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Ria Formosa on 19th April 2022, Sentinel-2 true colour composite
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What have we been up to?

Since our Newsletter Issue 4 (Feb 2021), working and travel restrictions due to COVID-19 have continued to affect our networking activities. Nevertheless, the L4L community are still actively involved in the H2020 CERTO R&D project and hosted two special sessions at two virtual conferences. We were also invited to present at an international workshop on intermittent estuaries and lagoons.

In other news, the FEC International Project Office restructured earlier this year and its head office is now co-hosted by IPO-China and IPO-Australia.

Inaugural International Workshop on Intermittent Estuaries (and lagoons) in a Changing Climate, [online](#) 15-18 June 2021

L4L presented lagoon-related research and development (R&D) work undertaken in the European-funded H2020 project CERTO (Copernicus Evolution – Research for harmonised and Transitional water Observation) in front of an international live audience of around 150 people. The event was hosted by the Water Research Laboratory, University of New South Wales, Australia in collaboration with CSIR, South Africa, the University of Melbourne, Australia, and Southern California Coastal Water Research Project, USA.

ASLO Aquatic Science Meeting, [online](#) 22-27 June 2021

L4L co-hosted and chaired a special session on **addressing challenges in monitoring water quality using Earth Observation (EO) in transitional waters**. With nine oral presentations split over two days (23rd and 25th June) and several posters, our audience watched examples from around the world showcasing good practices, innovative methods, and promising products.

ECSA 58-EMECS 13, [online](#) 6-10 September 2021

L4L co-hosted and chaired a special session on **integrating in-situ data, models and Earth Observation towards coastal sustainable management**. 56 live participants watched five oral presentations that showcased success stories and discussed innovative practices in multi-source data integration for coastal zone management in Asia and Europe, in deltas and coastal seas.



Next L4L Meetings/Events

Two types of L4L meetings are planned for the following years:

(A) Online meetings open to all; twice a year with a standing agenda to share news, progress and plan future activities. [Contact us](#) for more info.

(B) In-person workshops open to all; planned as collocation meetings during main events. *This type of meeting has been paused due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

Check the L4L website [newspage](#) for upcoming meetings and events.

We will attend ECSA 59 in Spain this autumn



Other events/webinars

-  The [GEO Blue Planet symposium](#) will take place in person with live streaming in 24-28th October 2022 in Accra, Ghana. This year's theme will focus on GEO Blue Planet's core actions areas "capacity development, stakeholder engagement & cooperation & co-design driving sustained ocean and coastal observations for society".
 
-  The ECSA Files! webinar series, normally taking place on the last Thursday of the month, have paused for the summer. You can watch past webinars [here](#).
-  The GEO AquaWatch webinar series have paused for the summer. You can watch past webinars [here](#).

FEC news

Lagoons for Life has been one of [FEC's supported networks](#) in the past years. As the new Future Earth Coasts IPO is restructuring, there are ongoing discussions to make L4L a FEC Working Group, which will better integrate L4L within the FEC network.

Join Lagoons for Life

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in contributing to the sustainability of the world's coastal lagoons. To join please [contact us](#).

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