



Global Summit on Coastal Seas

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Governors to Speak at Global Conference on Coastal Seas

Baltimore, Maryland, USA – July 12, 2011 – This summer, more than 300 specialists, scientists and environmental managers will descend on Baltimore’s Inner Harbor. August 28-31, 2011, the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science and the Maryland Department of the Environment will host the Ninth International Conference on Environmental Management of Enclosed Coastal Seas (EMECS 9). The conference is co-chaired by Dr. Bob Summers, Secretary of the Maryland Department of the Environment and Mr. David Carroll, Former Secretary of the Maryland Department of the Environment.

EMECS 9 will offer a dynamic series of plenary sessions. Governor Martin O’Malley will join Governor Toshizo Ido of Hyogo Prefecture, Japan as a presenter in the Opening Keynote Plenary Session. Additional plenaries will feature experts in the Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill, Japanese Tsunami, Chesapeake Bay and climate change.

Additional technical sessions will reflect on Accountability, Sustainable Approaches, Finance and Funding, Multilateral Partnerships, Innovative Education and Communication and Underlying Science. Registration is currently open for the conference and all professionals with a stake in enclosed coastal seas are encouraged to attend.

The EMECS conference series began in 1990 and was last held in the Baltimore region in 1993. The International EMECS Center, located in Kobe, Japan, was the result of the first two successful conferences and now globally supports projects concerned with research, policy, education and industrial activities of enclosed coastal seas. Their work may be found in the Seto Inland Sea, the Chesapeake Bay, the Baltic Sea and the Mediterranean Sea.

EMECS 9 invites stakeholders in government of all levels, private environmental firms, educators and industries reliant on coastal seas to participate in this important conference. The meeting will take place at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel and registration is open to the public. For more information on the conference and to register, visit www.conference.ifas.ufl.edu/emecs9.

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