## *The Seventh International Conference on the Mediterranean Coastal Environment* 25-29 October 2005, Pine Bay Holiday Resort, Kusadasi, Turkey

Since the first conference organised in Antalya, Turkey during 2-5 November 1993, six events in the "Mediterranean Coastal Environment" conference series of MEDCOAST have made this series a major international scientific and environmental meeting, focusing on the management of the coastal and sea areas of the Mediterranean and the Black Sea. The past six conferences produced 16 volumes of proceedings, adding up to nearly 11500 pages, and four special issues of two leading coastal management journals. These meetings, together with three thematic workshops and one specialty conference, organised over a period of eleven years, have created a steadily growing group of MEDCOAST people, among which various significant collaboration initiatives have developed.

With MEDCOAST 2005, the conference moves to an attractive town on the shores of the Aegean Sea. We expect to have another successful event in the magnificent setting offered by Kusadasi, enhanced by the traditional Turkish hospitality and rich culture (including the cuisine, wine and spirits!). Scientists, experts, managers, planners, policy makers, resource developers, users and conservationists from both the Mediterranean and the Black Sea countries, or from outside the basins, are cordially invited to participate!

For further information: Conference page (http://www.medcoast.org.tr/MC05/mc2005main.htm)