



EurOCEAN

2019

Europe's marine science
contribution to a
sustainable future

Conference programme

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11-12 June 2019, UNESCO headquarters, room XI, Paris, France

EuroOCEAN 2019 will discuss the contribution of European marine science to the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030). The conference will also highlight the contribution of marine science to other ongoing and future initiatives supported by the European Union Framework Programmes for Research and Innovation, such as Horizon 2020 (2014-2020) and the forthcoming Horizon Europe (2021-2027).

The European Marine Board flagship publication [Navigating the Future V](#) (NFV) will be launched at EuroOCEAN 2019. Navigating the Future V describes what marine science will look like in the next decade and beyond and what the needs are to achieve this. NFV will provide robust, independent scientific advice and expert opinion and with increasing importance to societal wellbeing in decades to come.

EuroOCEAN conferences are major European marine science policy conferences providing a forum for policymakers and strategic planners at European and national level, to interact with the marine research community and marine and maritime stakeholders. The distinctive feature that characterizes EuroOCEAN conferences is the focus on bringing the stakeholders together to speak with one voice towards policy.

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Draft programme

11 June 2019

08.00 – 08.30 **Registration** *125 Avenue de Suffren, 75007 Paris*

09.00 – 11.00 **Welcome and opening addresses** *Room XI*

*Morning session moderated by **Jan Mees**, Director, Flanders Marine Institute, Belgium; and Chair of European Marine Board*

Opening address by organisers:

Jan Mees, Chair of European Marine Board

John Bell, Director, Directorate F: Bioeconomy, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission

Welcome by the host:

Salvatore Aricò, Head, Ocean Science Section, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO, *on behalf of **Vladimir Ryabinin**, Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO*

Opening remarks:

Lisa Emelia Svensson, Director for Ocean, UN Environment

François de Rugy, Minister for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition, France (tbc)

Frédérique Vidal, Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, France (tbc)

George Ciamba, Minister Delegate for European Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Romania

Bernhard Friess, Director, Directorate A: Maritime Policy and Blue Economy, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission, *on behalf of **Karmenu Vella**, European Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries*

11.00 – 11.15 **Launch of Navigating the Future V** *Room XI*

11.15 - 12.00 **Networking and coffee** *Mall*

12.00 - 13.00 **Navigating the Future V in the marine science landscape** *Room XI*

Presentation:

Highlights from Navigating the Future V - **Sheila JJ Heymans**, NFV editor

Short statements by:

Julian Barbière, Head, Marine Policy and Regional Coordination Section, IOC-UNESCO (tbc)

Sigi Gruber, Head, Marine Resources Unit, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission

Arvid Hallén, Chair of JPI Oceans (tbc)

Concluding remarks by:

Edward Hill, Executive Director, National Oceanography Centre – NOC, United Kingdom

13.00 – 14.30 **Lunch** *Mall*

14.30 – 15.45

Session 1: Sustainable marine resources *Room XI*

The role of marine science in understanding and sustainably using marine living resources

Moderated by **Mark Dickey-Collas**, Chair of Advisory Committee, ICES

Presentations:

Science to sustainably harvest ocean resources (title tbc) – joint presentation by **Xabier Irigoien**, Scientific Director, AZTI (Spain), representing the H2020 SUMMER project; and **Webjørn Melle**, Principal Scientist, Institute of Marine Research (Norway), representing the H2020 MEESO project

Science to conserve ocean resources (title tbc) – **Roberto Danovaro**, President, Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn, Italy

Panel discussion with:

Carina Keskitalo, Professor, Umeå University, Sweden; member of the EU Scientific Advice Mechanism (SAM) High-Level Group of Scientific Advisors and lead of the 'Food from the Ocean' Scientific Opinion

Kristian Henriksen, Senior Manager, NCE Aquatech Cluster

Isabel Sousa Pinto, Principal investigator, Interdisciplinary Centre of Marine and Environmental Research – CIIMAR, Portugal; and Co-lead of the Marine Biodiversity Observation Network

Patrizio Mariani, Senior Researcher, National Institute of Aquatic Resources - DTU AQUA, Denmark

Empty chair: the moderator will invite a participant from the audience to come up on stage and sit on the chair. This person will be invited to provide his/her perspective, have a short discussion with the other panellists and then leave for another person to take that place.

15.45 – 16.00

Poster 1 min pitch presentations *Room XI*

Hosted by **Yves-Marie Paulet**, Professor, Université de Bretagne Occidentale, Marine Universities – UM, France

16.00 – 16.45

Networking and coffee *area in front of room XI*

16.45 – 18.00

Session 2: The land perspective for a healthy ocean *Room XI*

The role of marine science in understanding and tackling the problem of new pollutants (including plastics and pesticides) in the marine environment

Moderated by **Julia Schnetzer**, Scientific Coordinator Ocean Plastics Lab

Panel discussion with

Sabine Pahl, Associate Professor, University of Plymouth, United Kingdom; and Vice-Chair of the SAPEA Working Group on micro- and nanoplastic pollution

Bart Vandewaetere, Head, Corporate Communications and Government Relations, Nestlé S.A.

