

IOC/UNEP review meeting on oceanographic processes of transfer and distribution of pollutants in the sea, Zagreb, 15—18 May 1989

The IOC/UNEP Review Meeting on Oceanographic Processes of Transfer and Distribution of Pollutants in the Sea took place in the Center for Marine Research of the Ruđer Bošković Institute. The Meeting was opened by Mr. M. Kuzmić, who welcomed participants from eight Mediterranean countries. Dr. Lj. Jeftić, from the UNEP/MAP Office in Athens, then welcomed the participants on behalf of the Executive Director of UNEP (Dr. Mustafa Tolba) and the Secretary of IOC (Dr. Gunnar Kullenberg). Dr D. Hršak, director of the Center for Marine Research, greeted the participants on behalf of the host institution.

Reflecting the objectives of the Meeting, i.e. the presentation and discussion of current research in a part of the MEDPOL programme, 21 papers were presented. They all dealt with physical and geochemical processes in the sea and sediments. The importance of mesoscale eddies and gyres in the open sea, wind-driven currents and upwelling events in the coastal zone, and thermohaline processes in semi-enclosed bays and estuaries for transport, mixing and dispersal of pollutants has been recognized. An estimation of riverine and atmospheric inputs of different pollutants in the Western Mediterranean has been discussed. Furthermore, reports on 2 ongoing nationally and internationally coordinated projects (MEDMODEL and EROS 2000) have been presented. Despite noticeable background differences among the participants, the presentations triggered response from the audience and prompted exchange of ideas. Recognizing the importance of physical oceanographic studies in investigations of transfer and distribution of pollutants, and considering the importance of interdisciplinary and multilateral cooperation, the Meeting ended by adopting several recommendations. In particular, integration of large scale physical oceanographic programmes with specific programmes concentrated on the shelf seas has been strongly recommended. A more intense interdisciplinary approach in selected areas, such as enclosed bays and estuaries (the Northern Adriatic basin, the Kaštela Bay, the Krka River Estuary, the Izmir Bay, the Nile Estuary, the Abukir Bay and similar sites), was also strongly recommended.

The report, including presentation abstracts and recommendations, has been prepared and should soon be published in the IOC/UNESCO Workshop Reports Series.

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Minutes from the annual meeting of the Editorial Board of „Geofizika“

The meeting was held at the Geophysical Institute, Zagreb, on 5 June 1990, with the following agenda:

- 1) Report on Vol. 6 (1989)
- 2) Financial report for the year 1989