For coastal specialists there are many urgent and unanswered questions about the hazards of future sea-level fluctuations, specifically any sudden rise that may be linked through melting or surging glaciers to an observed rise of sea level. This timely volume may help the trained scientist to evaluate some of the data. It treats basic climatic relations, energy and modeling (in some detail), so it is suitable for an advanced level textbook.

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These two bibliographies, appearing within a year of each other offer a considerable body of citations for coastal workers. The Paskoff volume is one of the regular (?) quadannual productions by the IGU Commission on Coastal Environments. It is basically a compilation of correspondents' reference lists, country by country. These have not been edited and one must assume there are gaps and omissions, certainly this is true of the British, Irish, American, and Australian lists with which I am most familiar. Some correspondents have stuck to physical geography, others have included ecology, geology, and so on. The range of subjects tends to be inversely proportional to the size of the country. This volume has no index, and it can only be useful for browsing.

The Kelletat volume, on the other hand, is a far more substantial piece of work, over a much longer period (20-22 years). The text is bilingual German/English. It contains 6428 citations arranged alphabetically by first author, but also useful tables allowing cross-referencing by country, and by coastal form and process. Some of these latter categories are a bit bland; for example “Barrier Islands and Mud Flats” are lumped together. Despite such limitations this is a much more impressive piece of work, and if my calculations are correct about twice the value of the IGU volume. Certainly students...