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MESSAGES FROM ECSA / ECSA EVENTS

Introducing ECSA new President and President-Elect

Dr Sally Little and Prof. John Humphreys were elected as ECSA new President and President-Elect at the last Annual General Meeting on the 29th April.

ECSA President: Dr Sally Little BSc, PGCert, PGCAP, PhD



Sally is qualified in Marine Biology and Zoology, but throughout her career has slowly made her way upstream and now specialises in estuarine ecology with a particular focus on upper estuarine tidal freshwater zones. Her research focusses on assessing the impact of environmental, climatic and other anthropogenic pressures on the structural and functional ecology of estuarine ecosystems (at individual, through to community level, specialising in macroinvertebrates). Sally is a Senior Lecturer at Nottingham Trent University in the School of Animal, Rural & Environmental Sciences and is Course Lead for BSc (Hons) Environmental Science. Sally has been an ECSA councillor since 2010, starting as Student Representative (2010-2013), then becoming Conference Coordinator (2013-2018) and then President-Elect (2018-2021) before taking the role of President. During her tenure, Sally has seen the market for learned associations change dramatically. She has been working with councillors to introduce key changes to ensure that ECSA evolves in pace so that it can continue its mission of supporting coastal and estuarine science around the world. It is to this aim that Sally has pledged herself as ECSA president.

ECSA President-Elect: Professor John Humphreys BSc, MSc, PhD, FRSB, FMBA.



John is qualified in Biology and Oceanography, and was for ten years Pro Vice-Chancellor at the University of Greenwich, London. His current interests include the ecology of two economically significant bivalves: the Manila clam and the Pacific oyster, along with marine protected area policy and practice. His international work received the Queens Award for Higher Education in 2008, being cited as “tackling root causes of poverty” in sub-Saharan Africa. He has served on the Boards of a number of non-profit and commercial companies and is now based near Poole, UK where he has been Chair of the Southern Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority, a non-executive director of a port authority, and is affiliated to the University of Bournemouth as a visiting professor. His books include the co-edited *Marine Protected Areas: Science, Policy and Management* (2020 Elsevier). John is a fellow of the Royal Society of Biology, the Marine Biological Association UK and is a long-standing member of the Estuarine and Coastal Sciences Association.

Special thanks to Prof. Axel Miller, outgoing ECSA President:

On behalf of ECSA council, I would like to extend my thanks to Prof Axel Miller (Deputy Director of the Scottish Association for Marine Science) for all his hard work as ECSA President over the last three years. Axel has been an excellent captain of the ship and ambassador for ECSA and it has been an absolute privilege to be his President-Elect. I have learnt a lot from him and will, I am sure, continue to do so as he remains on council as SAMS sponsor representative.



Sally Little, ECSA President

ECSA 50th Anniversary Celebratory Publication

Book Announcement: *Challenges in Estuarine and Coastal Sciences*

To celebrate ECSA's 50th anniversary, an edited book is in final preparation, reprising the 1972 volume which marked the founding of the Association. The collected chapters, by an international authorship, cover a wide range of current estuarine and coastal issues, and the book includes a preface by Professor Richard Barnes, founding member and one of the editors of the original 1972 volume. *Challenges in Estuarine and Coastal Sciences* will be published this year by Pelagic Publishing for the Association, and available worldwide in softback and ebook formats. A general 25% pre-publication discount applies, and thereafter the book will be available to ECSA members at a 10% discount.

The 50th anniversary will also be marked by a special themed session and celebration at the ECSA 59 International Conference in 2022, supported by Elsevier. A further announcement will be made in due course.

John Humphreys and Sally Little (Editors)

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ECSA58 - EMECS13, September 2021 – Registration open



ECSA 58 - EMECS 13: Estuaries and coastal seas in the Anthropocene – Structure, functions, services and management
6-10 September 2021, Online (formerly at Hull, UK).

