

Monthly Newsletter

WAMS



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Welcome to our newsletter! We are thrilled to share with you the latest developments in our community.

Meet the WAMS Early Career Researchers Committee – and this Newsletter!

Firstly we're excited to announce the launch of the WAMS Early Career Researchers (ECR) Committee for 2024–2026!

This new committee brings new energy and new ideas to the WAMS community, aiming to support early-career scientists and amplify the voices of the next generation of marine researchers.

Our current ECR Committee members are all based at the **Shimoda Marine Research Center, University of Tsukuba, Japan:**

Jonathan Ramtahal – PhD Candidate

Guinther Mitushasi – PhD Candidate

Halyna Romashko – MSc Candidate

One of their first initiatives is this WAMS Newsletter. The newsletter will keep our global community informed, inspired, and connected through news, updates, and opportunities from marine stations worldwide.

If you are interested in learning more about our plans and getting involved - please do not hesitate to get in touch with romashkohalyna@gmail.com

We invite all WAMS members to share updates from your stations for future editions!

In this newsletter you can expect:

Community Updates

Our Next Host Announcement for WAMS Congress

Stories of Impact

Events On The Horizon!



World Congress of Marine Stations 2026: Host Announcement

We are thrilled to announce that the **Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre (BMSC) in Canada** has been confirmed as the host for the World Congress of Marine Stations in 2026!

The meeting will take place **in late Summer or early Autumn 2026** and the exact dates will be shared soon.

About BMSC:

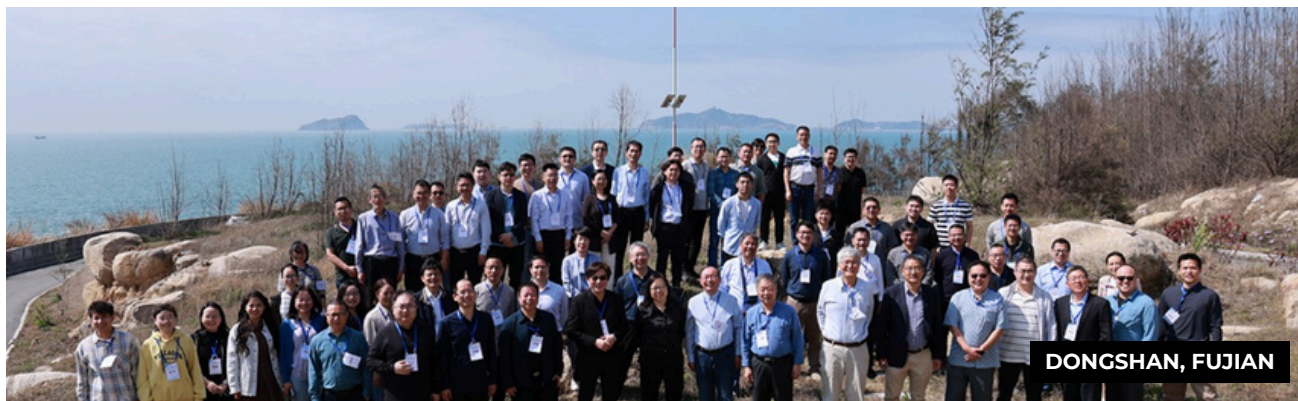
The Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre was established in 1972 by the Western Canadian Universities Marine Sciences Society (WCUMSS).

Located on the breathtaking west coast of Canada, BMSC provides a permanent base for marine and coastal field research, education, and outreach.

The station supports interdisciplinary collaboration and offers unique access to rich marine ecosystems.

More about BMSC : <https://bamfieldmsc.com>





Bringing Together Marine Stations in China

From March 27–28, 2025, the Workshop on Networked Observation Planning of Chinese Marine Stations took place in Dongshan, Fujian.

Hosted by T-SMART (Xiamen University) and guided by the National Science and Technology Infrastructure Center, the workshop brought together over ten national- and ministerial-level marine stations.

The group launched the Partnership of Chinese Marine Stations initiative, aiming to establish a joint coastal observation network to foster collaboration in ecosystem monitoring and research.

This collaborative effort will support long-term, systematic research on the coastal environment and address major scientific challenges.

Learn more: worldmarinestations.com

EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!



Who's Going to UNOC 2025? Let's Connect.

The United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC) will take place this June 2025, and although WAMS won't host an official event, it will be a key international gathering for the marine science community.



Seascape Symposium II

June 2025 will take place on 4–5 June 2025 in UK

The second Seascape Symposium, "Reconnecting the Seascape". Hosted by ZSL with the University of Portsmouth and the University of Edinburgh, the event focuses on scaling up coastal habitat restoration and seascape connectivity.

We'd love to know who from the WAMS network is planning to attend. If you're going to UNOC and Seascape Symposium II, please email us and let us know — we're hoping to coordinate an informal get-together for WAMS members during the event.

Please, contact us here: WAMS@pml.ac.uk

