

Oceanology International 2016 Call For Papers Deadline Approaches



The countdown is on for submissions to the call for abstracts for Oceanology International 2016 which is to take place in the ExCeL Centre, London, UK, from 15-17 March 2016. The deadline for 300-word abstracts for the eleven conference streams is Friday 28 August 2015.

[Oceanology International 2016](#) aims to meet the changing needs and interests of the community that it serves, according to conference chair Ralph Rayner. As well as the regular conference strands on unmanned vehicles and vessels; ocean observing systems; positioning and metrology; hydrography; geophysics and geotechnics; marine renewables, which has played a role for several events now; and aquaculture, which made its appearance for the first time at the last show in 2014, there will be some new topics and

features.

New topics

At next year's event a duo of topics seriously acknowledge falling energy prices, with one exploring issues associated with removal, life extension or reuse of offshore assets; and the second, the contribution of monitoring of structures to risk reduction and improved reliability.

'Handling Big Data' and 'Green Shipping' also make their inaugural appearances at Oceanology International 2016. Another new entrant is 'Near and Far Markets', an 'international trading' session for attending organisations who are looking to build their export potential. This will involve trade commissions and regional trade & industry groups and the organisers consider this as an ideal session for an international event that in 2014 boasted attendance of 8,400 from 82 countries. [Full details on all aspects of the Call for Abstracts](#) is online.

Exhibition Shaping Up

Meanwhile, the exhibition is shaping up with individual exhibitors from many countries of whom Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands and the USA have also country pavilions. Event director Jonathan Heasty mentions that the main remotely operated system (ROV) manufacturers, offshore survey companies, oceanographic specialists, marine equipment and maritime security suppliers who make up our traditional base of exhibitors are committed to being represented on the show floor.

Vessels and dock side demonstrations of equipment will be featured and networking will play an important role.

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