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Foreword

The last comprehensive conference on coastal structures in the United States was held in 1983. Relatively small symposia and workshops on specific topics in the broad field of coastal structures were organized after Coastal Structures'83. The Coastal Structures'99 Conference was held in Santander, Spain in recognition of the need to hold an international and comprehensive conference on coastal structures. The Coastal Structures 2003 Conference continued the conference series into the 21st century. The primary goals of Coastal Structures 2003, as supported by the Organizing Committee and the ASCE-COPRI, were to assess the state of knowledge and practice of coastal structure design, construction, and maintenance, and to disseminate practical knowledge and research results on a wide range of topics to the coastal structure engineering community.

Nearly 140 presentations were attended by 246 participants from government, industry, and education. A wide range of topics on design, construction, and maintenance of coastal structures were included in these presentations. It was clear from the presentations that coastal structures are undergoing renewal and innovation to better serve the societal needs and to better address environmental co-existence, habitat enhancement, and risk management. Thanks to the presenters, the conference was successful in advancing and disseminating engineering knowledge and practice to the diverse participants engaged in the design and construction of coastal structures.

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