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Launch of the *World Ocean Review*; Report Hamburg, Germany 18 November 2010

maribus gGmbH; “The Future Ocean” and the International Ocean Institute

On Thursday, 18 November 2010, the first “World Ocean Review” (WOR) was presented to the public with the motto, “Living with the oceans.”

The press conference, with the subsequent panel discussion, is the first step toward further raising public awareness of the critical condition of the world ocean. Nikolaus Gelpke, project initiator and publisher of *mare*, and Prof. Dr Martin Visbeck, spokesman for the Kiel Cluster of Excellence “The Future Ocean”, both spoke at the press conference. Afterwards, Nikolaus Gelpke and Professor Martin Visbeck had a discussion with Paul F. Nemitz, Head of Unit, Maritime Development and Coordination, European

Commission, and with the actor and dedicated book author Hannes Jaenicke, under the moderation of Gerald Traufetter of “Der Spiegel.”

Left: Nikolaus Gelpke, managing director of maribus gGmbH and marevelag publisher and Martin Visbeck, chairman Cluster of Excellence “The Future Ocean” during the press conference on the occasion of the publication of the “World Ocean Review” (WOR).





“World Ocean Review” is published by maribus gGmbH, a non-profit company founded by the publishing house *mareverlag* in 2008 and is a cooperation between the partners - “The Future Ocean” and the **International Ocean Institute**. For this first WOR, published in 2010, the authors have presented generally accepted scientific knowledge from their specialist fields of research. Most of the authors are engaged in interdisciplinary research in the Cluster of Excellence “The Future Ocean”, which investigates aspects of ocean change. <http://worldoceanreview.com/en/authors/>. Downloads of the articles are available in English from <http://worldoceanreview.com/en> and in the original German from <http://worldoceanreview.com/>; sample chapter titles are available below.

- *The oceans, the engine of global climate*
- *How climate change alters the chemistry of the seas*
- *The uncertain future of coastal areas*
- *Terminus Ocean - from the pollution of the seas*
- *Impacts of climate change on the marine ecosystem*
- *From the exploitation of living resources - fishing*
- *Natural resources and energy from the sea*
- *The sea - global transport*
- *Medical knowledge from the sea*
- *The International Law of the Sea - a potent set of rules*



Above: The cover of the first World Ocean Review publication. (Credited to the <http://worldoceanreview.com/en/press/>).



Training Programme on Regional Ocean Governance for Mediterranean and Eastern European Countries: Report Malta - 14th November – 17th December 2010

organised by the
International Ocean Institute, in collaboration with the **IOI-Malta Operational Centre**
and accredited by the **University of Malta**

The IOI’s 5-week Training Programme builds upon the more than 30 years experience of the International Ocean Institute in conducting training and capacity building programmes in ocean governance. Organised for the sixth year running, the Programme focuses on the governance of the Mediterranean, Black, Baltic and Caspian Seas through inter-regional comparisons and experiences, and promotion of exchanges between participants from countries surrounding these seas with their diversity of experiences and realities.



The latest training programme was successfully held in Malta in November and December 2010. It was attended by 18 participants from 15 countries surrounding the regional seas – Astrakhan, Egypt, Estonia, IR Iran, Kazakhstan, Malta, Montenegro, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Turkmenistan and Ukraine, as well as observers from Australia, China and Thailand – having different experiences and backgrounds in marine-related management, science, operational and policy undertakings. The faculty was composed of a diverse selection of experts in topical matters coming from leading institutions and organisations working on regional seas issues from countries around the areas under study.

As well as traditional lectures, the course programme included field trips and a number of hands-on projects where the participants were expected to apply their knowledge to specific scenarios. Simulation sessions, role playing games in maritime spatial planning and mock-ministerial meetings all allowed the class to use their new knowledge and experience the multidisciplinary approach to decision making in marine and maritime matters.

