

## **MASTS Small Grant – Final Report**

### **Estuarine & Coastal Sciences Association Local Meeting**

#### **Sea Lochs and Adjacent Waters: SAMS, Oban, 16-18 May 2012**

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#### **Purpose**

The Estuarine and Coastal Sciences Association, ECSA, ([www.ecsa-news.org](http://www.ecsa-news.org)) are Europe's largest learned society focussing on the physical, life and management science of coastal zones.

During May, 2012, the ECSA Local Meeting was held at MASTS partner institution the Scottish Association for Marine Science. The scientific presentations focused on sea lochs and their adjacent waters. Both the topic, and focus, of the meeting fitted perfectly well onto MASTS, which is why I volunteered to organise the meeting.

As the financial margin of such Local Meetings is low, ECSA do not provide funds for 'invited speakers'. My proposal was, therefore, for MASTS to simply sponsor a keynote speaker: T&S and Registration fee. The award from MASTS was for £500.

#### **Outcomes**

1. Fifty participants in the meeting: raising the profile of MASTS to the ECSA community (based across the UK and Europe)
2. Dr. Robin Raine (National University of Ireland, Galway) was the invited speaker.
3. Five science sessions covering blue skies, applied and policy research.
4. MASTS leverage of funds: £500 against total costs of £11,200.