

**IABO ACTIVITIES
2024 TO 2025**

**Judith Gobin
President,
IABO, October 2025**

- ▶ **The International Association for Biological Oceanography (IABO) is an international non-governmental non-profit organization.**
- ▶ **IABO's** main activities 2024 to 2025 include:
- ▶ **Organizational support** for the VII WCMB meeting to be held in Bruges, Belgium between November 17th to 20th of 2026; including preliminary selection of Carlo Heip awardees [2023 to 2024 & 2024 to 2025] .
- ▶ Continuing successfully **the PeerJ-IABO Hub**
- ▶ **IABO and SCOR** activities

Organizational support for the VII WCMB meeting

Where? **Bruges, Belgium**

When? : **November 17th to 20th , 2026;**

Lead Organizer: **Dr. Leen Vandepitte** (Flanders Marine Institute; VLIZ)

VLIZ : prominent research organization in Ostend, Belgium; dedicated to the study & sustainable management of the marine environment.

hub for marine science, focuses on multidisciplinary research (marine biodiversity, oceanography & climate change), plays a crucial role in advancing marine science both regionally and globally.

website www.wcmb2026.org ; Twitter (X): <https://x.com/wcmb2026>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/world-conference-on-marine-biodiversity-378410326/>

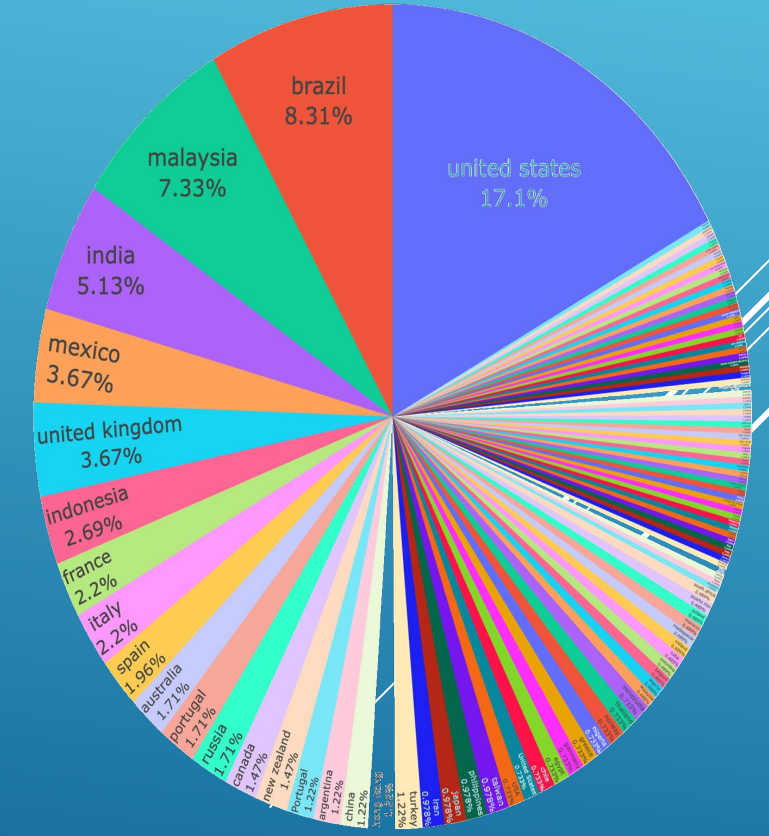
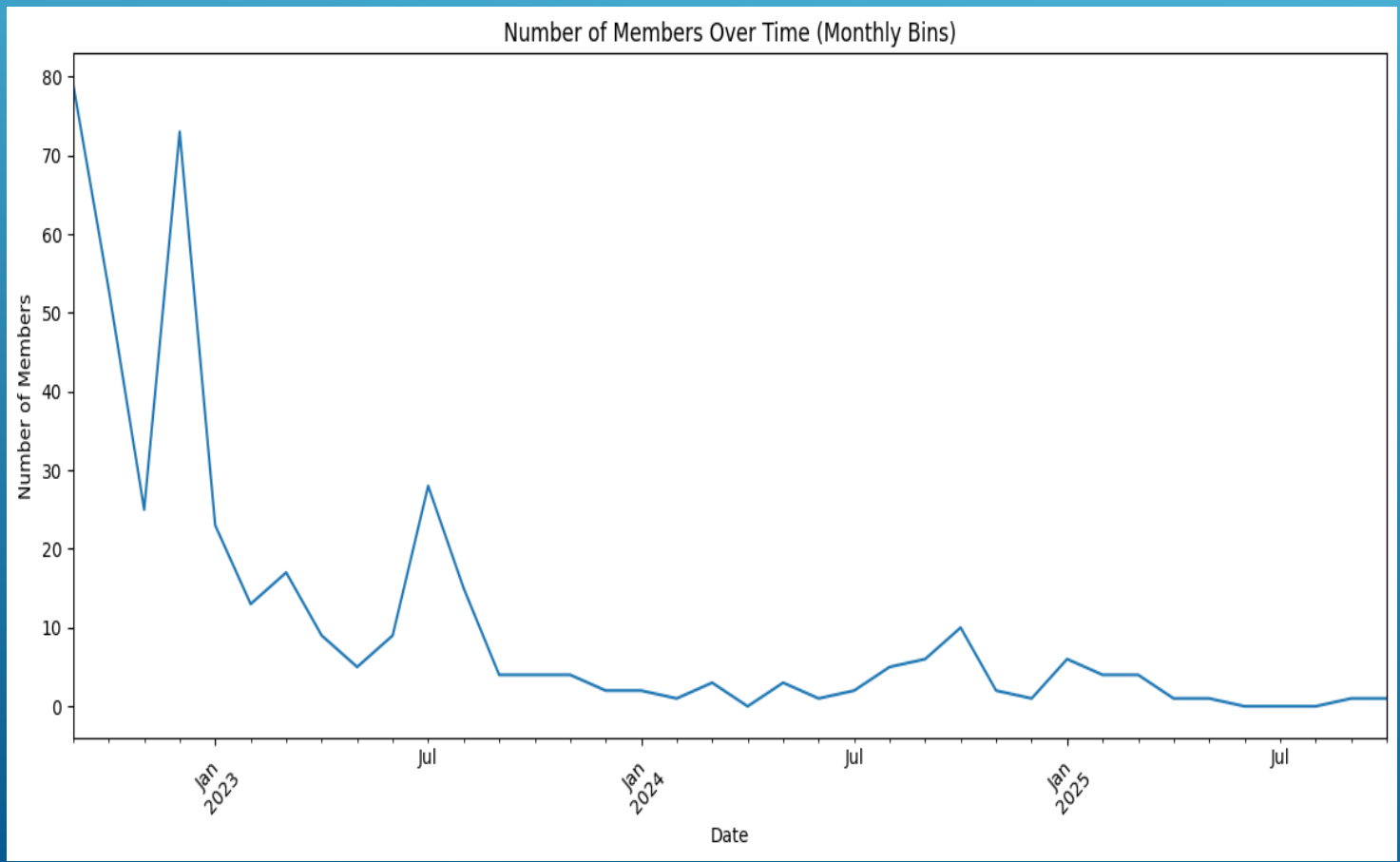
IABO submitted **application to SCOR** for travel support for international students and early career researchers (ECR) to attend the VII WCMB conference.

Travel grants (USD 370 fees + 230 Travel Support= 600) will be awarded to a number (at least 6) with partial travel support for at least 2 ECRs.

Finalizing the selection of individuals for the Carlo Heip Awards for 2023/24 and 2024/25; award ceremony will be within the 7th World Conference on Marine Biodiversity (IABO's General Assembly).

