



English Team Geomorphology

BAR was contacted in July by a couple from the USA who, on their visit to Cayeux had found a curious looking pebble on the beach. They searched the web and made contact with us via the project website. Though the pebble had not traveled much further than others from the experiment in October 2005, it shows the intermittent nature of sediment transport.



Photo of pebble 348 that found its way to the USA (photo by B & T Campbell).

In July Uwe Dornbusch attended the UK Sea Level IGCP Conference on Holocene land-ocean interactions: driving mechanisms and coastal responses at Romney Marsh & Dungeness Foreland which proved a good opportunity to learn more about the longer term history of the area.

Two abstracts for the 2007 Coastal Sediments conference in New Orleans have been accepted and Jerome Curoy is looking forward to attending the conference.

Biodiversity

Patrick Fitzsimons spent a couple of weeks in France testing the vegetated shingle survey method. Several transect pairs were surveyed between Ault and le Hourdel. He was joined by Patrick Triplet and Julia Bastide south of Cayeux-sur-mer who provided invaluable help in implementing the French version of the method. Highlights included the extensive, Sea-kale covered beaches around Brighton-sur-Mer and common seals around le Hourdel. Both species are nationally protected in France because of their conservation status.



Julia Bastide and Patrick Triplet join Patrick Fitzsimons in surveying vegetated shingle.

BAR workshops

The UK team is organising a two-day workshop to be held at the University of Sussex on the 21st and 22nd September 2006. The first day will be concerned with 'Shingle beach characteristics' including a field trip to Saltdean and Newhaven beaches, and the second day will centre around 'Beach volume management' with a field visit to the recent scheme at Rodean. An additional bonus is that it is **free!** If you have not yet received an invitation and would like to know more please contact Uwe [Dornbusch](mailto:Uwe.Dornbusch@sussex.ac.uk)

Personnel

Faye Gillespie will not return from maternity leave and has left the project to dedicate her time to her son born in January. We wish her the best of luck in her new role.

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