

6th meeting of the OP '24 Symposium Science Committee

17 January 2024

Agenda

1. Introduction of a new member (Joanna Post from IOC/UNESCO, link with the UN Ocean Decade)
2. Design of the science program: themes approval.
Link to the document:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZKs_nMClzLEWivN0G2PMUYZIWn7HIBm4/edit?usp=sharing&oid=115438448711655488619&rtpof=true&sd=true
3. Ideas for keynote speakers (identify 3-4 persons per theme) + Ideas for keynote presentations
4. Calendar validation (*website and registration opening in Mid-Feb, registration until early Apr + 3 weeks of extension, acceptance process in May*)
5. Validation of the OP'24 visuals (**Save the Date + OP'24 website**)
6. Contacts for symposium announcements
7. Next OP'24 meeting of Science Committee (14 Feb 2024)

Attendance

No	Name	Name	Affiliation	Country
1	Santha	Akella	NASA	USA
2	Enrique	Alvarez	MOi	France
3	Eric	Bayler	NOAA	USA
4	Eric	Chassignet	FSU	USA
5	Stefano	Ciavatta	MOi	France
6	Marie	Drevillon	MOi	France
7	Alexander	Kurapov	NOAA	USA
8	Pierre-Yves	Le Traon	MOi	France
9	Joanna	Post	IOC/UNESCO	France
10	Elisabeth	Remy	MOi	France
11	Andreas	Schiller	Unaffiliated	Aus
12	Ann Kristin	Sperrevik	Met.no	Norway
13	PN	Vinayachandran	Indian Institute of Science	India
14	Kirsten	Wilmer-Becker	Met Office	UK

Meeting summary

1. Introduction of Joanna Post from IOC/UNESCO as new member of the Science Committee

Joanna joined IOC in September 2023 (coming from UN FCCC leading the science policy and engagement) and is now heading up the GOOS representing the IOC in terms of observations and services. She plans to take GOOS forward with a view towards operational services.

She highlighted that COP 29 is planned for the same week as the OP24 symposium, but it is not estimated to be much of a problem.

2. Design of the science program: themes approval

All theme titles and descriptions as developed over the past weeks were approved by the science committee. Some revisions of the theme description will be required to compensate for losing the bullet points (see further below). A few other comments were made:

- Theme 1: It was unclear what was meant by "Climate change impact on the value chain", and it was suggested to instead describe it as "long term evolution of ocean prediction capabilities and societal needs". Comment (Stephanie)
- Theme 2: "Coastal/regional" would need some clarification/ better title. The sentence in the theme description does clarify this point: *"The terms "regional and coastal" encompass a wide range of spatial scales and processes, where the bathymetry and the coastline have the leading order impact."*

It was decided that on the symposium website submission pages only the theme description without the bullet points should be displayed. This will allow more flexibility in deciding on the submitted abstracts and moving them into other themes if required. Submitters would also be more comfortable in submitting abstracts if the theme description is more open. Bullet points could restrict that. The full theme description, including bullet points, will be kept as a working document to support the abstract assessment process and acceptance.

Action OP24-1: Eric and Andreas to check the themes description for consistency and revise as needed to provide a final version ready for the website by 14 Feb 2024 (next meeting).

3. Ideas for keynote speakers (identify 3-4 persons per theme) + Ideas for keynote presentations

We like to invite keynote speakers to introduce the themes at the symposium.

- Keynote speakers at OP19 were invited for morning presentations of ca 35-45 min, but at the moment we don't plan to allocate time to talks yet. If we identify more than one keynote speaker per theme, we plan to ask them to coordinate their input in one presentation.
- We are not able (at least at the moment) to cover costs for keynote speakers travel cost.
- **Action OP24-2:** All to use the google doc to collect names of keynote speakers per theme by 14 Feb 2024. We will discuss/ agree on whom to invite at the next meeting.
- **Action OP24-3:** KWB and SC to draft a preliminary programme for the symposium and share at next meeting

4. Calendar validation (*website and registration opening in Mid-Feb, registration until early Apr + 3 weeks of extension, acceptance process in May*)

Depending on the time of the approval of the visuals the OP24 website and abstract submission/registration will open by or after mid-February, with abstract submission ending early April with a possibility to extend the deadline by a max of 3 weeks. From late April/early May onwards the acceptance process should result in abstract confirmation by early June (at the latest).

5. Validation of the OP'24 visuals (Save the Date + OP'24 website)

Marie shared the current visuals of the OP24 website landing page and the OP24 Save the Date image. Comments:

- OP24 website visual seems not bright enough (compared to the Save the Date image). Proposal to lighten the website colours
- The level of visible ocean is relatively small. Suggestion to rotate globe by 30° to show more ocean surface.
- Alternatively, an animated globe could be added to the website landing page; would be unique but is maybe not possible
- Requirement to get approval from IOC/UNESCO for the visuals – need to send them to Joanna asap

6. Contacts for symposium announcements

Action OP24-4: All to add to KWB and Stephanie's contact information (google doc) for informing the community about the OP24 symposium. Link (last two pages) [OP24-symposium-themes-v2.docx - Google Docs](#).

- Consideration to invite someone representing WMO (AG Ocean via Elisabeth is one connection we can use)

7. Next OP'24 meeting of Science Committee

Wed, 14 Feb 2024, same time