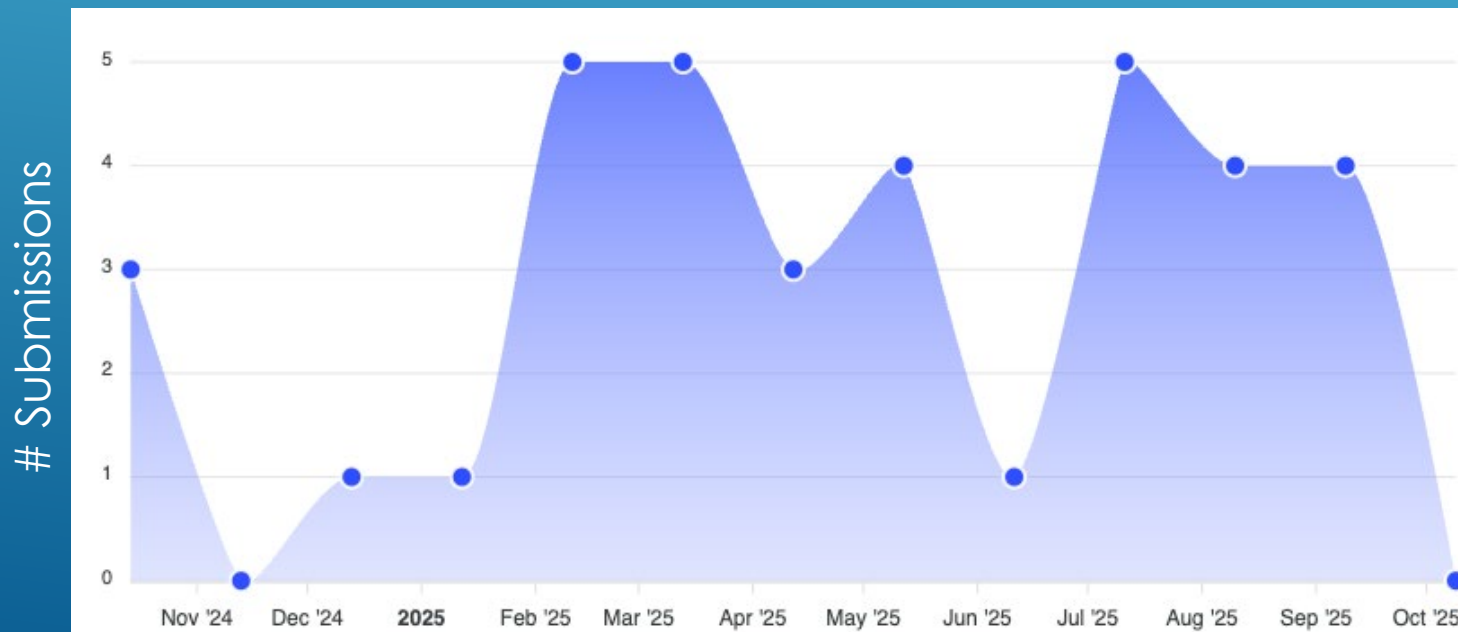
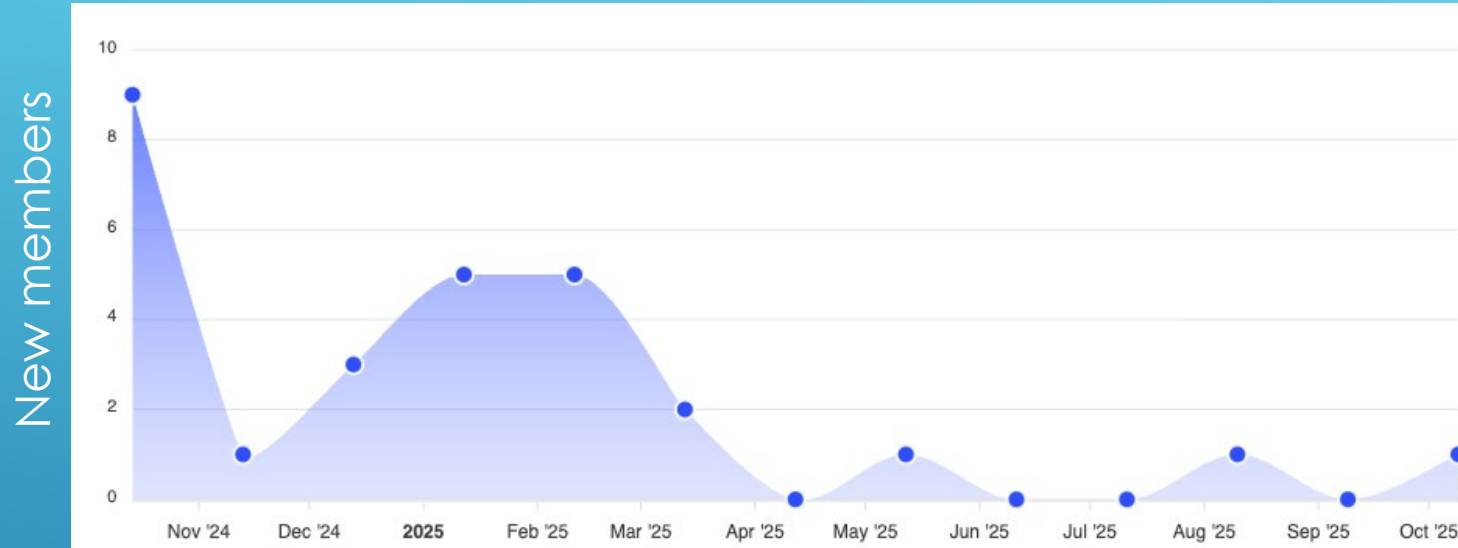
Continuing successfully : Membership and the PeerJ-IABO Hub Submissions

