

**Partnership for Observation of the Global Oceans**  
**POGO-6 Meeting**  
**Brest 29 November – 1 December, 2004**  
**Hosted by Ifremer**

**Notes to the Agenda**

The meeting will take place in Brest (France) from 29 November to 1 December, 2004, and will be hosted by Ifremer, France.

The Executive Committee of POGO will meet on the morning of 29 November. A visit to the Ifremer facilities is planned for the afternoon of Nov. 29. All participants are invited to join this visit, which will be followed by a reception.

The main part of the meeting will begin on 30 December, and is organised into 4 main sessions:

**1. Morning of 30 Nov: POGO and GEO (The Group on Earth Observations).**

This session will be devoted to an assessment of POGO activities related to GEO over the last year. Those of you who attended the last meeting would recall that at POGO-5 we produced the Yokohama Declaration in support of the GEO initiative. Since then, POGO has become a participating organisation within GEO, and we have been contributing to many of its meetings and documents. This session will be devoted to a progress report, and to an evaluation of how best POGO can contribute to GEO and potential successors to GEO. GEO-5 will be taking place in Ottawa (Canada) on 29 and 30 November, in parallel with the POGO meeting in France. What concrete action can POGO take to enhance ocean observations within GEO? Exploiting the fact that France has a six-hour time advantage over Ottawa, do we want to send a message from Brest to Ottawa, to reach in time for the last day of GEO-5? These and other GEO-related matters will be the focus of the morning session.

**2. Afternoon of 30 Nov: Data Management, Assimilation and Co-ordination**

POGO adapted a set of “Good Principles” for data management at the last meeting. How are these principles being implemented in POGO member institutions? What is needed to facilitate better data management practices in POGO institutions? We will also look at data assimilation issues: access to data in a timely fashion, progress in techniques that can be shared among members, the status of the GODAE programme, the need for capacity building and opportunities for mutual help among POGO members, and the benefits that they can derive from ocean synthesis products that are becoming available. We will also discuss how POGO institutions can support and contribute to the GOSUD project (Global Ocean Surface Underway Data) from research vessels. Another issue that will be discussed in this context is the co-ordination of research cruises

internationally: What is already being done, what can POGO do to improve the status? How can we facilitate the exchange of information on cruises in a timely fashion? The focus of the presentations and discussions will be on concrete, pragmatic, immediate steps than POGO can take to improve the situation.

**3. Morning of 1 Dec: Issues in Operational Oceanography**

The morning of December 1 will be devoted to issues in operational oceanography. How do we adjust to our new responsibilities? How can the coordination between in-water and remote observations be improved? How do we address gaps between coastal and open-ocean observations, and improve coordination between physical, chemical and biological observations? How do we maintain strong links between research and operations, to the mutual benefit of both?

**4. Afternoon of 1 Dec: Capacity Building and other POGO Activities**

In this session, we will begin planning for POGO-7; report on POGO capacity building initiatives, in particular on the new Nippon Visiting Professorship Programme; we will examine the finances; elect new members of the Executive Council; and review where POGO is, after 5 years of existence, and re-examine how we are organised. Are we concentrating on areas where we can make the best contributions? If not, how can we refocus? These will be the focus of this session.

**Note to all speakers:** If there are relevant documents, please send electronic versions of the document to the POGO Secretariat by Nov. 10. They will be posted on the POGO web site, and copies distributed to the participants. During your presentations, instead of going over all the material in the reports, please focus on specific issues where POGO can take concrete action to address the situation.

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**29 November Afternoon: Tour of Ifremer**

13:30 Bus Departs City Centre for Ifremer

14:00 – 15:00 Presentations on Ifremer Activities

15:00 – 15:15 Coffee

15:15 – 17:30 Tour of Ifremer facilities at Brest on Coriolis, Mersea, technical facilities, aquaculture, geoscience, deep-sea biology

18:00 – 19:30 Reception

19:30 Bus Departs Ifremer for City Centre

## November 30 Morning

08:00 Bus departs city centre for Ifremer

08:20 Arrival in Ifremer

### Inauguration

08:30 Welcome and Logistics: **Jean-Louis Fellous**

Introduction of Participants

Adoption of Agenda: **Howard Roe**

Approval of Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of POGO: **Howard Roe**

Opening Remarks: **Jan de Leeuw**

### GEO Status, Way forward

09:00 POGO Involvement in GEO: **Howard Roe**

GEO and Capacity Building: **Shubha Sathyendranath**

GEO and Architecture Sub-Group: **Jan de Leeuw and John Gould**

GEO and Data Utilisation: **Edward Hill**

10:30 Coffee

11:00 **General discussion:** National involvements and commitments, way forward, message from POGO-6 to GEO-5 in Ottawa; finalise communiqué

13:00 Lunch

## November 30, Afternoon

### Data Management & Assimilation, Co-ordination & Use of Research Vessels

14:00 Issues in Data Assimilation: **Peter Oke**

14:20 Cruise Coordination: **Marieke J. Rietveld**

14:40 Contributions of Research Vessels to the GOSUD project : **Yves Gouriou**

15:00 Contribution of POGO members to Argo calibration: **John Gould**

15:20 Progress report on BEAGLE 2003 Cruise: **Kiyoshi Suehiro**

15:30 POGO News and Information Group: **Cindy Clark**

15:40 Coffee

16:00 Discussion and Planning

18:00 Bus Departs for City

20:30 Dinner hosted by Ifremer

## **December 1 Morning**

08:00 Bus departs city centre for Ifremer

08:20 Arrival in Ifremer

### **Issues in Operational Oceanography**

08:30 Operational Oceanography, a European perspective: **Jean-Francois Minster**

08:50 Census of Marine Microbes: **Jan de Leeuw**

09:10 Operational Perspectives from GOOS: **John Field**

09:30 Links between Operation and Research: **Dean Roemmich/John Gould/Howard Cattle**

09:50 GCOS Implementation Plan: **Ed Harrison**

10:10 COOP Implementation Plan: **Tony Knap**

10:30 Coffee

11:00 **General discussion:** Way forward

13:00 Lunch

## **December 1, Afternoon**

### **Next Meeting, Capacity building, POGO Business**

14:00 POGO Budget: **Shubha Sathyendranath**

14:10 Election of Incoming POGO Chair (Successor to Jan de Leeuw): **Charlie Kennel**

14:20 Operational Oceanography in India, Next POGO meeting: **K. Radhakrishnan**

14:40 New Vision and Initiatives in Capacity Building at the IOC: **Ehrlich Desa**

15:10 Nippon Foundation – POGO Visiting Professorship Programme: **Shino Takahashi**

15:30 Coffee

16:00 Capacity Building Activities in Chile: **Carina Lange**

16:10 Fellowship Programme, Antares Network: **Shubha Sathyendranath**

16:20 Five Years of POGO: Where are we? Where do we want to go?: **Shubha Sathyendranath/ Jan de Leeuw**

16:40 Discussion, Action Items, Conclusion

17:00 Bus Departs for City and / or airport