Thank you for all the contributors who have submitted an abstract for the ECSA 58 – EMECS 13 Conference.

Registrations are open until the **11th June (for authors)** and **3rd September (for delegates)**

Delegates attending the live online event can:

- Stream live talks and poster sessions via the online platform and mobile apps
- Access the ePosters
- Ask questions, participate in online chat and polls during the live sessions
- Network with speakers and other delegates during the live event
- Visit the live exhibitor 'booths' and chat with exhibitors
- Access the recorded talks, poster sessions and ePosters* for 6 months after the conference (1 day after the live event)
- Access exhibitor profiles for 6 months after the conference (1 day after the live event)
- View abstracts of all presentations for 6 months after the conference

Delegates registering after the deadline for live attendance have on-demand access for 6 months after the conference to:

- Watch recorded sessions (talks and posters)*
- View ePosters
- Message authors and other attendees
- Access exhibitor profiles and materials

- View abstracts of all presentations

* On-demand access includes recordings of talks and slides, poster pitches and posters from authors that have agreed for post event distribution: the organisers cannot guarantee on-demand access to all presentations.

Find more information about registration fees and how to register [here](#).

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ECSA Grants to support members' attendance to ECSA58 - EMECS13

Applications are invited from members of ECSA for grants to support their attendance at the online conference ECSA58 - EMECS 13 from the 6-9th September 2021. Two types of grants are available:

1. Up to £150 is available to support members' registration fees to enable students from all countries and scientists from qualifying OECD ODA countries (see countries eligible for reduced ECSA membership fees as detailed [here](#)) to attend this conference and make a presentation.
2. In addition, for ECSA members who have particular needs such as child care responsibilities or that require the support of a carer to enable them to attend the meeting, up to £200 is available to enable them to attend the meeting and make an oral or poster presentation. This grant may be used in a variety of ways, for example, to cover additional child care costs incurred during the conference.

Applicants must be a member of ECSA and have submitted an abstract for an oral or poster presentation at the conference. Funds will be made available on presentation of receipts after attendance at the conference.

Applications should be made on the ECSA58 – EMECS13 travel grant form, which is available for download [here](#), and submitted to Dr Gillian Glegg (gglegg@plymouth.ac.uk) by the **25th June 2021**. Successful candidates will be informed by 6th August 2021.

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Keeping your details up to date

A message to all ECSA members from Clare Scanlan, ECSA Membership Secretary:

Could all members please remember to keep their contact details up to date on their account. It is very easy to forget to update a changed email address, but not doing this means you will miss emails and newsletters and be unable to log into your account. So do please check your details are current.

If you pay by standing order, please also check that you are paying at the correct rate. And if you haven't already done so, please remember to renew your membership subscription for this year.

Thank you.

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OTHER FEATURES/EVENTS OF INTEREST

MCSUK new report: Blue carbon and rewilding our waters



The Marine Conservation Society has just released a new report in partnership with Rewilding Britain: *Blue Carbon – Ocean-based solutions to fight the climate crisis*.

The report outlines the importance of our seas in helping the UK to reach net zero by 2050.

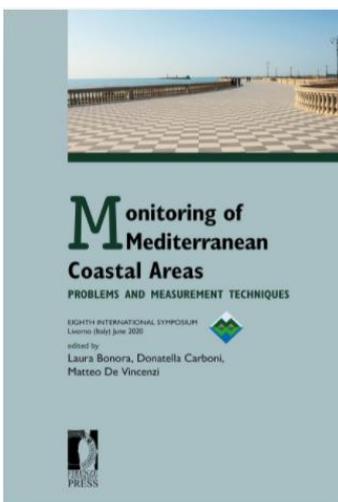
To 'reach net zero' the amount of greenhouse gases produced, and the amount taken away or absorbed, must come to zero. So, while we can all try to fly less, walk more and take individual actions to reduce our carbon footprint, we also need to push for more solutions to removing greenhouse gases.

