Open call for
Early-Career Session Co-Leads at the

IOC Ocean Best Practices System (OBPS)
Evolving and Sustaining Ocean Best Practices IV

OBPS Workshop 2020
18; 21-25 & 30 Sep 2020 (Online)

Application deadline: 20th July 2020
Date of decision: 27th July 2020

Why should you apply?

We - as the global community of ocean practitioners - need to align and improve the methods we use to explore, understand, protect, and sustainably use the ocean.

The IOC Ocean Best Practices System Workshop IV 2020 calls on early-career professionals to help shape how the ocean community - across disciplines, regions, and generations - shares and co-develops existing and future methods.

This will be an opportunity for you to represent your community and generation while gaining experience in a multi-stakeholder consultation process and enhancing your international network.

When will this happen?

Short pre-meeting and introduction on 17 Sep, two Plenaries of four hours on 18 Sep and 25 Sep; 2 hour Mini Plenary 30 Sep. During the week 21-24 Sep, Working Groups will meet on their own arranged schedules to address key questions in the consultation topics.
Who can apply?

Any early-career\textsuperscript{1} ocean professional who:

- Is motivated to change the way methods are shared and developed in ocean science and/or applications
- Is motivated to represent their community’s needs in one of the workshop topics (see below)

Please note, that stable internet access capable of supporting video-conferencing (with or without camera data) is required.

\textsuperscript{1} An early-career candidate is 1) an MA/MSc student, 2) a PhD candidate, 3) an early postdoc (no more than two years after their PhD graduation) or 4) any junior professional (e.g. engineers, technicians, programme specialists) with at most 2 years of professional experience.
Description of the call

Background:
Spanning more than 70% of our planet’s surface, our underexplored oceans play a key role in sustaining societal well being. To support all ocean practitioners, the IODE of UNESCO/IOC sustains the Ocean Best Practice System (OBPS) as a platform to gather the best methods for studying, using, and protecting our oceans. This platform will connect regions and generations to support sustainable development and scientific exploration of the oceans.

The Ocean Best Practices System Workshop IV, held online, will call upon ocean practitioners and other stakeholders to guide how the OBPS should evolve to meet the needs of their diverse communities.

The workshop will focus on four cross-cutting themes and five disciplinary working groups:

Cross-cutting themes
- Finding community agreement: OBPS endorsement and convergence processes
- Developing community capacities by developing OBPS capacities
- Data and information management: towards globally scalable interoperability
- Ethics
- Ocean Partnership Building
- Ocean Uncertainty Quantification

Community working groups
- Fisheries
- Sargassum
- Marine litter/Plastics
- Air-Sea Exchange (ASE)
- Omics/eDNA

Objectives for Early-career Co-leads:
The purpose of this open call is to enable early-career ocean professionals (ECOPs) to co-lead workshop sessions, and actively participate in workshop discussions. Representing their generation, ECOP co-leads will actively engage in session planning and discussion as well as the development of recommendations.
How to apply:

Please apply by sending an email to oceanbestpractices@iode.org with “[OBPS-ECOPS]” in the title. The email should include:

- the session topic (as listed above) you would like to co-lead
- your motivation (in no more than 10 sentences) addressing the selection criteria as stated in the “who can apply” section
- An attached copy of your CV as a PDF (max. 3 pages)

Any questions please contact Cora Hörstmann and Jordan van Stavel

The OBPS Workshop IV Organizing Committee will notify successful applicants on 15th July 2020.

We’re excited to receive your application and to work with you in this mission!

On behalf of OBPS Workshop IV Organizing Committee

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