

Following up on the successful OceanPredict '19 symposium that took place in Halifax in May 2019, we would like to hold in Paris the second OceanPredict symposium (OceanPredict '24)

- Planned as a four-day event (Monday to Thursday), followed by OceanPredict internal business to take place on the last day of the working week (Friday). Tentative dates are **November 18-22, 2024**
 - To take place at the IOC headquarters in Paris
 - Desired requirements for the venue
 - Venue to accommodate up to 500 participants
 - One plenary hall (for up to 500 participants)
 - Up to six breakout rooms for parallel splinter sessions; breakout rooms should have different capacities with the smallest room to accommodate at least 50 people
 - Space for poster displays and social functions (e.g. icebreaker), and possibly booths
 - Eric C. to join Mercator Ocean to visit IOC in mid-April to assess suitability
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- Overarching theme of OceanPredict'24 will be “**Ocean Prediction Science Benefits for Society**”
- Highlights the central role played by ocean prediction in the UN Ocean Decade goals.

The symposium will seek to

- accelerate the evolution of operational oceanography as a key component of Earth System Modeling;
 - identify the growing and changing needs of users and how to enhance service delivery;
 - align the objectives with the goals of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (UNDOS, 2021-2030).
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- Aimed at ocean and atmospheric scientists, observation specialists, industry representatives, service providers, governments, and users of ocean data & products from across the international operational oceanography community that will engage in science sessions, exhibitions and discussions to explore and define the direction of operational oceanography.
 - The preferred mode of participation is in-person to allow for plenty of informal interactions during the event and on its sidelines, noting that networking is especially important for students and early career scientists
 - Presentations and discussions will be broadcasted live, recorded and made available to participants who are unable to travel.

Next steps

- Formation of a scientific organizing committee – please let us if you are interested
- Formation of a local organizing committee
- Reach out to sponsors