By protecting and rewilding habitats in our ocean, blue carbon stores will have increased capacity and ability to store carbon.

Find out more about it [here](#).

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New publication on “Monitoring of Mediterranean coastal areas”



The volume “**Monitoring of Mediterranean Coastal Areas: Problems and Measurement Techniques**” (Eds. L. Bonora, D. Carboni, M. De Vincenzi) has been published by FUP- Florence University Press, Firenze (Italy).

The volume is Open Access, and can be downloaded from [here](#).

The volume reports the proceedings of the 8th International Symposium "Monitoring of Mediterranean Coastal Areas. Problems and Measurements Techniques" (June 2020), which was organized by CNR-IBE in collaboration with FCS Foundation, and Natural History Museum of the Mediterranean and under the patronage of University of Florence, Accademia dei Geofili, Tuscany Region and Livorno Province. Subjects are related to coastal topics, including: morphology; flora and fauna; energy production; management and integrated protection; geography and landscape, cultural heritage and environmental assets, legal and economic aspects.

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Other Upcoming Events

52nd Liège Colloquium on Ocean Dynamics: Postponed to 17-21 May 2021 | Online event.

“Towards understanding and assessing human impacts on coastal marine environments”, the colloquium will gather

an interdisciplinary community of scientists to obtain an overview of the progress in our capabilities to understand, monitor and forecast the impact of human activities on coastal marine environments to guarantee a productive and healthy system as requested by the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive and the UN Sustainable Development Goal 14. Find more information and updates [here](#).

Sea Scotland 2021: 8 June 2021 | Online event.

“Our Ocean and Society”. Sea Scotland 2021 aims to explore the relationship between communities and the ocean and reflect on the strategies and actions needed to tackle the intertwined nature and climate emergencies. Read more [here](#).

ASLO 2021 Aquatic Sciences Meeting: 22–27 June 2021 | Virtual Meeting.

“Aquatic Sciences for a Sustainable Future: Nurturing Cooperation”. Underdeveloped and developed societies face different levels of sustainability problems in aquatic resources and have contrasting capacities. Cooperation is paramount for an efficient and increasing exchange of information to find long-term sustainable solutions. Read more [here](#).

1st International Congress on Coastal Research (ICCR 2021): 6-9 July 2021 | AL Hociema, Morocco.

The congress will cover all aspects of coastal research including relevant aspects of geological sciences, biology, geomorphology, climate, littoral oceanography, coastal hydrogeology, environmental (resource) management, engineering, remote sensing, policy, coastal law, conflict resolution and risk management and Integrated Coastal Zone Management. Read more [here](#).

14th International Coral Reef Symposium (ICRS 2021): 18 – 23 July 2021 | hybrid event, Bremen, Germany.

ICRS 2021 is the primary international conference on coral reef science, conservation and management, bringing together leading scientists, early career researchers, conservationists, ocean experts, policy makers, managers and the public. Find more information and updates [here](#).

15th Coast to Coast conference 2021: 26-29 July 2021 | Virtual and onsite in Cairns, Australia.

This is the Australian Coastal Society’s biennial national coastal management conference and also incorporates the 2021 Queensland State Conference. Read more [here](#).

Our Coastal Futures - FEC Open Science Conference: Postponed to 2022 or 2023 | Gold Coast, Australia.

“Transitioning towards a respectful custodianship of our oceans and coasts”. Oceans and coasts are changing. We're listening to those changes. Complex challenges take a diverse community to hear, understand and act. A transdisciplinary, multi-format international conference to share and co-produce knowledge and enable effective action. The conference has been postponed. No new date has been set as yet but is hoped to be late 2022 or 2023. Find more information and updates [here](#).

