



The conference programme at Oceanology International 2016 featured an impressive line-up of specialist speakers and attracted thousands of industry professionals

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OI London: Oceanology International Issues Final Call for Speakers to Complete World-Class 2018 Conference Line-Up

- Deadline for submission of abstracts from industry leaders is Friday 15 September

- Oceanology International 2018 takes place 13-15 March, London, ExCeL

Oceanology International 2018, the world's premier event for marine science and ocean technology, has issued a public call for abstracts by Friday 15 September 2017 for the opportunity of inclusion in its prestigious technical conference programme line-up of speakers.

Technologists, scientists, engineers and experts in their field are invited to submit a 300-word proposal on a variety of topical specialist subjects which reflect the conference's series of 11 free-to-attend technical tracks chaired by a prominent list of industry leaders already confirmed for next year's event from 13 to 15 March at ExCeL London.

Speakers selected to headline the 3-day conference will be able to showcase their knowledge amongst more than 7,500 marine professionals, government and academia from around the world and raise their company profile to an audience including a diverse range of end user technology buyers.

Reflecting the diverse spectrum of scientific and industrial stakeholders attending and to meet the changing needs of the community, Oceanology International is introducing new topics within its conference programme next year with: The addition of the Underwater Imaging and Metrology track; A stronger focus on sensor technology in the Ocean Observation and Sensing track; and a look at the technologies driving operational and cost efficiencies for the offshore oil and gas sector in the Oil & Gas track.

Papers are welcomed on a further new technical track, Ocean Information and Communications Technology, which will be a highlight of the 2018 conference programme in line with the inaugural Ocean ICT Expo, launched as a part of Oceanology International to meet the growing demand and interest in the cutting-edge of marine and ocean IT, communications, satellite and data solutions. Submissions in this area should focus on the technology required to acquire and safely transmit data offshore as well as analysis of managing, analysing and storing large data bases for both real time feedback into projects or for future use.

Papers will also be considered on returning topics including: Unmanned Vehicles and Vessels; Hydrography, Geophysics and Geotechnics; Navigation and Positioning; Ocean Observation & Sensing; Monitoring Structural Integrity; Marine Renewables; Aquaculture.

The content of the abstracts can range from explanations of new

developments and applications to sharing user experiences. The chairmen will review all submissions during October before confirming the speakers and making keynote invitations, with the full programme details available in November.

Bringing together the latest technologies and thought leaders worldwide, the Oceanology International event offers the world's leading forum where industry, academia and government share knowledge and connect with the marine science and ocean technology communities, helping organisations reach buyers from key market regions and sectors worldwide.

Next year's 47th edition of the world-class Oceanology International exhibition and conference will build on the 2016 event which hosted 520 exhibitors, with a total attendance of almost 14,000 and 80 countries represented.

In addition to the Exhibition, Technical Programme and the Ocean ICT Expo, Oceanology International 2018 is exclusively home to the new Business Leaders Summit, which takes place on 13 March and the future-looking Catch the Next Wave conference on 15 March respectively. Held the day before Oceanology International in previous years, the Catch the Next Wave conference will be run in association with The Explorers Club and will focus on disruptive technologies enabling exploration.

The free-to-attend show floor Investment, Trade & Innovation theatre returns in 2018, providing information on routes to funding, international initiatives and cluster groups fostering marine technology transfer and growth, as well as technology developments from exhibitors, and talks from international and local trade bodies.

Vessels and dockside demonstrations of equipment will once again be a popular feature at the next Oceanology International.

The full descriptions for each track and submission guidelines can be found at www.oceanologyinternational.com.

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About the Oceanology International Portfolio

The Oceanology International portfolio of events offer a global forum where industry, academia and government share knowledge and connect with the marine technology and ocean science community, improving their strategies for measuring, exploiting, protecting and operating in the world's oceans. First established in 1969, the flagship event in London features the world's largest exhibition for marine science and technology, multiple agenda-setting technical conferences, and a visiting vessels and waterside demonstration program.

The Oceanology International portfolio includes:

- **Oceanology International China:** Developed with government and industry associations, Oceanology International China provides organizations with the opportunity to capitalize on China's rapidly growing offshore energy and marine industries. With 215 exhibitors from 20 different countries, more than 5000 domestic and overseas professional attendees from 32 different countries and regions were attracted to OI China 2015. OI China 2017 (1-3 November) is excited to announce a move to Qingdao. Qingdao is the largest city in eastern Shandong Province on the east coast of China, the wealthiest city in Shandong Province, a demonstration area for marine ecology protection and a pilot city for marine technology and has key economic links with Ontario & British Columbia, Canada.
www.oichina.com.cn/en
- **Oceanology International:** Oceanology International is the leading conference and exhibition dedicated to serving all professionals working in the global ocean science and marine technology sector. The first Oceanology International was held in Brighton, in 1970. Today, its home is at ExCeL London. The OI2016 exhibition was the largest ever in the show's 47-year history with over 8,500m² occupied by 520 exhibiting companies from 33 countries. www.oceanologyinternational.com
- **Catch the Next Wave conference:** Now in its fifth edition, Catch the Next Wave is an exclusive conference taking place alongside or as part of Oceanology International events globally. The most recent program in London took place at the prestigious Royal Institution, and the North American edition will form part of the OINA conference program on February 16th 2017. The event takes a longer-term view of the capabilities that will shape our future ability to explore, understand, exploit and protect the oceans. Catch the Next Wave 2018 is taking place alongside Oceanology International 2018 This one day programme (Thursday 15 March) will explore the future of disruptive exploratory technology and consider opportunities for technology transfer from outside the marine industry and is run in association with The Explorers Club.
www.ctnwconference.com
- **Oceanology International North America** (February 14-16 2017, San Diego Convention Center, USA): The successful launch event of the biennial series took place in 2017.
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