The essence of the course were the sessions dedicated to the participants' preparation of regional ocean policy frameworks by the Mediterranean, Black, Caspian and Baltic Seas groups to build upon the concept of national, regional and inter-regional policy development for a shared, integrated and common approach to ocean management. During the training course specialised sessions were provided on **Maritime Spatial Planning** (supported by the Lighthouse Foundation), the **EU Integrated Maritime Policy** (supported by the Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries at the European Commission) and **Migration as a Response to Environmental Impacts and Vulnerability Assessment and Disaster Risk** (supported by the United Nations University, Institute for Environment and Human Security).



Above: Class of 2010; Credit: Dr Cherdasak Virapat

The organisers would like to thank the **Ocean Science and Research Foundation**, the **Lighthouse Foundation**, the **Caspian Environment Programme (CASPECO)**, **Art Ambition**, the **European Commission**, the **United Nations University/EHS**, and the **Special unit for South South Cooperation /UNDP** for sponsorships, support of the course and contributing towards its success.

Special Ceremony to Award the EMB Medal to Prof Salvino Busuttil
During the Closing Ceremony of the Regional Ocean Governance Programme
Malta - 17th December 2010

Professor Salvino Busuttil was awarded, during PIMXXXIII, the Elisabeth Mann Borgese Medal in recognition of his sterling service and tireless support to the International Ocean Institute from its foundation, as a member of the Institute's Governing Board and the IOI Host Country Representative since 2004. Since the medal was awarded *in absentia* and collected in his name by Mr Ranier Fsadni, present in Beijing to give the Arvid Pardo Memorial lecture, it was considered fitting to honour Professor Busuttil with an official recognition of his role in the success of IOI and the Training Programme.

After a brief address of praise and thanks, Dr Awni Behnam invited Mr Fsadni to officially hand over the EMB Medal to Professor Busuttil and thus to complete and give a fitting culmination to a collaboration begun many years earlier with Professor Busuttil's early friendship and support of Elisabeth Mann Borgese and the IOI in Malta.

Right: Prof Busuttil during the ceremony. Photo Credit Dr Cherdasak Virapat



Pacem in Maribus (PIMXXXIII) Conference Report
September 2010

Organised by:

The State Oceanic Administration, People's Republic of China; the International Ocean Institute and the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO

Pacem in Maribus XXXIII

Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the UNESCO/IOC

International Conference on **Oceans, Climate Change & Sustainable Development:**
Challenges to Oceans & Coastal Cities

2-4 September 2010 - Beijing, People's Republic of China

PIMXXXIII gathered about 300 participants in Beijing, People's Republic of China to discuss Oceans, Climate Change & Sustainable Development especially in the light of the Challenges to Oceans & Coastal Cities, another theme of the Conference was the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the UNESCO/IOC.



PIMXXXIII, titled “Oceans, Climate Change and Sustainable Development: Challenges to Oceans and Coastal Cities”, provided a forum for intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, governments, as well as scientists and experts to address the challenges to oceans and coastal cities, to explore scientific understanding of the impacts on and of the ocean, to discuss policies on the use and protection of the oceans in supporting economic development, to identify measures for adaptation and mitigation efforts, to share experiences and best practices in order to make better and more livable coastal cities, and also to advance ocean science..... *Continues on <http://www.ioinst.org/>.*

The PIMXXXIII Conference Declaration is attached with this IOInforma for your perusal.

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
THE FUTURE CHALLENGES TO COASTAL CITIES – Shanghai
6-7 September 2010**

Organised by:

by IOI, the State Ocean Administration of China (SOA) and the Shanghai Maritime University

PIMXXXIII in Beijing was followed by a conference held in Shanghai, PR China, which took up the topics explored in PIMXXXIII and completed the endeavours of PIMXXXIII. The **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE CHALLENGES TO COASTAL CITIES** was co-organised by IOI, the State Ocean Administration of China (SOA) and the Shanghai Maritime University, host institute for the IOI Focal Point in Shanghai....*Continues on <http://www.ioinst.org/>.*

Please visit <http://www.ioinst.org/> for a full report of the PIMXXXIII Conference and the Shanghai Conference and for the PIMXXXIII Conference Documents.
Alternatively, please email IOI on ioihq@ioihq.org.mt for more information.

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Pacem in Maribus XXXIII & Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the UNESCO/IOC



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