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FELLOWSHIPS/JOB POSITIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

Job Vacancies (UK)



**Multiple vacancies at GoBe Consultants Ltd
Offshore EIA / HRA specialists | Ornithological Specialists | Marine Ecology
Specialist**

Location: Flexible with office locations in Devon or Glasgow

Closing date for applications: **7th May 2021**

Contract details: Permanent, full time

Job description: GoBe Consultants Ltd is a market leading environmental and planning consultancy specializing in the provision of services to the offshore wind farm sector. Due to continued expansion, GoBe is now undertaking further growth of our business to meet current demands from our existing clients, together with our broadening client base, through the recruitment of an experienced, highly motivated specialists, including Offshore EIA / HRA Specialist, Ornithological Consultants (all levels), and a Marine Ecology Specialist

For more information and to apply: Click [here](#).



**Natural Infrastructure Officer (Marine - TECF Coordination), Plymouth City
Council**

Location: Plymouth, UK

Closing date for applications: **7th May 2021**

Contract details: Permanent 37 hours per week; Grade F, (£27,041 to £29,577 per annum)

Job description: Are you passionate about the MARINE environment? Would you like to join an energetic and lively team supporting the work of the Tamar Estuaries Consultative Forum?

TECF is chaired by the Queen's Harbour Master (QHM) for the Dockyard Port of Plymouth, and hosted by Plymouth City Council. It is a partnership of organisations and Local Authorities with statutory responsibility towards the management of the Plymouth Sound & Tamar Estuaries Marine Protected Area (MPA). TECF and its advisory groups – the Port of Plymouth Marine Liaison Committee (PPMLC) and the Wembury Voluntary Marine Conservation Area Advisory Group (WAG) provide an effective and collaborative framework for managing the MPA.

Plymouth City Council's (PCC) Environment Planning (EP) Division hosts the TECF and we are seeking a self-motivated, dynamic individual to join us. The EP Division is driving forward the ambitious agenda set out in the Plymouth Plan and Joint Local Plan for the environment to be a key pillar of the City's growth. It is a growing Division that is tackling climate change, delivering biodiversity net gain, caring for and improving Plymouth's green and blue spaces to deliver the greatest benefits for people, planet and place.

For more information and to apply: Click [here](#).



Two Proposal Management vacancies, Fugro

Location: Portchester, Edinburgh, or Wallingford, UK

Closing date for applications: n.a.

Contract details: Full time

Job description: The Fugro Marine Environmental team within the Marine Site Characterisation business line is now looking for an enthusiastic **Proposal Manager** and an **Assistant Proposal Manager** to join the team based in our waterfront offices in Portchester, on the UK's south coast or in our offices within Edinburgh's Heriott Watt University campus.

Working as a pivotal part of the team, you will primarily be responsible for writing tenders for Marine Environmental

projects world-wide, whilst maintaining excellent relationships with clients through responding to enquiries, active follow-ups and identifying opportunities for Fugro.

As a **Proposal Manager**, your key responsibilities will include the review of client provided Invitations to Tender (ITT) and then designing efficient surveys in response to our client's needs. Using your technical and commercial knowledge, you will plan surveys by assigning relevant resources, identifying areas of innovation, prepare schedules, price and identify project risks.

As an **Assistant Proposal Manager**, your key responsibilities will include the review of client provided Invitations to Tender (ITT) and supporting the design of efficient surveys in response to our client's needs. The role will require consultation with business development, commercial and project delivery teams to support production of client solutions that are safe, profitable and where risk is appropriately mitigated. Responsibilities will also include supporting in the maintenance of company records and information, especially in regard to the administration of tendering portals.

For more information and to apply: For Proposal Manager click [here](#). For Assistant Proposal Manager click [here](#).



Senior Aquarist, Anglesey Sea Zoo & Marine Resource Centre

Location: Anglesey Sea Zoo & Marine Resource Centre

Closing date for applications: n/a

Contract details: Permanent, full time

Job description: The Anglesey Sea Zoo and Marine Resource Centre is pleased to announce an exciting new opportunity- we are now recruiting a Senior Aquarist to join our team of dedicated biologists at our unique and picturesque facility. The Anglesey Sea Zoo is an award-winning tourist attraction dedicated to promoting, protecting and educating the public on the wealth of marine life found around the British Isles. We are a purely native marine aquarium located on the banks of the Menai Straits, with a focus on education, conservation and sustainability.

