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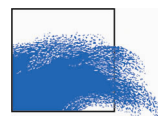
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# PROGRAMME

## Tuesday, 12 October 2010

08:00 – 09:00 Registration (Art Gallery) & welcome coffee (Fabiola room & exhibition area)

### OPENING SESSION – PRESENTING EuroOCEAN 2010

**Session Chair:** Lars Horn, Chair of the Marine Board-ESF, Research Council of Norway (RCN), Norway

*Meeting Room: Albert I*

- 09:00-09:10 Formal Opening of the Conference  
**Ingrid Lieten**, Vice-Minister-President of the Flemish Government, Flemish Minister for Innovation, Public Investment, Media and Poverty Reduction
- 09:10-09:20 Welcome and Introduction to EuroOCEAN 2010  
**Lars Horn**, Chair of the Marine Board-ESF, Research Council of Norway (RCN), Norway
- 09:20-09:40 Opening Address  
**Maria Damanaki**, European Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
- 09:40-09:50 Introduction to the Ostend Declaration  
**Kostas Nittis**, Coordinator of the Ostend Declaration Drafting Group, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR), Greece

### SESSION 1: SCIENCE AND THE SEA – LESSONS FOR THE ROAD AHEAD

**Session Chair:** Manuela Soares, European Commission, Directorate-General for Research

*Meeting Room: Albert I*

- 09:50-10:00 Opening Address  
**Manuela Soares**, European Commission, Directorate-General for Research
- 10:00-10:20 The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission: Fifty years of International Cooperation in Ocean Science, Services and Capacity-building  
**Wendy Watson-Wright**, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO
- 10:20-10:50 Coffee/tea break  
*Fabiola room & exhibition area*
- Press Conference  
*Boudewijn room*
- 10:50-11:10 From Galway to Aberdeen... to Ostend – Progress in Marine and Maritime Science Policy  
**Peter Heffernan**, Marine Institute, Ireland

- 11:10-11:30 Marine Science Contribution to Society and Industry  
**Jean-Yves Perrot**, French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea (Ifremer), France
- 11:30-11:50 Science Driving a Better Maritime Governance  
**Colin Moffat**, Marine Scotland, United Kingdom
- 11:50-12:10 A Question of Scale – The Regional Science Approach  
**Valery Forbes**, BONUS EEIG Steering Committee, Roskilde University, Denmark
- 12:10-12:30 Discussion
- 12:30-14:00 Lunch  
*Astrid & Leopold III room*

**SESSION 2: MARINE SCIENCE 2020 - GRAND CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NEXT DECADE (1)**

**Session Chair: Mike Thorndyke**, Swedish Institute for the Marine Environment, Sweden

*Meeting Room: Albert I*

- 14:00-14:10 Opening Address  
**Mike Thorndyke**, Swedish Institute for the Marine Environment, Sweden
- 14:10-14:30 The Role of Oceans in the Earth and Climate System  
**Karin Lochte**, Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research (AWI), Germany
- 14:30-14:50 Creating a Better Understanding of Marine Ecosystem Functioning  
**Carlo Heip**, Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research (NIOZ), The Netherlands
- 14:50-15:10 The Oceans and Human Health, and Humans and Ocean Health - Risks and Remedies from the Sea  
**John Stegeman**, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI), USA
- 15:10-15:30 A Deeper Knowledge – Discovery and Exploration of the Deep Sea Frontier  
**Achim Kopf**, Center for Marine Environmental Sciences (MARUM), University of Bremen, Germany
- 15:30-15:50 New Innovations in Marine Science & Technology: Emerging Technologies... Converging on the Oceans  
**Geoffrey O' Sullivan**, Marine Institute, Ireland
- 15:50-16:30 Coffee/tea break  
*Fabiola room & exhibition area*

## European Ocean Observing System

- 16:30-16:45 Real-time, Long-term Integrated Observations of European Seas for Monitoring and Research  
**Peter Haugan**, Geophysical Institute, University of Bergen, Norway
- 16:45-17:00 Prospects for a seabed and habitat map of Europe  
**David Connor**, Joint Nature Conservation Committee, United Kingdom
- 17:00-17:30 Discussion
- 17:40-18:00 Official Launch of Marine Board Vision Document "Marine Renewable Energy: Research Challenges and Opportunities for a new Energy Era in Europe"  
Closing drink with local beers  
*Fabiola room & exhibition area*
- 19:30 Reception & Conference Dinner  
*Royal Galleries*

