The coast represents the crossroads between the oceans, land and atmosphere, and all three contribute to the physical and ecological evolution of coastlines. Coasts are dynamic systems, with identifiable inputs and outputs of energy and material. More than half the world's human population lives at the coast, and here people often come into conflict with natural coastal processes. Recurring problems such as the impacts of coastal development and new threats such as those related to invasive species, global climate change (storms, tsunamis, rise of sea level) and other human-induced hazards require new approaches to coastal resource management.

An understanding of the interactions of the sea and the land is essential in understanding the hazards associated with coastal zones.

The program of LSI- 2012 Conference will include keynote addresses by leading experts during the plenary sessions, technical presentations, special panel discussions and poster sessions. The event will provide opportunities to allow exchange of ideas between specialists on concerned subjects and engage over a wide array of coastal topics. Papers will be made available to delegates prior to the conference and following the event the papers that have been presented will be included in the formal proceedings.

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   - Importance of coastal habitats for fish stocks & biodiversity
   - Goods and services of the coastal systems
   - Indicators of coastal ecosystem health & sustainability
   - Valuation of ecological qualities
   - Indigenous value of coastal habitats
   - Coastal Geomorphology
   - Coastal Processes and GIS.

2. Adaptation/mitigation to change in coastal systems
   - Impact of continental contributions on the biodiversity and marine environment
   - Coastal tourism and urbanization
   - Eutrophication and pollution
   - Coastal erosion & sediment transport
   - Invasive species
   - Maritime Transportation & ports
   - Coastal renewable energy
   - Impacts of the climate changes in coastal zones

3. Coastal Governance & Management
   - Managing multiple resource and area uses
   - Managing water resources
   - Linking watersheds and the coastal zone
   - Linking Coastal Zone Management and marine value creation (fisheries and aquaculture)
   - Preserving cultural heritage and local coastal communities
   - Multi-scale governance structures
   - Involving stakeholders in Coastal Zone Management
   - Role of dissemination and public perception in coastal policies.
CONFERENCE FEES

The full fee includes the Participation, the Abstract Booklet and the Proceedings, the coffee breaks, the lunches, dinners, included hotel accommodation from 05 evening to 09 November 2012 morning (except Lebanese) and the events indicated in the Cultural program.

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Deadline for the paper abstracts: June 15, 2012

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3rd Announcement with preliminary program: October 15, 2012

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Communications will be held either in the form of an oral presentation which will last 15 minutes including discussion, or as a poster presentation for 5 minutes. They will be collected in a book of communications.

Special awards will be delivered to young researchers in different sessions on the topics outlined above.

Authors are invited to indicate their preference for oral presentation or a poster.