The Senior Aquarist will be responsible for maintaining a high standard of animal husbandry and welfare; assisting the aquarium Curator in managing the aquarium team; helping to develop new and existing displays and visitor interactions; assisting the aquarium Curator in ensuring aquarium admin and zoo license compliance is kept up to date.

For more information and to apply: Contact matt@angleseyseazoo.co.uk



Two EIA Project Management vacancies, Natural Power

Location: Any of our UK offices or from home

Closing date for applications: **19th May 2021**

Contract details: Permanent, full time

Job description: Natural Power provides independent advice and services to a wide range of renewable energy clients. The Planning & Environment department within Natural Power is made up of a diverse range of consultants with both offshore and onshore technical experience and expertise covering planning, EIA services, and various environmental specialisms. We are expanding our offshore team and we are looking to recruit highly motivated and ambitious employees to work on a wide variety of high-profile offshore wind projects globally.

Two vacancies are available, one for a **Senior EIA Project Manager**, one for a **EIA Project Manager**. The roles will focus on activities associated with the development of UK offshore wind farms. If you have previous experience of the co-ordination and delivery of planning and EIA services within the renewables sector and an innovative approach to problem solving, our Senior EIA Project Manager/ EIA Project Manager position could be just the role for you.

For more information and to apply: For Senior EIA Project Manager click [here](#). For EIA Project Manager click [here](#).



GIS officer, Devon & Severn IFCA

Location: Brixham and home (to be confirmed)

Closing date for applications: **21st May 2021**

Contract details: 1 year fixed term, 37 hours per week, salary range £22,183-£27,041

Job description: D&S IFCA is recruiting a GIS officer. Role Purpose: • To develop and produce templates for all GIS

charts and maps produced by D&S IFCA; • To develop tools for geospatial analysis; • To review all existing D&S IFCA's spatial charts and maps and produce new GIS charts as and when required; • To produce, using GIS skills, high quality cartographic map outputs and spatial analysis for D&S IFCA publications; • To deliver D&S IFCA datasets such as fisheries, vessel monitoring systems, habitat mapping through bespoke and automated GIS workflows; • To spatially map fishing activities and other fisheries data within D&S IFCA's District to assist D&S IFCA in its functions and workstreams; • To provide documentation and training in the use of templates, tools and methodologies implemented.

For more information and to apply: Click [here](#).



Volunteer & Community Engagement Manager, Marine Conservation Society

Location: Your Home Address (Stirling/Central Belt Scotland)

Closing date for applications: **26th May 2021, 5pm**

Contract details: Fixed term contract (maternity cover), 35 hours per week, salary up to £29,000 dependent on experience

Job description: At the Marine Conservation Society, we're at the heart of the movement to save our seas as the UK's leading marine charity. From getting people to the beach to take part in litter picks, to campaigning for better protections for our seas and encouraging people to make sustainable seafood choices, we're advocates for our ocean and the communities and animals which rely upon them. Our network of volunteer Sea Champions are our local ambassadors in communities across the UK, providing vital support for us to promote our campaigns, conservation work, membership and fundraising initiatives, encouraging active participation in protecting – and enjoying – our seas, shores and wildlife.

Your role: Our Volunteer & Community Engagement Managers are self-motivated individuals who recruit and develop our Sea Champion network, promoting wider public awareness of MCS and proactively supporting our conservation goals, as well as increasing our membership base and fundraising activities. You will be able to develop resources that inspire audiences to engage with our messages both online and face-to-face at events, so a committed interest in communicating marine conservation will enthuse and motivate people to support our aims. The existing network in Scotland is active, so you will need to hit the ground running and be able to manage your time well.

For more information and to apply: Click [here](#).

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