## Wednesday, 13 October 2010

- 08:30-09:00 Registration  
*Art Gallery*

### SESSION 3: MARINE SCIENCE 2020 - GRAND CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NEXT DECADE (2)

**Session Chair:** **Peter Herzig**, Leibniz Institute of Marine Sciences (IFM-GEOMAR), Germany

*Meeting Room: Albert I*

- 09:00-09:10 Opening Address  
**Peter Herzig**, Leibniz Institute of Marine Sciences (IFM-GEOMAR), Germany
- 09:10-09:30 Maritime Spatial Planning – Towards a Safe and Sustainable Use of Maritime Space  
**Fanny Douvere**, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- 09:30-09:50 Harnessing Renewable Energy from the Sea  
**Henry Jeffrey**, UK Energy Research Centre, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom
- 09:50-10:10 Charting a Course – Maritime Transport Research Priorities  
**Willem Laros**, European Technology Platform WATERBORNE, Community of European Shipyards Associations (CESA)
- 10:10-10:30 Sustainable Harvest of Biotic Ocean Resources  
**Ole Arve Misund**, Institute of Marine Research (IMR), Norway
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee/tea break  
*Fabiola room & exhibition area*

- 11:00-11:20 Blue Biotechnology – New Opportunities for Europe  
**Joel Querellou**, French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea (Ifremer), France
- 11:20-11:45 Discussion
- 11:45-12:00 Closing Keynote Address – Reinforcing the European Marine Bioeconomy  
**Maive Rute**, European Commission, Directorate-General for Research
- 12:00-13:20 Lunch  
*Astrid & Leopold III room*

**SESSION 4: SECURING CAPACITY AND IMPACT: TOWARDS A GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE EUROPEAN MARINE RESEARCH AREA**

**Session Chair: Sybille van den Hove**, Director of MEDIAN, Visiting Professor at the Institute of Environmental Science and Technology of the Autonomous University of Barcelona (ICTA-UAB), Spain

*Meeting Room: Albert I*

- 13:20-13:30 Opening Address  
**Sybille van den Hove**, Director of MEDIAN, Visiting Professor at the Institute of Environmental Science and Technology of the Autonomous University of Barcelona (ICTA-UAB), Spain
- 13:30-13:50 Communication and Outreach – Getting the Right Message to the Right People  
**Telmo Carvalho**, EurOcean Internet Portal, Portugal
- 13:50-14:10 Training the Next Generation of Marine Scientists  
**Jean-Pierre Henriët**, Ghent University, Belgium
- 14:10-14:30 European Marine Research Infrastructures for the next Decade  
**Rudy Herman** (Department of Economy, Science and Innovation of the Flemish Government (EWI), Belgium) & **Hervé Pero**, European Commission, Directorate-General for Research
- 14:30-15:00 **Supporting the Science – Future Look at a New Marine Science Funding Landscape**
- Towards Integrated Marine Research Strategy and Programmes (SEAS-ERA)  
**Joan Albaiges**, Council for Scientific Research (CSIC), Spain
  - Joint Programming Initiative "Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans"  
**Christina Abildgaard**, Deputy Director General, Norwegian Ministry of Fisheries and Coastal Affairs, Norway
  - A Scientist's Perspective  
**Philip Weaver**, National Oceanography Centre (NOC), United Kingdom
- 15:00-15:30 Discussion
- 15:30-16:00 Coffee/tea break  
*Fabiola room & exhibition area*

## **CLOSING SESSION: A CALL FROM THE EUROPEAN MARINE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMUNITY – APPROVAL OF THE OSTEND DECLARATION**

**Session Chair: Edward Hill**, National Oceanography Centre (NOC), United Kingdom

*Meeting Room: Albert I*

16:00-16:10 Presentation of the draft Ostend Declaration

16:10-16:30 Open Discussion on the Ostend Declaration  
EuroOCEAN 2010 Delegates

### **Closing remarks**

16:30-16:50 **Máire Geoghegan Quinn**, European Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science

16:50-17:00 **Sabine Laruelle**, Belgian Federal Minister for SME, Independents, Agriculture and Science Policy

17:00-17:10 Adoption of the Ostend Declaration

17:10-17:25 Conference Achievements and Closing Address  
**Jan Mees**, Vice-Chair, Marine Board-ESF, Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ), Belgium

17:30 EuroOCEAN 2010 Ends

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