

Oceanology International 2016 Programme Outline Available

The 'what and when' of the Oceanology International 2016 (OI 2016, 15-17 March 2016, ExCeL London, UK) conference programme has been announced, with ten separate conferences creating a topical and relevant programme over the three days at the ocean science and marine technology exhibition and conference.

Event director Jonathan Heastie of Reed Exhibitions expects a flying start of [Oceanology International 2016](#) on Tuesday 15 March with day-long conferences on Ocean Observing Systems: Marine technology and services sector role in the Blue Economy; Positioning & Metrology; Marine Renewables; and a half day devoted to Green Shipping. On Wednesday 16 March, the programme shows a full day on What's next for ageing offshore assets (for the offshore oil and gas industry); Monitoring Structural Integrity: Understanding risk and reliability; Handling Big Data; and Aquaculture. Thursday's (17 March) day-long conferences feature Hydrography, Geophysics and Geotechnics; and the Unmanned Vehicles and Vessels Showcase. The full programmes for each conference will be available by mid-December. Registration for OI 2016 will open early December and admission to both the exhibition and conference is, as ever, free of charge to all with a business/professional interest in the wide range of topics.

Show Floor Theatre

In the show floor theatre, Near and Far Markets, 'international trading' sessions, will be a feature throughout the show. The organisers are looking forward to announcing other events in that theatre, expanding the programme of associated events and networking opportunities; and details on visiting vessels and waterside demonstrations before long.

Careers Day

On Thursday 17 March 2016, OI will host 'Careers Day' welcoming graduates and undergraduates from universities around the country to find out about the opportunities open to them in ocean science and marine technology.

Fiberpro, FMC Schilling Robotics, Fugro, Geosoft, GeoXYZ, iXBlue, Keller, SMD, and Teledyne are sponsors of a variety of event features, with other opportunities still available; also exhibit space continues to sell like proverbial 'hot cakes'. Over 8,000m² has been sold to organisations from 32 countries making it the largest OI in its long and distinguished history; there are fewer than 30 stands now available. The organisers are working with exhibitors to ensure they make valuable business connections, and can use OI to grow their businesses.

There are Canadian, French, German, Irish, Dutch and US national group stands at OI 2016, as well as a diving pavilion; and individual exhibitors come from Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Malta, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, UAE, UK and the USA.

OI 2016 is staged in partnership with the SUT and with The Hydrographic Society UK; the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science & Technology (IMarEST); the International Marine Contractors Association (IMCA); the Marine Technology Society (MTS); and the Society of Maritime Industries (SMI) as endorsing organisations.

Image: Impression of Oceanology International 2014. Image courtesy: Trevor Smeaton