

Offshore Survey 2015 Launches Conference Programme

The Offshore Survey Committee is delighted to reveal the programme for its fifth conference which is to take place from 15-16 April 2015, alongside Ocean Business at the National Oceanography Centre in Southampton, UK.

The technical committee has developed a high-powered programme which covers timely issues for the offshore industry. With 20 papers to be presented over the two days, the organisers are convinced there will be something for everyone in the five sessions covering: Hydrographic and Seabed Survey; Data Processing and Visualisation; Industry and Professional Issues; Subsea Positioning and Survey Operations.

Conference chairman, Ed Danson, explains that they are thrilled to have attracted some of the industry's leading presenters. Over 70 abstracts were submitted and the quality was so high that it was a challenging task for the technical committee to whittle down to just 20 papers.

The conference will be opening to an unmissable keynote presentation from Rafael Ponce, Global Maritime Business Development manager at Esri, who will be talking about the future of GIS and how this could transform the offshore industry. Covering Big Data, 'Internet of Things' and web GIS, Mr Ponce will show how these can become the nervous system of the world to measure and understand more about the way we do business in the Oceans.

Other sessions include up-to-the-minute information about the AUV search operations for the missing Malaysia Airlines jet MH370. Presented by Chris Moore, AUV programme manager of Phoenix International, the talk will focus on Phoenix's underwater search which covered over 860 square kilometres of seafloor, working at depths of up to 5005 metres while diving for periods of over 27 hours. This will be followed by talks which further demonstrate the technological breakthroughs that the industry has made in the past 12 months; from imaging and data to positioning and navigation, as well as professional issues. Offshore Survey will continue its reputation for providing a mix of global technology and business from all corners of the industry. The full programme can be viewed at the [Offshore Survey conference website](#).

One of the key factors of Offshore Survey is that it runs alongside the [Ocean Business exhibition](#), which provides a mix of technology and business for the delegates. As in previous years, the show will include a full three-day programme of hands-on training and demonstration sessions, enabling buyers to actually test drive equipment before purchasing. Ocean Careers will also run over the three days to provide advice on career opportunities within the ocean technology, marine science and offshore industries. The combined events bring a lively social programme, culminating in a gala dinner, held at the O2 Guildhall Southampton on Wednesday 15 April.

Delegates are advised to [register in advance online](#).

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