International Association for Biological Oceanography - IABO

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Mission

IABO seeks to promote the advancement of knowledge of the biology of the sea, by providing opportunities for communication between marine biologists and co-operating with organizations and individuals with similar aims and interests.

Objectives

- Promote the study of marine biology, biological oceanography and other related sciences.
- Promote interdisciplinary communication between marine biologists and other ocean stakeholders by organizing and supporting international fora.
- Encourage international networking and collaboration between organizations and individuals with similar aims and interests around the world.
- Recognize and award outstanding accomplishments in marine biodiversity science.
IABO was created in 1964 as an international association under the Division of Environmental Biology of the International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS). It is a non-profit organization affiliated to the Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR).
World Conference on Marine Biodiversity

The World Conference on Marine Biodiversity has become the major focal assembly for sharing research outcomes, management and policy issues, and for discussions of the role of biodiversity and biodiversity conservation in sustaining ocean ecosystems.
IABO EC and TG ratified at the 5th World Conference on Marine Biodiversity
Bid Selection for WCMB Meetings in 2023 and 2026

6th WCMB in 2023 – Penang, Malaysia

The World Conference on Marine Biodiversity VI will be held in Penang, Malaysia, in 2023, and hosted by the Centre for Marine & Coastal Studies (CEMACS) of Universiti Sains Malaysian. Take a tour!

7th WCMB in 2026 – Ghent, Belgium

The World Conference on Marine Biodiversity VII will be hosted by the Flanders Marine Institute of Belgium in 2026.
Student and Early Career Travel Grant to Attend the 5th WCMB

- 24 participants sponsored
- 14 countries
Photo competition at the 2020-WCMB

**Racing hydrothermal vent snail**
Katrin Linse and Solvin Zankl
British Antarctic Survey, UK

**Plagiodrissus grandidi**
Antar Mijail Pérez-Botello
Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico

**Enigmatic bioluminescent anemones,**
Anne-Nina Loerz Cenak, NZ

**Sassy eyed, long legged, Arctic amphipod**
Anne Helene Solberg Tandberg Solvin Zankl
University Museum of Bergen, Norway.

**Portrait Winner**

**Xanthos snake in ambush posture**
Brooke Bessesen
University of Reading, UK
Runner up

**The battlefield**
Ohad Peleg
University of Auckland, New Zealand

**Story Winner**

**Eunice deep-sea worm from Iceland**
by Karlotta Kürzel,
U Hamburg, Germany

**Peoples choice co-winner**

**Deep sea shark (Dalatias licha) bioluminescence**
by Jerome Mallefet,
UC Louvain, Belgium

**Peoples choice co-winner**
IABO Communications

Geographic distribution
MARINE-B mailing list

[Image of pie chart showing distribution by region: Europe, North America, Oceania, and Unknown]

[Images of IABO website and Facebook groups showing geographic and demographic data]

Geographic distribution
Facebook group

Male Facebook group members

Female Facebook group members
IABO in support of the UN Decade of Ocean Sciences for Sustainable Development

Marine Life 2030
Building global knowledge of marine life for local action

Our Vision
By 2030 and beyond, anyone, anywhere, will have access to information on marine species and ecosystems important to local fisheries, culture, health, and livelihoods. We will be able to diagnose how species are shifting with climate change and management interventions, to achieve a sustainable future for nature and people.
Partnership with PeerJ Publishing Group
Call for the 2021 Carlo Heip Excellence Award

• Call for nominations will close on December 1st, 2021.

• Award recipient will be invited to present a plenary talk at the next WCMB VI in Penang, Malaysia.

• Award recipient will be notified by March 31st, 2022

• Visit www.iabo.org for nomination guidelines