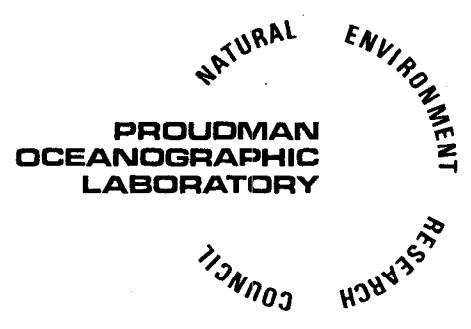


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Introduction

This report attempts to define a representative current 'network' or community of engineers and scientists engaged in the measurement and analysis of European mean sea levels.

For many years most sea level research has been undertaken on a local or national basis for the purposes of navigation or coastal protection. However, there is a growing realisation that many studies of sea level changes, in particular those concerning geodesy, geology and climatology, have also to be undertaken on a regional (in this case European) or worldwide basis. In such a situation, it is essential that researchers know who their international counterparts are in order that expertise can be combined.

There are already in existence several comprehensive 'networks' or address lists of sea level researchers. The Permanent Service for Mean Sea Level (PSMSL), Bidston Observatory, Birkenhead, U.K. holds the addresses of all tide gauge operators worldwide and, through its distribution of the global mean sea level (MSL) dataset and by means of its receipt of requests for advice and information on sea level matters, has compiled an extensive mailing list of scientists from almost every country in the world. However, there is also a considerable amount of MSL research undertaken using locally-obtained datasets for which the PSMSL will not necessarily have recorded the names of the individuals concerned. A second large worldwide 'network' is that defined by the membership list of the International Geological Correlation Programme (IGCP) Project 200 (Shennan and Pirazzoli, 1987) which includes the names of scientists from many disciplines interested in sea level research over all timescales and not necessarily that involving tide gauge data. A third example is that of the International Geographical Union (IGU) Commission on the Coastline Environment (for a review, see Bird (1985)), the participants in which are clearly also interested in the mechanisms and impacts of sea level changes.

The 'network' described in this report, therefore, is intended to complement and not to duplicate those lists already in existence. It concentrates on tide gauge measurements and the analysis of MSL's in the European region. It forms an essential component of and aid to the Commission of the European Communities (CEC) Climate Programme and provides a source of contacts for the potential development of a regional tide gauge network constructed alongside the Global Level of the Sea Surface (GLOSS) global network (Pugh, 1987) coordinated by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission. GLOSS will provide the future core network for worldwide long term tide gauge recording.

The European network is described in the following pages on a country by country basis defining 'Europe' in the most general geographical sense from Iceland to North Africa and listing the countries represented in alphabetical order. For each country are given the addresses of authorities which supply MSL data to the PSMSL together

with telephone, telex, fax and electronic mail information where known; the GLOSS national contact names; and a representative compilation of contacts of individual engineers and scientists engaged in the measurement and analysis of MSL data. Most telephone and fax numbers for PMSL and GLOSS addresses are shown as +country code-(area code)-number, where the area code usually contains a leading zero which is dropped for direct-dial international calls. Where more than one individual contact is available from an institution, then the first name is shown with subsequent names in brackets following it. If an individual's name has previously been included as a GLOSS contact, then it is not repeated.

We define the nationality of a scientist by the country in which he/she works. Expatriate European scientists now working in other continents who have contributed important papers on European sea level changes are included in their country of origin. European scientists whose work is exclusively on MSL changes in other regions (e.g. the Tropics) have not been included. At the end of the report an 'International Organisations and Projects' section lists the addresses of those international research institutions and activities relevant to the funding of and coordination of European and global tide gauge measurements and analysis.

We regard the compilation of names of individual scientists to be the most important component of such a network. An initial list was obtained from the following five sources:

- (1) Correspondence files of the PMSL over the last five years. This identifies those scientists who have obtained MSL data from the PMSL or who have otherwise been in correspondence with it.
- (2) The ICP-200 membership list selecting those individuals with European addresses who listed 'tide gauges' as one of their research interests.
- (3) Published papers on European mean sea levels from 1985 onwards. This was obtained from the computerised catalogue of the library of the Proudman Oceanographic Laboratory, Bidston Observatory, Birkenhead, U.K. which has one of the most extensive collections of sea level publications in the world.
- (4) European scientists who attended a conference on sea level changes which was held in Norwich in September 1987 and which was sponsored by the CEC, UNEP and other organisations.
- (5) Researchers included in the CEC Climatology and Natural Hazards Programme mailing list on Climatic Hazards (Sea Level Changes and Coastal Flooding).

Sources (1)-(3) together should include most European researchers who can be regarded as 'active' in the field of tide gauge MSL research, while (4)-(5) provide an overlap with those engaged in climate-oriented European sea level research. However, as these sources are not necessarily expected to give a complete overview of

the MSL community, a preliminary list was circulated to researchers in every European country for their advice on further additions.

Following the names of most researchers can be found a specification of their MSL 'interests' from one of the following categories:

TGO : Tide gauge operator and/or databanker of MSL data
C : Climatological aspects of MSL changes
PO : Physical Oceanography aspects of MSL changes
G : Geological aspects of MSL changes
GI : Geographical aspects of MSL changes including impacts
GD : Geodetic aspects of MSL changes
GL : Glaciological aspects of MSL changes
CP : Coastal Protection aspects of MSL changes
W : Water resources
CEC : Participant in MSL aspects of the CEC Climate Programme

In many cases the researcher's interests are 'general' or are not well-known, in which case no specific interests are listed. However, the address is usually a good guide to a researcher's specialisation.

In conclusion, we hope that this network will serve as a first-order description of the community of interest in European mean sea level measurement and analysis from tide gauge records, that it will be of use to those people planning the participation in regional working groups and conferences, and that it can serve implicitly as a source of knowledge by encouraging international communication. We would, of course, be grateful to know of any errors and further additions.

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