

*Announcement*

## **FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EUROGOOS**

The first international conference on EuroGOOS, the “European Association of Agencies to promote the Global Ocean Observing System” (GOOS), will take place in The Hague from 7 to 11 October 1996. Between 250 and 350 participants from all European countries that border the sea are expected.

GOOS is a common initiative of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). GOOS shall be a global observation system for the oceans to forecast climate changes. GOOS can also be used for coastal management, fishery, shipping and the environmental protection of the sea.

The conference is organized by the National Institute for Coastal and Marine Management (RIKZ) and the North Sea Directorate, both departments of the Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management, in cooperation with the Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute, Delft Hydraulics, Advisory and Research Group on Geo-observation Systems and Services, Electronic Data Systems, Oceanographic Company of the Netherlands and the Netherlands Geosciences Foundation.

### **CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES**

The conference aims at:

- a. the promotion of the synergy between the European industry and governmental organizations/institutions which conduct measurements, activities, forecasts and services on sea;
- b. the improvement and integration of observation techniques (satellites, buoy-systems and instruments), monitoring networks and operational models for the sea;
- c. bringing together users and providers of (data)information on the sea in order to promote the development of commercial products.

## **EUROGOOS**

The international EuroGOOS secretariat is located in Southampton in the United Kingdom. EuroGOOS was founded in December 1994 and consists today of 23 (governmental) agencies from 14 countries of the European Union. This is the first time that these cooperating partners and their target groups will meet at a European conference.

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'First International Conference on EuroGOOS'

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Netherlands Congress Centre

The Hague

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