

Keynotes Confirmed for OI China 2013



The inaugural Oceanology International China exhibition and conference being held in Shanghai from 3 to 5 September 2013 will get off to a flying start with a plenary session on the morning of Tuesday 3 September. This session, chaired by professor Ralph Rayner, sector director Energy and Environment, BMT Group and chairman, Sonardyne International, includes confirmed keynote speakers such as Captain Don Walsh, USN (Retired), International Maritime and honorary president, The Explorers Club; Dr Bernard Montaron, director, Schlumberger China Petroleum Institute (image); and professor Weicheng Cui, research professor and dean, Hadal Science and Technology Research Centre, Shanghai Ocean University.

The organisers are bringing together two keynote speakers who share a practical interest in hadal zone exploration. In 1960 Don Walsh, with Jacques Piccard, dived in *Trieste* to the deepest place in the world ocean – 35,840 ft in the Mariana Trench, and his interest continues to this day, and Professor Cui is involved with the current *Jiaolong* deep manned submersible project. Dr Montaron is expected to be a speaker who will impress on the audience the key role oceanology plays in offshore oil and gas exploration and production.

The conference is [free to attend](#) for all involved with marine technology and ocean science who aim to improve their strategies for measuring, exploiting, protecting and operating in the world's oceans.

The afternoon of Tuesday 3 September has been allocated for exhibition visits – over 85% of the [exhibition space](#) has been sold to over 150 companies from 20 countries, including United Kingdom, United States and British Columbia (Canada) pavilions.

The event stays open throughout the three days; and Wednesday 4 September is a particularly busy conference day, with a full day of sessions devoted to Ocean Observation Systems and Instrumentation (chaired by Professor Ralph Rayner); and similarly a full day devoted to Underwater Vehicle Technology (chaired by Ian Gallett, Business Development Manager, Society for Underwater Technology). Thursday's conference session will be devoted to Offshore Survey and Geophysics.

The full programmes for all the technology sessions will be available within the next two weeks.

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