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**INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION  
(of UNESCO)**

**Celebration Session and Scientific Conference on the occasion of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Opening  
of the IOC Project Office for IODE in Oostende, Belgium  
Provincial Court, Bruges, Belgium, 16 March 2015**

**PROGRAMME AND TIMETABLE**

**09h00-10h00 Registration**

**10h00-11h30 Celebration Session**

**Words of Welcome**

*Mr Peter Pissierssens, Head IOC project Office for IODE*

*Mr Philippe Mettens, Chairman of the Board of Directors of BELSPO*

*Mr Dirk Van Melkebeke, Secretary-General EWI*

*Mr Tijs D'Hoest, Secretary-General of the Flemish Commission for UNESCO,  
Representing the Commission's President Prof Dr M. Vervenne (Honorary Rector  
of the KU Leuven)*

*Mr Carl Decaluwé, Governor Province West-Flanders*

**Virtual visit to the IOC Project Office for IODE**

**Global Access to Ocean Data and Information, Products and Services: IODE**

*Mr Ariel Troisi, IODE Co-Chair*

**Joining Ocean and Atmosphere: JCOMM**

*Dr Savithri Narayanan, former JCOMM Co-President*

*Prof Nadia Pinardi, JCOMM Co-President*

**Flanders' role in, and contributions to the Intergovernmental Oceanographic  
Commission of UNESCO: a success story**

*Dr Vladimir Ryabinin, IOC Executive Secretary*

**Oceanography and the Blue Economy**

*Prof Dr Jan Mees, Director VLIZ*

**11h30-12h30 Reception and visit of exhibition**

*The exhibition will include posters, video displays and hands-on demonstrations of the  
wide range of IODE activities and services. Hosts for each poster/demo will provide  
information to visitors.*

**12h30-14h00 Lunch**

**14h00-17h30 Scientific Conference**  
(coffee 15h30-16h00)

**Keynotes**

(10-15 minutes each)

- 1. New developments in GOOS and their needs from IODE**  
(Mr Patrick Gorringe/ Mr Erik Buch, EuroGOOS)
- 2. Data Management for 21st Century Ocean Research**  
(Ms Cyndy Chandler, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, USA)
- 3. Presentation on OBIS contribution to international processes**  
(Mr Patrick Halpin, Duke University, USA)
- 4. Linking ocean and atmosphere: collaboration between WMO and IOC through JCOMM**  
(Ms Nadia Pinardi, JCOMM Co-President & University of Bologna, Italy)
- 5. The IODE OceanTeacher Global Academy**  
(Ms Lucy Scott, Chair of the SG-OTGA & ASCLME, South Africa)
- 6. Closing the data/information gaps for marine policy – From local to global perspectives**  
(Mr Julian Barbière, IOC/MPR, France)
- 7. Use of ODP at the national level: Argentina's SNDM**  
(Mr Ariel Troisi, Servicio de Hidrografía Naval, Argentina)

**Short Papers**

(5 minutes each)

- 1. Aquatic Climate Change Adaptation Services Program (ACCASP)** (Mr Paul Lyon, DFO, Canada)
- 2. Ocean data management for Ocean Information and Advisory Services** (Mr P. Rama Rao, INCOIS, India)
- 3. International Quality controlled Ocean Database (IQuoD) Initiative** (Mr Toru Suzuki, MIRC, Japan)
- 4. Sea level and temperature rise, predictions up to 2100; case study in Togo, Gulf of Benin, West Africa** (Mr Adoté Blivi, CGILE, Togo)
- 5. The International Coastal Atlas Network (ICAN)** (Ms Lucy Scott, ASCLME, South Africa)
- 6. Mexico's advances on Ocean Data Integration, Product Generation and Ocean Observing Systems** (Mr Carlos Torres Navarrete, UABC, Mexico)
- 7. Copernicus Marine Service – An Introduction** (Ms Sian de Koster, SMHI, Sweden)
- 8. How safe are your data?** (Ms Lesley Rickards, BODC, UK)
- 9. Data for a sustainable future** (Mr Mustapha Mokrane, World Data System, Japan)
- 10. Unlocking the wealth of European marine data: the European Marine Observation and Data Network (EMODnet)** (Mr Jan-Bart Calewaert, EMODnet Secretariat (or alt.))
- 11. 4DEMON - 4 decades of Belgian marine monitoring** (Ms Karien de Cauwer, BMDC, Belgium)

**17h30-18h00 IODE Awards Ceremony**

**18h00-19h00 Closing Reception**