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The International Conference on Coastal Cities was held for the first time in 2015 in the New Forest, home of the Wessex Institute of Technology. Following its success, it was decided to reconvene the event dedicated to the presentation and discussion of issues related to the integrated management and sustainable development of coastal cities.

It is now to be held in Cadiz, Spain in 2017. The conference – organised by Wessex Institute (UK), University of Cadiz (Spain) and University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (Spain) – will take place at Faculty of Labour Sciences of the University of Cádiz.

The growth of world population and the preference for living in coastal areas has resulted in their ever-increasing development.

Coastal areas are the most common destination, which brings in economic growth but implies additional urban development and increases the need for resources, infrastructure and services.

The strategic location of coastal cities, for instance, facilitates transportation and the development of related activities, but this requires the existence of large ports, with the corresponding increase in maritime and road traffic and all its inherent negative effects.

The above-mentioned activities and others common to coastal cities require the development of well-planned and managed urban environments, not only for reasons of efficiency and economics, but also to avoid inflicting environmental degradation that causes the deterioration of quality of life and human health.

To resolve these problems it is necessary to consider coastal cities as dynamic complex systems which need energy, water, food and other resources in order to work and generate diverse activities, with the aim of offering a better socio-economic climate and quality of life.

As a consequence, the integrated management and sustainable development of coastal cities is essential, with science, technology, architecture, socio-economic and planning, all contributing to provide support to decision makers.

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