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Request for Membership in EuroGOOS

Dear Dr. Nittis,

We would deeply appreciate if you could pass our request for membership to the annual General Meeting of EuroGOOS.

The important part of the research and development topics of our institute, through our unit Marine Biology Station Piran, is connected with oceanography in the Adriatic Sea. By maintaining an important infrastructure we contribute to operational oceanography in this area. Our coastal oceanographic buoy has been continuously operational since 2002. The data from the buoy, named Vida, are offered every half hour to several institutions and also to 'projects' (e.g. MyOcean 2, as well as to the EMODnet - Physics). Certain data from the buoy are also available to the interested public on our internet site.

Our unit also drives the forecast circulation model of the northern Adriatic Sea (NAPOM), which is nested in the Adriatic circulation model (AFS), which is, in turn, nested in the Mediterranean circulation model (MFS) Both MFS and AFS are driven by the INGV forecast center in Bologna.

We collaborate closely with the Slovenian Environment Agency and transfer our information to them.

We have been engaged in several projects dealing with oceanography on the European level (MyOcean and MyOcean2, SeaDataNet, SeaDataNet2, EMODnet - Chemistry), as well as others (HAZADR).

We have several peer-reviewed publications that also attest to the scientific use of our operational 'infrastructure'.

Due to its oceanographic orientation our institute has been a member of Mediterranean organizations of the Global ocean observing systems MedGOOS and MOON since their foundation. These organizations merged into MONGOOS and we have been a member of it as well since its establishment.

Taking all this into consideration we feel that the time has arrived to become members of a European organization that covers operational oceanography. We hope that we are a suitable candidate for membership according to the standards of EuroGOOS.

Many thanks for your consideration,

Sincerely yours,



Prof. Dr. Tamara Lah Turnšek
Director