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Welcome to the newsletter of the IOC-UNESCO Perth Programme Office (PPO).

This newsletter provides an update on recent PPO programs and activities.

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### OCEAN SCIENCE MEETINGS of IIOE-2, IORP, SIBER, IOGOOS, IRF, SIBER, IORP - HELD VIRTUALLY

The International Indian Ocean Science Conference (IIOSC) 2020 due to be held in Goa in March 2020 was postponed due to Covid-19. Complementary annual meetings of the Second International Indian Ocean Expedition (IIOE-2) Steering Committee and a range of associated Indian Ocean alliances were scheduled to immediately follow the IIOSC 2020 with support from the IOC PPO and our Indian hosts. These alliances included Indian Ocean Regional Panel (IORP), Sustained Indian Ocean Biogeochemistry and Ecosystem Research (SIBER), Indian Ocean Global Ocean Observing System (IOGOOS), Indian Ocean Observing System (IndOOS) Resources Forum and the UNESCO IOC Regional Committee for the Central Indian Ocean (IOCINDIO).

Some of the alliances have postponed their annual meetings. Other alliances held their annual meetings as teleconferences:

- SIBER 10 meeting, 24 March 2020
- IORP-16 meeting, 24 March 2020
- IRF-10 meeting, 25 March & 29 April 2020
- IOGOOS-16 meeting, 16 July 2020
- The IIOE-2 Steering Committee's 'Executive Core Group' continues to meet regularly, with the last meeting on 28 July 2020.

Once the IIOSC 2020 has been rescheduled, the IIOE-2 Steering Committee, IORP, SIBER, IOGOOS, IRF and IOCINDIO will hold a series of meetings back to back with the IIOSC, as originally planned for Goa March 2020, as has been the collegiate practice for these alliances since they first integrated their meetings in Perth in 2010.



## UN DECADE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN - UPDATE

The United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-30) Draft Implementation Plan has been prepared by the Executive Planning Group in consultation with stakeholders. It was due to be presented at the 53rd Session of the IOC Executive Council, however this has been postponed due to the current Covid-19 situation. Instead the Implementation Plan will be reviewed by IOC member states out of session, prior to the Plan's consideration at the UN General Assembly 75th session starting in September 2020. For the latest information please go to [www.oceandecade.org](http://www.oceandecade.org).



### United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development 2021 – 2030

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**Implementation Plan**

*DRAFT version 1.0*

*June 2020*

## STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS with WA & NATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS

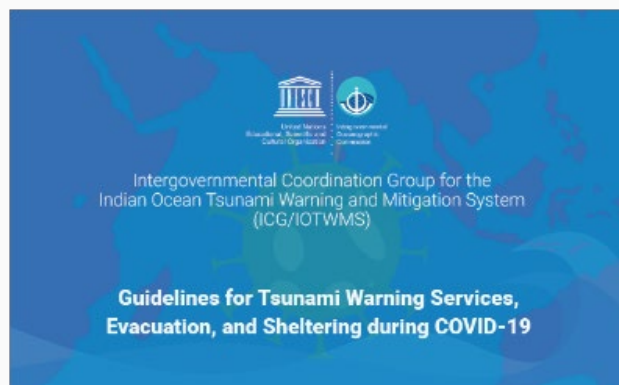


The IOC PPO continues to meet and support a range of WA and Australian Indian Ocean marine and climate stakeholders. Some recent highlights include:

- The Head of IOC PPO, Dr Nick D'Adamo, was granted Adjunct Membership of the Oceans Institute, University of Western Australia.
- Nick is on the National Marine Science Committee's United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development 2021-30 (UN Decade) Working Group.
- Providing input into WA Integrated Marine Observing System (IMOS) priorities and the development of IMOS more broadly into the future.
- Discussions with Western Australian Marine Science Institution (WAMSI) about how the IOC PPO may collaborate with and support WAMSI's objectives across mutually beneficial interests.
- The IOC PPO hosted the Schmidt Ocean Institute RV Falkor representatives at a reception in Perth, WA including some local IOC related ocean science stakeholders. The RV Falkor was in WA conducting a research expedition of the south coast and in the Cape Range and Ningaloo Canyons.
- Continuing to support the chair of the (IIOE-2) Australian National Committee, Professor Lynnath Beckley.
- Discussions with the Minderoo Foundation to scope potential Indian Ocean research projects that can be supported by the IOC PPO's networks.

## TSUNAMI WARNING & RESPONSE GUIDELINES during COVID-19

The Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/IOTWMS) together with the Working Group-2 on Tsunami Detection, Warning and Dissemination is assessing the impact of Covid-19 on tsunami observing networks and operations of the Tsunami Service Providers of Australia, India and Indonesia. Additionally, the Secretariat together with the Working Group-1 on Tsunami Risk, Community Awareness and Response recently finalised guidelines for tsunami warning and response in the backdrop of Covid-19. Click [here](#) to access the guidelines.



## CONGRATULATIONS & FAREWELL to SRINIVASA TUMMALA

The IOC PPO congratulates Dr Srinivasa Kumar Tummala on his new prestigious position as Director of the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) in Hyderabad, India. INCOIS is an operational institution under the Indian Government's Ministry of Earth Sciences. INCOIS is dedicated to delivering optimum ocean information and advice for society based on sustained ocean observations and effective research.

For the last 4 years IOC PPO staff have had the pleasure of working alongside Srinivasa as the Head of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/IOTWMS) Secretariat. Srinivasa will step down from this role at the end of August 2020. He has made enormous progress in the Tsunami warning and response of countries throughout the Indian Ocean.

We have no doubt in your new role as Director of INCOIS you will provide exceptional leadership and strategic direction for the staff at the Institute and will continue to facilitate the essential work of INCOIS. Most of all Srinivasa, we wish to thank you for your ongoing support and friendship. You will be missed by us and all who have had the privilege of collaborating with you in your IOTWMS role. You return to INCOIS which is also the home of the Indian Tsunami Warning System and its regional warning centre, and where you led the establishment of both.

We look forward to continuing our work together and wish you and your family a safe return to India.



Farewell Lunch for Srinivasa

(Back: Nick D'Adamo, IOC PPO; Nora Gale, IOTWMS; Louise Wicks, BoM)

(Front: Sarah Gardner, IOC PPO; Srinivas Tummala, IOTWMS)



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