in the Regional Seas*" gave the course participants and invited public the opportunity to learn more about the relevance of coherent maritime policy across the regional seas and the contribution of the Commission staff was much appreciated by the participants of the Training Course.



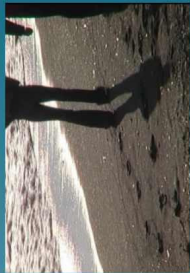
Right: Participants' address, EU Seminar

During the EU Seminar, the participants delivered an address in the EU Seminar reflecting their consensus.

The course was not all work and no play and a diverse social programme enabled staff and participants to fully appreciate each other's cultural richness, diversity and unifying interests which paved the way for enduring friendships and collaborations – a small reflection on the way regional ocean governance should be conducted.

The course is a flagship activity of IOI together with that delivered from the University of Dalhousie in Canada and forms part of IOI's OceanLearn Programme. Further information on the Training Programme may be found on <http://www.capemalta.net/ioimoc>. The next Training Programme is planned to take place in Malta in Nov-Dec 2009; interested persons from the target countries are invited to email their details to the Course Coordinator on ioimaltacourse@capemalta.net for inclusion on our database and notification of the Programme launch.

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“Training Course on Dynamics and Conservation of Coastal Ecosystems”

Cayo Coco, Ciego de Avila, CUBA,
8th - 12th December, 2008.

Organised by IOI-OC Cuba and the Sabana-Camaguey UNDP Project, in collaboration with the Center for Marine Research at the University of Havana, the Coastal Ecosystems Research Center (CERC), and the CITMA Delegation in Ciego de Avila Province



The training course, offered for the second time in 2008, looked into the coastal zone problems from a systemic perspective, analyzing the main natural processes that occur in the coastal zone, the nature of human impacts from tourism, fisheries, pollution and habitat loss. A series of lectures were given by renowned Cuban specialists and these lectures were supported by field trips to the coastal area allowing students to merge theory with practice.

A total of 16 students coming from various institutions with high responsibilities in the coastal zone attended the course and for the first time specialists from two provinces (Ciego de Avila y Camaguey) jointly attended the training programme. Among the main outcomes of the course was a set of recommendations made by participants to improve the current management regime in the area. Participants committed themselves to make these recommendations available to their host institutions and to work towards its implementation in the decision-making process.

Following the successful implementation of the course, a consensus was reached to organise another Training Programme in 2009 on the same topics and extend it to include a larger audience of specialists from Camaguey, Sancti Spiritus, Las Tunas, and Ciego de Avila provinces in Cuba.

Further information on this Programme may be obtained through the IOI-Cuba Operational Centre Director, Dr Jorge Angulo-Valdes, by email on jorge@cim.uh.cu.