IABO continues to grow its membership* (Google Form on the IABO website)
Once registered, IABO members receive notifications about travel grants, fellowships, job opportunities, international collaborations and publishing benefits of the PeerJ-IABO Hub.



Total number of countries: 106

PEERJ-IABO HUB: MEMBERSHIP AND SUBMISSIONS



Full submission status

Published	93
Rejected	22
Review	1
Revising	4
Withdrawn	10

PeerJ-IABO Hub: Publishing awards

A Preliminary study of carbon dioxide and methane emissions from patchy tropical seagrass meadows in Thailand

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✓ Funding has been used for this article.

Abstract

Statement from the author

- Requested \$500.00 – Mar 17
- Awarded \$500.00 – Mar 25
- Award used – Aug 21

Using transplantation to restore seagrass meadows in a protected South African lagoon

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Abstract

Statement from the author

- Requested \$1,595.00 – Sep 26
- Awarded \$1,255.50 – Oct 23
- Award used – Oct 31



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< AQUATIC BIOLOGY

A preliminary study of carbon dioxide and methane emissions from patchy tropical seagrass meadows in Thailand

Research Article Ecosystem Science Marine Biology Climate Change Biology

Aquatic and Marine Chemistry

Muhammad Halim¹, Milica Stankovic^{2,3}, Anchana Pratthep^{1,2}

Published October 8, 2024



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< BIODIVERSITY AND CONSERVATION

Using transplantation to restore seagrass meadows in a protected South African lagoon

Research Article Biodiversity Conservation Biology Ecosystem Science Marine Biology

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Katie M. Watson¹, Deena Pillay², Sophie von der Heyden^{1,3} [Post to Authors on X](#)

Published November 29, 2023

IABO and SCOR Activities

- ▶ IABO's Executive team **reviewed & evaluated** 14 SCOR Working Group proposals (2025). The team provided a detailed analysis of strengths, weaknesses & final recommendations.
- ▶ Follow-up Caribbean (the University of the West Indies, Trinidad & Tobago campus) held in July 2025. SCOR Executive Director Emily Twigg again did a presentation. Meeting was positive & we anticipate a **growth in interest** of SCOR & membership of IABO.
- ▶ **Continuing liaison support to SCOR Working Groups:**
 - ▶ Advancing standardization of Coastal and Nearshore demersal fish visual CENSUS techniques **ConCENSUS**
 - ▶ Respiration in the Mesopelagic Ocean (**ReMO**): Reconciling ecological, biogeochemical and model estimates
- ▶ IABO- ongoing discussions (Executive) towards improving overall operations