

## Participation, Language and Fees

The Conference is open to all scientists and science managers with interest in the Ocean Observing Systems.

The working language of the Conference is English.

Participants are expected to finance their own travel and accommodation expenses. A participation fee of 300 euros (250 if registration and payment is done before 15 May, 150 for students) will be charged for access to the Conference rooms and poster halls, all lunches and coffee breaks.

A welcome cocktail and the Conference proceedings are included.

## Accommodation

"Venezia si" is the local company who will take care of all hotel bookings. Details on how to reserve your accommodation will be made available on the web site by mid-February 2009. Due to other international events and tourist season, accommodation will rapidly become scarce.



## Symposium Goals

- Celebrate progress in implementing the existing initial ocean observing system, realising societal benefits from it and highlighting its potential.
- Develop a consensus plan for sustaining and evolving systematic and routine global ocean observations over the next 10 years in support of societal benefits.

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## Time Table

### ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS (POSTERS)

Additional Contribution abstracts due	31 March 2009
Notification of acceptance	30 April 2009
First draft due	1 June 2009
Conference draft due, published on web	1 September 2009

### COMMUNITY WHITE PAPERS (POSTERS)

First draft due	31 March 2009
Comment period (open review on web and from Program Committee)	Apr-Jun 2009
Conference draft due, published on web	1 September 2009

### INVITED PLENARY PAPERS (TALKS)

First draft due	1 July 2009
Comment period (open review on web and from Program Committee)	July 2009
Conference draft due, published on web	1 September 2009

### REGISTRATION AND HOTEL BOOKING

Available on web	1 March 2009
Early registration deadline (reduced fee)	15 May 2009
Final deadline for registration and hotel booking	15 July 2009
<b>Publication of the final proceedings in December 2009</b>	



Call for contributions

# OceanObs'09

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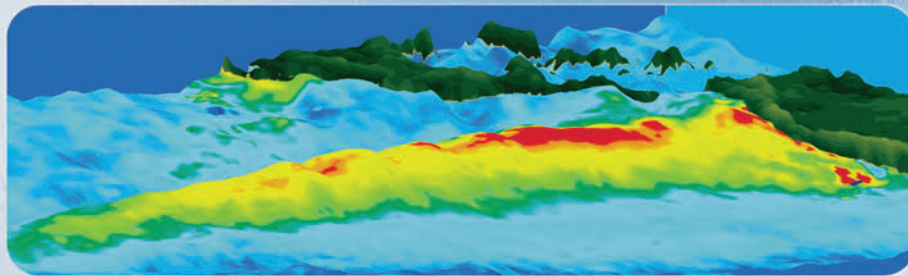
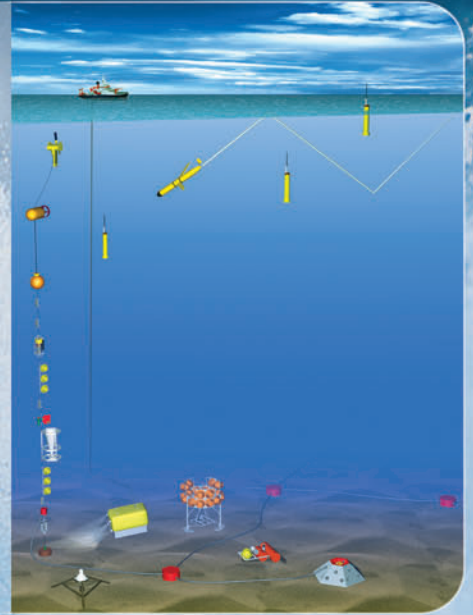
## Conference Vision

Strengthen and enhance the international framework under GCOS/GOOS/WCRP for sustained world ocean observing and information systems supporting the needs of society about ocean weather, climate, ecosystems, carbon and chemistry.

## Background & Goals

Now, for the first time in history, the world's oceans are being observed routinely and systematically by means of satellite and in situ techniques. The availability of these observations has led to rapid progress in ocean analysis and forecasting as well as new scientific understanding of oceanic variability and the role of the oceans in weather and climate. This information and knowledge supports a wide range of societal and business benefits.

It is now critically important to ensure sustainability and further development of the present system and to realise the full extent of the benefits across all stakeholders and for all participating nations. It is equally important to define a clear plan for extending the present system to include comprehensive observation, analysis and forecasting of the biogeochemical state of the ocean and the status of marine ecosystems.



## Overview of the Conference

- DAY 1** ■ Celebrating a decade of progress and preparing for the future  
The need for ocean observations and information; Early successes; Ocean information for sustainable development.
- DAY 2** ■ Scientific results and potential based on global observations  
Large-scale ocean properties: science, observations, and impacts; Large-scale ocean circulation and fluxes; Biogeochemistry and ecosystems.
- DAY 3** ■ Delivering services to society  
Information and assessment; Forecasting; Hazards, Impacts, and Management.
- DAY 4** ■ Developing technology and infrastructure  
In situ; Satellite; Information Synthesis and Delivery.
- DAY 5** ■ The Way Forward  
High-level political statements; Expanding and enhancing the system; Delivering societal benefits; Roundtable: Sustaining the ocean observing system.

See [www.oceanobs09.net/agenda](http://www.oceanobs09.net/agenda) for details.

## Conference Structure

The conference will consist of invited Plenary Talks, discussion sessions, and poster sessions. The **Plenary Talks** will draw from **Community White Papers** and **Additional Contributions**. Community White Papers describe agreed plans for the coming decade. Proposals have been accepted, the papers will be reviewed and displayed as posters at the conference.

This is a call for abstracts for **Additional Contributions** to the poster sessions, which describe observing hardware, infrastructure, service, or regional observing effort with potential to contribute to the global system, or scientific research related to the observing system.

Details at [www.oceanobs09.net/structure](http://www.oceanobs09.net/structure).

