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Associated Meetings

Coastal Observatories: Innovation meets industry



Tuesday 4 April

14.00 – 17.00

Room G1, 6th Floor NOC

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Open to all, this will be an opportunity for end-users of marine observation data to provide input to the managers of coastal observatories on the relevance and impact of different data sets to business activities. Marine environmental data is being generated

by a large number of existing coastal observatories. SMEs can generate commercial products and services based on this data. This workshop is designed to present what data is currently available and learn from the business community and end users which data sets have most relevance and impact in the different business sectors of shipping, ports, metocean forecasting, defence, submarine cables, marine environmental monitoring, deep sea mining, aquaculture, oil and gas exploration and offshore renewable energy operations.

For further information please visit:

➔ www.jerico-ri.eu

The Hydrographic Society AGM



Wednesday 5 April 2017

12.30 – 14.00

Room G2, 6th Floor NOC

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The 13th AGM of The Hydrographic Society UK. All fully paid-up Individual and Corporate Members are invited to attend. Please come along and have your say on the future of the Society.

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➔ www.ths.org.uk

Top US Blue Tech companies to watch in 2017...



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The Maritime Alliance (TMA) has announced an unmissable series of presentations at Ocean Business 2017. Each session will be presented by one of the 17 Top US BlueTech Companies to watch in 2017 (as identified by TMA) with the aim of creating international collaboration. These companies were selected to participate in this year's cohort of the US Maritime Technology Export Initiative, a collaboration between TMA and the International Trade Administration (ITA), part of the US Department of Commerce.

These top small US BlueTech companies have been selected to represent the US Maritime Technology Export Initiative for their innovative technologies and business potential. Each will be attending Ocean Business to build international collaboration and trade by creating

partnerships with buyers and distributors in world markets. They have diverse technology backgrounds, including: aerial drones, ballast water, remotely operated vehicles (ROVs), unmanned surface and underwater vehicles, vertical profiles and more.

The following BlueTech companies among others will be hosting sessions:

- **Aquabotix**, which specialises in smart technology and viewing systems for ROVs
- **Blue Robotics**, which provides components for underwater robotic systems
- **Assure Controls**, with products and services to support ballast water compliance in shipping
- **Del Mar Oceanographic**, which produces the Wirewalker, a vertically profiling system powered by waves
- **Marine Advanced Research**, offering innovative unmanned surface vehicle technology to improve operational efficiency
- **Plank Aerosystems**, a developer of fully autonomous aerial drones for the commercial maritime industry.

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Building capacity in Ocean Science Education



Wednesday 5 April 2017

15.00 – 17.00

Room G2, 6th Floor NOC

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The 'blue' economy in the EU represents 5.4 million jobs and generates a gross added value of €500 billion a year. Blue growth is expected to further enhance these opportunities in sectors such as aquaculture, blue biotechnology and offshore renewables to name a view.

Blue growth has to take place within the context of achieving SDG-14, conservation of oceans and seas. Are we producing the right numbers of individuals with the right levels of skills to enable blue growth to occur in a sustainable fashion? Results from the workshop will be assimilated into a wider IMarEST report on skills in the blue economy.

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