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On Saturday Morning the members were treated to a special symposium on Marine Education arranged by **Charlene D'Avanzo**. The session resulted in an exchange of ideas and lively discussion about marine education and directions for the future, the place was hopping. The meeting ended a little past noon and we said our goodbyes over the committee sign-up sheets for the ERF '97 meeting.

NEEERS SPRING '95, PORTSMOUTH, NH

The Spring '95 25th NEEERS Anniversary meeting will be hosted by the University of New Hampshire and will be held at the Yoken's Comfort Inn Conference Center in Portsmouth, New Hampshire on April 27-29, 1995. UNH hosted the original meetings 25 year ago and we are returning to celebrate those first presentations. Portsmouth is an old and interesting port city with good restaurants, lots of dancing, discount and specialty shopping, the famous Strawberry Bank Historical District, some nice walks and

beaches and proximity to the Great Bay Estuary.

The meetings will begin on Thursday with a Symposium on Estuarine Management. Invited and contributed papers will include State and Federal agencies such as New Hampshire DES, USEPA and Army Corps, among others. Agencies charged with managing New England estuaries will discuss their problems and concerns and the issues as they see them. If you would like to participate in this symposium, contact the meeting organizers, a few contributed papers will be included, but the numbers will be limited.

The general paper session will be held on Friday, April 28. Contributed papers will be presented and the deadline for abstract submission will be March 20, 1995. Watch your mail for meeting announcements and registration material. For more information about abstracts you can contact Marshall Pregall, Program Chair (E-Mail - Pregall@Vassar.Vassar.Edu; FAX - 914/437-7315) or wait for the announcement to be mailed in the next few weeks.

The Saturday session will be a special anniversary event to be held at the Jackson Estuarine Laboratory in Durham, New Hampshire. This occasion will mark the 25th Anniversary of both NEEERS and the Jackson Estuarine Lab. We invite you to join us on the UNH's R/V Gulf Challenger for tours of Great Bay Estuary and various research and mitigation sites. There will also be tours of the Jackson Estuarine Lab and a celebration of a quarter of century of research. The organizers will be inviting all of NEEERS Past-Presidents for a rare opportunity to discuss the history of NEEERS and gather some rare photos. In keeping with this 25th Anniversary celebration the organizers are also considering a change in the structure of the banquet. Instead of the usual sit down dinner on Friday night, they are considering a buffet style meal with the awards ceremony on Friday night at Portsmouth and a lobster bake on Saturday at noon at the Jackson Lab for the anniversary celebration. This will take the normal costs for the banquet and divide them between two meals (we will try to contain the costs for both activities to allow as many people as possible to attend both meals). Either way dancing will still be included in the Friday night festivities. In order to give our members an opportunity to respond to these changes, please

fill out the questionnaire (see below) and send it to Fred Short at UNH.

A block of rooms have been reserved at the Comfort Inn (1-800/552-8484 or 603/433-3338) under the name "Estuary Conference". Costs and registration will be handled through the upcoming meeting announcement. We encourage you to submit an abstract and come to Portsmouth in April to make this a dynamic 25th Anniversary for NEEERS.

ERF '97, PROVIDENCE, RI

Sign-up sheets for those interested in participating in the 1997 ERF Meetings scheduled for Providence, Rhode Island are now available. This ERF meeting will be hosted by NEEERS so it is our responsibility to make sure it is a great meeting. All of those who may be interested in helping to prepare for the meeting, please contact meeting organizer, **Jonathan Garber**, at USEPA, 27 Tarzwell Drive, Narragansett, RI 02882 or call (401)782-3154 or **Veronica Berounsky** at the address listed on the cover page or E-Mail at vberoun@gso.unl.gso.uri.edu.

BENTHIC ECOLOGY MEETING

The Benthic Ecology Meeting will be held March 17-19, 1995 in New Brunswick, NJ. For information contact **Ellen Oates** (908)932-6555 ext300).

MARINE AND SHALLOW WATER SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

The Marine and Shallow Water conference will be held April 3-7, 1995 in Atlantic City, NJ. Contact **Ralph Spagnolo** at (215)597-3642 or spagnolo.ralph@epamail.epa.gov for more information.

ESTUARINE GORDON CONFERENCE

The Estuarine Gordon Conference is being held June 11-16, 1995 in New Hampshire. Check *Science* for details or call (401)783-4011 for more information.

ERF '95

ERF '95 will be held November 12-16 in Corpus Christi, Texas. June 15, 1995 will be the abstract deadline. For information contact: **Paul Montagna** at (512)749-6779 or paul@utmsi.zo.utexas.edu.