



Oceanology International conference chair Ralph Rayner

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World-class speakers announced for Oceanology International conference

London UK – March 2nd 2022 – Worldwide thought leaders from multiple fields of ocean science and technology will gather at Oceanology International's (Oi) Technical Conference, running at London's ExCel centre from 15-17 March 2022.

The Technical Conference is the world-leading, high-level marine science and ocean technology conference that runs across the full three days of the show. The show organisers RX Global have worked with industry to source

influential, engaging speakers who will showcase the latest advancements in offshore subsea operations and technologies to ensure conference attendees remain in the vanguard of the latest insights and information.

Confirmed speakers for Oi 2022 include Claire Jolly, Head of Unit in the Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation at the OECD; Kendra MacDonald, CEO at Canada's Ocean Supercluster; Victor Vescovo of Insight Equity; Patrick Lahey of Triton Submarines; Andrew Hodgson, Chairman of the Global Underwater Hub; Andy Barwise, Principal Geotechnical Engineer at RWE; Professor Ed Hill, CEO at the National Oceanography Centre; Peer Fietzek, Senior Business Development Manager, Ocean Science, at Kongsberg Maritime; and Pawel Michalak, Fugro's Global Director of Innovation, to name just a few.

Ralph Rayner has been visiting Oi since 1978 and has chaired its conference for more than a decade. He predicts that the threat of climate change and ever stronger calls for a more viable blue economy will make this year's conference chime with broader international concerns more than ever before.

"We've got some very high-level speakers this year, and as we're in a time of huge transition in ocean science and technology there will be some searching questions to ask of them. The ocean community must deliver the capability to translate all the new data that rapidly developing technologies are delivering into the information and knowledge needed to support a sustainable ocean economy and help us to address pressing societal challenges such as climate change, energy and food security.

"The Oceanology International 2022 exhibition and conference is your opportunity to gain an understanding of the latest trends in the technology enabling the collection of ocean data and the use of the resulting ocean information and knowledge to help deliver a more sustainable and equitable world."

The conference keynote speaker is the United States Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere & National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Administrator **Dr. Rick Spinrad**.

NOAA plays a key role in the United States' efforts to tackle the climate crisis. This includes helping to grow the New Blue Economy which leverages NOAA's data and knowledge of the ocean and climate to drive sustainable

economic development and deliver world-class data, products and services that inform climate-smart decision-making.

Dr. Spinrad emphasizes the importance of strengthening innovative partnerships to achieve these goals: *“The New Blue Economy offers opportunities for equitable and sustainable, climate-smart innovation, economic growth, and expanded partnerships to meet this extraordinary moment. The ocean science and technology community has a key role to play in developing new tools to understand our blue planet, spur sustainable economic development, and advance environmental stewardship.”*

Oi’s Exhibition Director David Ince agrees: *“We are delighted that Dr. Spinrad will join us as a keynote speaker. NOAA is a fundamental player in the international ocean science community and will help to map out the future direction for Oceanology International; and I hope our visitors and attendees are excited as I am to hear Dr. Spinrad’s thoughts on the New Blue Economy.”*

The Conference kicks off at 10AM on 15th March in the Ocean Futures Theatre with a panel session on ‘The New Blue Economy’ setting the overarching theme for a packed three days of conference sessions.

The Oceanology International Technical Conference is free to attend for all registered Oi attendees.

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Oceanology International is the world's leading marine science and ocean technology exhibition and conference. Beginning its journey in the UK in 1969, Oi has established itself as a truly global portfolio, with events running in London, San Diego, Shanghai and Abu Dhabi.

Oceanology International offers a series of global and regional forums where industry, academia and government share knowledge and connect with the marine technology and ocean science community, improving their strategies for exploring, monitoring, developing and protecting the world's oceans.

The Oceanology International portfolio includes:

- **Oceanology International - London: Oceanology International is the world's largest exhibition and conference dedicated to serving all professionals working in the global marine science and ocean technology sector. The first Oceanology International was held in Brighton, in 1970. Today, its home is at ExCeL London.**
www.oceanologyinternational.com

- **Oceanology International Americas - San Diego: Returning to the thriving US blue economy hub of San Diego, Oi Americas is a growing regional showcase of technology solutions and services with an expected audience of 2,750 attendees from 30+ countries. www.oceanologyinternationalamericas.com**
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