Maria Lodovica Gullino, Professor, Università di Torino, Italy; and H2020 EMPHASIS Project Coordinator

Adrian Stanica, Director General, GeoEcoMar, Romania; and H2020 DANUBIUS-RI Project Coordinator

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18.00

Close Day 1

18.00 – 18.30

Research Vessels in the European Ocean Observation landscape (optional event) *Room XI*

Short introduction by **George Petihakis**, Researcher, Hellenic Centre of Marine Research – HCMR, Greece

Followed by short presentation by co-Chair of EMB Working Group on Research Vessels **Valérie Mazauric**, Ifremer, France

18.30 – 20.00

Evening reception *Cafeteria, 7th floor*

12 June 2019

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09.00 – 10.30 **Session 3: Bringing sea basin communities together** *Room XI*
Experiences from Europe in bridging sea basin international cooperation in marine sciences and the way forward
*Moderated by **Wendy Watson-Wright**, CEO, Ocean Frontier Institute, Canada*

Presentation:

Research and Innovation to support the EU sea basin regional strategies - **Sigi Gruber**, Head, Marine Resources Unit, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission

Panel discussion with:

Fabio Fava, Professor, University of Bologna, Italian member to the GSO BLUEMED Working Group (tbc)

Alessandra Sensi, Senior Project Manager for Water and Environment, Union for the Mediterranean (tbc)

Atlantic Ocean representative (tbc)

Sofia Cordeiro, Coordinator Ocean Programme, Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia – FCT, Portugal (tbc)

Andros Andrusaitis, Acting Executive Director, BONUS Secretariat (EEIG)

Baris Salihoglu, Director, Institute of Marine Sciences, Middle East Technical University - METU, Turkey

10.30 – 11.00 **Networking and coffee** *area in front of room XI*

11.00 – 12.30 **Session 4: Oceans and Human Health** *Room XI*
Understanding the impacts of a changing ocean on human health (marine resources and new pollutants)
*Moderated by **Torsten Thiele**, Founder, Global Ocean Trust*

Speakers

Risks to Oceans and Human Health (title tbc) - **Sam Dupont**, Senior Lecturer, University of Gothenburg

Benefits for Oceans and Human Health (title tbc) – **Mathew White**, Senior Lecturer, European Centre for Environment and Human Health, H2020 BlueHealth project

Interactive session with the audience

Panel discussion with:

Génon K. Jensen, Executive Director, Health and Environment Alliance – HEAL (tbc)

Lora E. Fleming, Director, European Centre for Environment and Human Health, H2020 SOPHIE project coordinator

Sissel Rogne, Managing Director, Institute of Marine Research - IMR, Norway

Easley Britton, Researcher, Whitaker Institute at National University of Ireland Galway – NUIG, Ireland, big wave surfer and founder of Like Water

Timothy Adams Bouley, Ocean Biotechnology Entrepreneur

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Round-up responses interactive session

12.30 – 14.00 **Lunch** *Mall*

14.00 – 15.30

Session 5: National perspectives for marine science contribution to Sustainable Development Goals *Room XI*

*Introduced and moderated by **Peter Heffernan**, CEO, Marine Institute (tbc)*

Presentations by next EU Presidencies

- Representative from **Ministry of Research and Innovation**, Romania (tbc)
- Representative from **Ministry of Education and Culture**, Finland (tbc)
- Representative from **Ministry of Science and Education**, Croatia (tbc)
- Representative from **Ministry of Education and Research**, Germany (tbc)
- Representative from **Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher-Education**, Portugal (tbc)

Panel discussion with:

- Representative from France
- **Giuseppe Valditara**, Head, Higher Education and Research Department, Ministry of Education, University and Research, Italy
- **Jan Busstra**, Water and Marine Director, Directorate-General Water & Soil Policy, Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, The Netherlands
- **Fridtjof F. Unander**, Executive Director, Resource Industries and the Environment, The Research Council of Norway
- **Colin Moffat**, Scottish Government's Chief Scientific Advisor for Marine and Co-Chair of Marine Science Co-ordination Committee, Government of United Kingdom

15.30 – 16.30

Closing session – Ensuring a sustainable ocean by 2030 *Room XI*

*Moderated by **Gilles Lericolais**, Director European and International Affairs, IFREMER, France*

MEP **Ricardo Serrão Santos** & hand-over poster competition prize

Peter Thomson, UN Special Envoy for the Ocean (video message)

Vladimir Ryabinin, Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO

Patrick Anthony Child, Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission, *on behalf of **Jean-Eric Paquet**, Director General for Research and Innovation, European Commission*

Response message from young ambassadors and poster presenters (tbc)

Jan Mees, Chair of European Marine Board

16.30

Close of EurOCEAN 2019

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