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Global Conference on Coastal Seas Comes to Baltimore

_Baltimore, Maryland, USA – June 28, 2011_ – More than 400 specialists, scientists and environmental managers will descend on Baltimore’s Inner Harbor later this year. August 28-31, 2011, the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science and the Maryland Department of the Environment will play host to the Ninth International Conference on Environmental Management of Enclosed Coastal Seas (EMECS 9). EMECS 9 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.

This year’s conference will reflect on the following themes: 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](http://www.conference.ifas.ufl.edu/emecs9).

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