



Oceans Past Initiative

A global network for marine historical research

We want to



- Get history onboard
 - Use the past for future ocean management
- Get ecology onboard
 - Understand the role of humans in the marine environment through millennia



We are



A global research network for marine historical research

We are a venue where researchers worldwide can meet virtually and face to face to discuss collective issues and research

- paleo-ecologists, climatologists, social scientists, archaeologists, historians, anthropologists, ecologists, biologists ...



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We want to

- Investigate how and to what extent oceans have influenced humans and *vice versa*
 - ~ Describe and quantify human-oceans interactions
- Enhance knowledge of change in marine diversity, distribution, and abundance
 - ~ Understand change from local to global levels
- Bring history to bear on communities and management
 - ~ Know the past to deal with change
 - ~ Improve indicators for the future



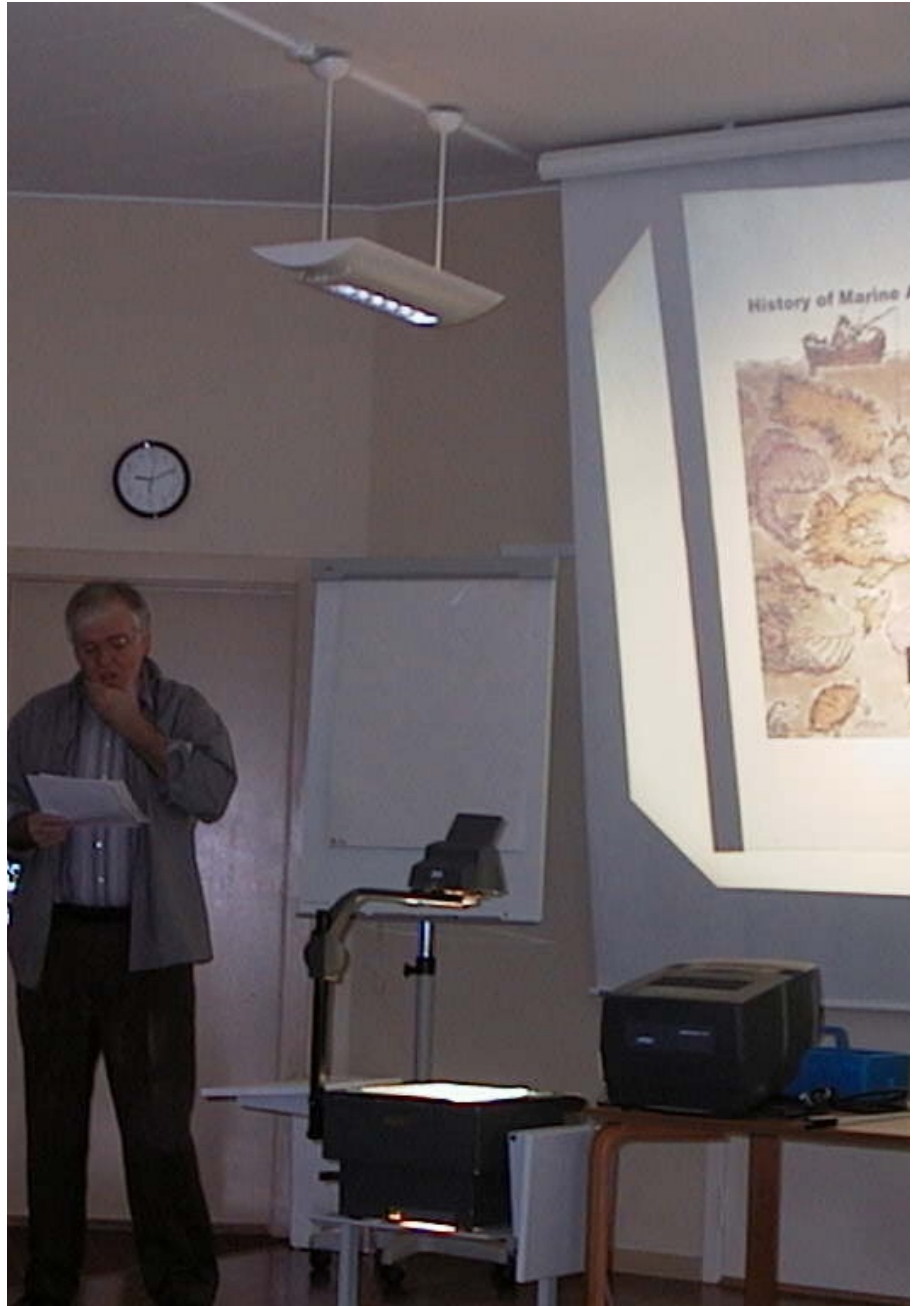
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Oceans Past conferences

- I. Kolding 2004
- II. Vancouver, Canada, 2009
- III. Dublin, Ireland, 2010
- IV. Fremantle, Australia, 2013
- V. Tallinn, Estonia 2015
- VI. Sesimbra, Portugal 2017
- VII. Bremerhaven, Germany 2019
- VIII. Global virtual, 2020
- IX. Oostende, Belgium, 2021
- X. Seattle, USA, 2023



Esbjerg, Denmark |
2000





Kolding, Denmark |
2004



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Sesimbra, Portugal |
2017



Oceans Past VII | Bremerhaven

For more information

- Please see our website: www.oceanspast.net, and contact our Executive Director, Ruth Thurstan (R.Thurstan@exeter.ac.uk)
- Sign up for our Newsletter
- Also see our partner websites:
 - ~ ICES WGHIST: <http://www.ices.dk/community/groups/Pages/WGHIST.aspx>
 - ~ Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries: <http://genderaquafish.org/>



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- Life membership for an individual may be obtained at a payment of 500 euro.
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We welcome anyone interested in the history of humankind's interactions with the ocean.