

Final Call for Speakers for OI2018



[Oceanology International 2018](#), taking place from 13-15 March 2018 in the ExCeL Centre, London, UK, has issued a [public call for abstracts](#) by Friday 15 September 2017 for the opportunity of inclusion in its 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.

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.

New Topics and a New Track

Oceanology International is introducing new topics within its conference programme by adding 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 is in line with the inaugural Ocean ICT Expo, launched to meet the growing demand and interest in 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.

Business Leaders Summit

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.

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.