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ABSTRACT

The IOC Ocean Best Practices System Steering Group (SG-OBPS) meets annually at a face-to-face/hybrid/online meeting. During the intervening months the SG-OBPS meets monthly online.

This report is the record of the online meeting for 14 Sep 2022

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ANNEX 1 - LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

1. Opening of the meeting

Jay Pearlman (Co-Chair SG-OBPS) introduced the meeting by explaining that this SG was the quarterly scheduled SG Panel Session with an agenda to introduce the newly-appointed OceanPractices/OBPS Ambassadors. Also invited as guests, was the team who will be initially working with the Ambassadors with particular focus on communications. A complete list of the meeting participants is shown in Annex I.. Apologies were received from Johannes Karstensen, Ana Lara Lopez; Rebecca Zitourn, Peter Pissierssens and Rachel Przeslawski. All participants agreed the session should be recorded (see link to recording below). The recording was started after the first presentation due to logistic issues.

2. Panel Session:

Moderator: Jay Pearlman (in Rebecca and Cora's absence)

This Panel was an opportunity for the successful applicants to the OceanPractices/OBPS Ambassador Programme to meet and discuss their backgrounds, interests and what they will be bringing to the programme. They will also meet for a 'kickoff' meeting with the Ambassador Programme leads on Wed 21 Sep 2022.

Four of the five Ambassadors able to be present took the opportunity to make presentations which provided an excellent introduction to their own work and research.

Josephine Edwards, Lady Marine Consultancy Firm, Namibia, Africa

Sundar Ranganathan, Ocean Observation Systems, NIOT, India

Talen Rimmer, University of Victoria, Canada

Carlotta Santolini, IUSS Pavia University of Applied Sciences, Italy

A presentation was also provided by Zahor Mwalim Khalfan who is a volunteer ECOP Focal Point for the OceanPractices Community of Practice, working together with Nick Roden on communication activities.

The Ambassador Programme webpage with their profiles is available on the OBPS website <https://www.oceanbestpractices.org/ocean-practices-for-the-decade/ocean-practices-ambassadors/>

The Meeting recording of the presentations is available at:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/15lii98DH3XtQgITrT_qQWHrSrPEPH5F_/view?usp=sharing

4. Close of Meeting

Jay Pearlman thanked the panellists for an interesting discussion and for sharing their experiences and aspirations.

The meeting closed at 14.05 CEST

ANNEX I

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