Evolving and Sustaining Ocean Best Practices IV
OBPS Workshop 2020
18; 21-25 & 30 Sep 2020 (Online)
(01 Sep, 2020 version)

Workshop Summary
This workshop engages the ocean research and applications community on the creation and use of best practices. It draws on the experience of Ocean Best Practices System (OBPS) user groups and stakeholders on how the system should evolve to better fulfill its vision and mission with respect to their community’s needs. The workshop will produce a set of documents on community-specific and general recommendations for OBPS development and expanded community engagement.

Due to the current environment, the workshop is a web-based “virtual” meeting. This has allowed a format for broader global participation. Community engagement is the key goal of this meeting and working groups dominate the agenda.

The programme consists of a plenary on 18 September to provide background and kick off the working groups. The self-organized working groups meet sometime(s) during the span of September 21-24 as determined by the working group lead/participants. The second plenary on September 25 is a series of discussions around the reports of the working groups and their recommendations. These recommendations will be integrated into a multi-year plan and presented at the final “mini-plenary” on September 30. The second plenary and mini-plenary will have two instances to accommodate time zones of our global participants.

Framework of Workshop Sessions

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ECOP = Early Career Ocean Professionals
P = Plenary; WG/CCT = Community Consultation (CC) and Cross-cutting Themes (CCT)
Working Groups, The CC and CCT WG meetings may occur any time during the four day period indicated.
# Agenda

**18 Sep: Plenary 1 (4.5 Hours)**

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| **Main Room 18.00 UTC 20 mins** | **Introduction**  
*Background and Capabilities of OBPS*  
Presentation | Johannes Karstensen  
Jay Pearlman |
| **Main Room 18.20 UTC 40 mins** | **Discussion:**  
*Decade Implementation with respect to Best Practices (and an action plan for us)* | Lead: Elva Escobar  
Co-lead: Fangli Qiao |
| **19.00 UTC 10 mins** | **Transition to BREAKOUT Sessions** | |
| **19.10 UTC 60 mins** | **BREAKOUTS**  
*Cross-cutting Theme and Community Consultation Working Groups*  
(breakout discussions will start from white papers distributed prior to the workshop) | |

## Cross-cutting Themes

**Room 2**  
*Convergence of methods and endorsement of best practices*  
Lead: Juliet Hermes  
Co-lead: Johannes Karstensen  
Co-lead: Jordan van Stavel*  
Co-lead: Rebecca Ziltoun*

**Room 3**  
*Developing training and guidance materials as well as mechanisms for the submission (to the OBPS) and use of OBPS best practices*  
Lead: Johanna Diwa  
Co-lead: Peter Pissierssens  
Co-lead: Sheri Rahman Schwartz*  
Co-lead: Abbie Akinyi Allefa*

**Room 4**  
*Data and information management: towards globally scalable interoperability*  
Lead: Pier Luigi Buttigieg  
Co-lead: TBA  
Co-lead: Cem Serimozu*

**Room 5**  
*Ethics and best practices for ocean observing and applications*  
Lead: Michele Barbier  
Co-lead: Frederick Whoriskey  
Co-lead: Tobias Hahn  
Co-lead: Mackenzie Mazur*

**Room 6**  
*Ocean Uncertainty Quantification*  
Lead: Mark Bushnell  
Co-lead: Donata Giglio  
Co-lead: Christoph Waldmann  
Co-lead: Regina Easley  
Co-lead: Kimberlee Baldry*
| Room 7 | Ocean Partnership Building | Lead: Andrea McCurdy  
Co-lead: Jon White  
Co-lead: Maya C. Delaney*  
Co-lead: Nelly Isigi Kadagi* |
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| Room 8 | Fisheries                 | Lead: Peter Haugan  
Co-lead: Cisco Werner  
Co-lead: Marino-O-Te-Au Wichman*  
Co-lead: Eurico Pereira Morais* |
| Room 9 | Sargassum                 | Lead: Emily Smail  
Co-lead: Cesar Toro  
Co-lead: Shelly-Ann Cox* |
| Room 10| Marine Litter/Plastics    | Lead: Artur Palacz  
Co-lead: Rene Garello  
Co-lead: Ngozi Margaret Oguguah*  
Co-lead: Frolence Jovinary Peter* |
| Room 11| Surface Radiation         | Lead: Meghan Cronin  
Co-lead: Elizabeth Thompson  
Co-lead: Maria Teresa Guerra* |
| Room 12| Omics/eDNA                | Lead: Neil Davies  
Co-lead: Kathleen Pitz  
Co-lead: Robyn Mairin Samuel*  
Co-lead: Raissa Meyer* |
| 20.10 UTC | 20 mins               | BREAK |
| Main Room | CC & CCT WGs Presentations (3 minutes each) | Moderator and WG Leads |
| Main Room | Discussion on WG reports, integration across WG inputs and other things | Moderator: Emma Heslop |
| 5 minutes | Close | |

* indicates ECOP co-lead

**21-24 Sep: CC/CCT WGs online working sessions**  
(detailed session schedule to be defined by Leads and working group members)
25 Sep: Plenary 2: (4 Hours)

There are two instances of Plenary 2 to accommodate global participation. Discussions will cover working group recommendations and participant interventions.

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<td>Panel of WG leads/delegates (1 panel for each time zone instance)</td>
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30 Sep: Mini-Plenary (2 Hours)

There are two time instances of the Mini-Plenary to accommodate global participation.

The Workshop Committee will present a synthesis of the collected Working Group documents, stressing the resonance across Working Group recommendations considering areas of key strategic focus. Discussions cover synthesized Working Group recommendations, interventions, and answers to questions.

The outcome of the Workshop is a Final Report on Recommendations and Synthesis for community development of best practices and strategy for OBPS.
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| **Main Room**
15:00 UTC
45 mins | **Main Room**
02:00 UTC
45 mins | *Information and feedback session on WG and CCT report synthesis* | *Instance 1*
Moderator: Albert Fischer
*Instance 2*
Moderator: TBA |
| 70 minutes | 70 minutes | *Consensus for priorities for three year planning* | *Instance 1*
Moderator: TBA
*Instance 2*
Moderator: TBA |
| 5 minutes | 5 minutes | *Close* | |

**Registration is open!** Please register [HERE](#) using a gmail account. Registration will be required to participate in the OBPS Workshop IV. There is no registration fee. Please note due to unanticipated popularity registration will be closed Sunday 13 Sep 2020 @ 12 Noon UTC.

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Images of presenters, workshop group photographs, list of participants names and presentations and a workshop recording will be included in the proceedings and/or made available on the web; by registering for this workshop you grant the OBPS Workshop IV Organizers permission to do this.

**The OBPS Workshop IV Code of Conduct**

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