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A Belgian EU Presidency event, organised in close collaboration with the European Commission and the Marine Board-ESF

The EurOCEAN 2010 conference

- **Considering, discussing and responding to new policy developments and achievements** since the last EurOCEAN conference (Aberdeen, 2007)
- **Highlighting new challenges and opportunities** for marine research in the next decade
- **Reinforcing the importance of marine science** in effective maritime policy making
- **Promotion of agreed science priorities and support mechanisms** to ensure that future marine research challenges and opportunities are properly addressed at national and European level

A key objective of the EurOCEAN 2010 Conference will be to agree and adopt an “Ostend Declaration”. The Declaration should represent a consensus view of the EurOCEAN 2010 participants, reflecting that of the European marine science community.



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PROGRAMME OVERVIEW*

Science and the Sea: lessons for the road ahead

- Global Science Programmes – 50 Years of the International Oceanographic Commission (IOC)
- From Aberdeen to Ostend – Progress in Marine and Maritime Science Policy
- Marine Science Contribution to Society and Industry
- Science driving a better Maritime Governance

Marine Science 2020: grand challenges and opportunities for the next decade

- Keynote Address – Marine Science Grand Challenges, Opportunities and Emerging Technologies
- The Role of Oceans in the Earth and Climate System
- Creating a Better Understanding of Marine Ecosystem Functioning
- The Oceans and Human Health
- A Deeper Knowledge – Discovery and Exploration of the Deep Sea Frontier
- Maritime Spatial Planning – Towards Safe and Sustainable Use of Maritime Space
- Sustainable Harvest of Biotic Ocean Resources
- Charting a Course – Maritime Transport Research Priorities
- Harnessing Renewable Energy from the Sea
- Blue Biotechnology – New Opportunities for Europe

Essential Baselines:

- *Real-time, Long-term Integrated Observations of European Seas for Monitoring and Research*
- *A Seabed and Habitat Map of Europe*

Securing Capacity and Impact: towards a competitive European marine Research Area

- Communication and Outreach – Getting the Right Message to the Right People
- Training the Next Generation of Marine Scientists
- A Question of Scale – The Regional Science Approach
- Marine Research Infrastructures for the next Decade
- Supporting the Science – Future Look at a New Marine Science Funding Landscape

A Call from the Marine Science Community: approval of the Ostend Declaration

* Provisional Programme subject to confirmation

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