

20 August 2007

Letter of Understanding  
Between

Regione Lazio  
Direzione Regionale Ambiente e  
Cooperazione tra i Popoli  
Operazione BEACHMED-e  
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Coastal & Hydraulics Laboratory (CHL)  
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We, the undersigned, agree to the arrangement described below that will fund travel for the participation of U.S. Army Corps of Engineer (USACE) staff (from CHL and the Coastal Planning Center of Expertise) in the five remaining BeachMed-e conferences scheduled through the remainder of 2007-2008.

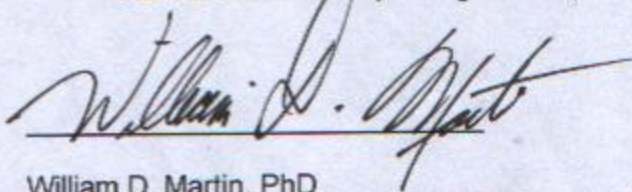
The BeachMed-e conferences offer an excellent opportunity for USACE staff to learn about the European Union's Regional Framework Operation and its objective to promote sustainable coastal projects and regional coastal management plans around the Mediterranean Sea. The conferences also offer an excellent opportunity for USACE staff to share the USACE's extensive experiences in coastal engineering and science with the BeachMed-e organization's participants.

USACE staff will prepare presentations for each BeachMed-e conference that will be made available for posting on the BeachMed-e conference website. They will present the Corps of Engineers knowledge and capabilities on many coastal-related topics. Some of the themes will include 1) developing coastal management master plans, 2) state-of-the-art in coastal project planning, modelling, and management, 3) U.S. coastal policies and laws that guide projects, and 4) dredging equipment, processes, and environmental impacts due to dredging and beach nourishment projects.

Travel and lodging arrangements at each conference will be made by CHL. The Regione Lazio will reimburse CHL for travel up to 17,500 Euro. Seventy percent (70%) (€12,250) will be forwarded to CHL for use after this letter is signed, and up to 30% (€ 5,250) will be provided within 2 weeks after the last Conference (May 2008).

Regione Lazio funds will be sent to the following bank account using automated fund transfers (AFT). The following information must be provided:

Payee: U.S. Treasury  
Beneficiary: Engineer Research & Development Center  
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