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Newsflash

ECR Bi-Weekly Newsletter



WELCOME

Welcome to the MARiS ECR newsflash where we share information that will be of use and interest to the broader MARiS ECR community. In this newsletter, you will find the latest news, opportunities and events. Enjoy the read!

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MARiS Women in Science Series

August 2022

Since August was Women's month, we paid tribute to some of the incredible women working within the MARiS research team. We ran a 'Women in Science Series' highlighting a few of the many stories shared by some of the most influential female scientists associated with MARiS. The series focused on the women who have contributed towards innovative research and advancements in the marine sphere of biological sciences, oceanography and engineering through the University of Cape Town (UCT).



Did you know that in South Africa, only 13% of graduates with qualifications in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) are women?

For more information, check out the MARiS Women in Science Series on the [website](#) to learn more about the blood, sweat, and tears that got these incredible women to where they are today.



For more information and details, click [here](#).

Funding Opportunities

Innovation Builder Fund: Call for Expressions of Interest

Deadline: 20 September 2022

UCT's Contracts & Innovation (RC&I) department invites funding applications for the Innovation Builder Fund (IBF). The IBF was started in 2019, with a mandate to develop UCT research projects where initial proof of concept has been demonstrated. The intention of the fund is to support projects assessed to be commercially viable, where research outputs have either been protected or have protectable intellectual property (IP).

Qualifying applicants should be current UCT members of staff and postgraduate students as well as existing UCT incubated projects or spin-out companies where the university has the right to commercialise the intellectual property.

Upcoming Events

September 2022



Marine Chatties present:

LEARNING TO PACK A PUNCH

SCIENTIFIC COMMUNICATION
FOR THE DIGITAL AGE

- Dr Kat Morrissey (PostDoc, UCT-MARiS ECR Comms Rep)

FRI. 16 SEPTEMBER 2022
12h00 - 13h00 | Seminar Room 4, Level 4, John Day Building, UCT

Join us for our **Science Communication seminar** in collaboration with Marine Chatties this Friday!

Science communication is important now more than ever. Scientific facts and evidence should inform public decision-making wherever possible. Today, technology has made things work a lot easier in terms of sharing our science and reaching wider audiences.

This session will be presented by MARiS ECR Comms Rep, **Dr Kathryn Morrissey**, who will be diving into the important topic of sharing and effectively communicating our valuable research.

The seminar will be held both in-person and online, so please don't miss out on this opportunity. Bring along a notebook and pen as there'll be much to learn!

When: Friday, 16 September 2022

Time: 12:00 - 13:00


Venue: Seminar Room 4, Level 4, John Day Building, UCT Upper Campus.

If you're not able to join us physically, then join us online. Find the **Zoom link [here](#)**.

There's a range of tools and software that one could use to create content and share your research with ease. Come join us to find out more!

Upcoming Events

September & October 2022



Lalela ulwandle
listen to the sea

Lalela uLwandle is an interactive immersive theatre and public storytelling experience. The performance makes visible the stories of living with the ocean that are seldom heard together in the public domain, drawing from participatory action research into the lives of different people along the KZN coast. Join us as we bring to the surface the lived realities of people's relationships with the ocean to engage in a public dialogue on our collective dreams and concerns for our ocean's health.

Dates & Times
27 Sept 19h00 Preview
28 Sept 19h00 Opening
30 Sept 19h00
01 Oct 15h00
01 Oct 19h00

Venue:
Magnet Theatre
Unit 1, The Old Match Factory,
corner St Michaels and
Lower Main Roads,
Observatory, Cape Town

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ONE OCEAN HUB

EMPATHEATRE



Free performances of *Lalela ulwandle*

The One Ocean Hub and Empatheatre extend an invitation to attend any of the free performances listed on the [flyer](#), of the play *Lalela Ulwandle* (Listen to the Sea). **Booking is essential.** *Lalela uLwandle* is an interactive immersive theatre and public storytelling experience. The project makes visible the stories of living with the ocean that are seldom heard in the public domain, drawing from seven months of collaborative action research into the lives of different KwaZulu-Natal citizens along our coast. This project brings to the surface the multiple direct and indirect relationships South African

public(s) have with the ocean, as well as creating a new social platform for public and transdisciplinary dialogue regarding our collective pressing concerns for our ocean's health.

When: 27, 28, 30 Sep & 1 Oct 2022

Time: 19:00

Where: Magnet Theatre, Observatory, Cape Town

Lalela ulwandle is an immersive and participatory storytelling experience with the ocean, ocean health and communities in direct engagement with the ocean as themes.

Upcoming SANCOR Seminars

September 2022



19 Sep | 13h00 | Hybrid event at NMU

Prof Erik Franckx (Vrije Universiteit Brussel & Nelson Mandela University)

Lawyers and Scientists under the Law of the Sea: Transdisciplinary Ideal and Ensuing Practice

20 Sep | 11h30 | Hybrid event at UP

Dr Art McDonald (The Sudbury Neutrino Observatory Institute, Canada)

"The Road to a Nobel Prize" followed by a panel discussion on "Enabling Nobel Quality Research in Africa".

21 Sep | 14h00 | Online

Megan Scanderbeg, Catherine Schmechtig, Thierry Carval, Annie Wong (GOOS).

Moderator: Tamaryn Morris (South African Weather Service)

NEW! Argo Data - how to access and use this freely available dataset

22 Sep | 13h00 | Hybrid event at UCT

Prof Michelle Wood (University of Oregon)

Optical Biogeography of Picophytoplankton

22 Sep | 11h00 | Online

Noluyolo Gqoza-Qweshwa, Joyleen Sagandira and Bayanda Laqwela (Institute for Coastal and Marine Research, Nelson Mandela University)

Coastal Issues and Cultural Heritages: Ports, Mega Ports and Services

22 Sep 13h00 | Online

Dr Elena Perez-Alvaro, Anezia Asse and Rina Siyengwa (Institute for Coastal and Marine Research, Nelson Mandela University)

Coastal Issues and Cultural Heritages: Underwater Cultural Heritage, Heritage in Maputo and Heritage in Namibia

23 Sep | 11h00 | Online

Dr Zanele Hartmann, Dr Jess Thornton and Sharon Gabie (Institute for Coastal and Marine Research, Nelson Mandela University)

Coastal Issues and Cultural Heritages: The Senses

23 Sep | 13h00 | Online

Athabile Xuba, Jentrix Chochy and Charles Vonza (Institute for Coastal and Marine Research, Nelson Mandela University)

Coastal Issues and Cultural Heritages: Capacity Building and Learning in Culture Heritage Research

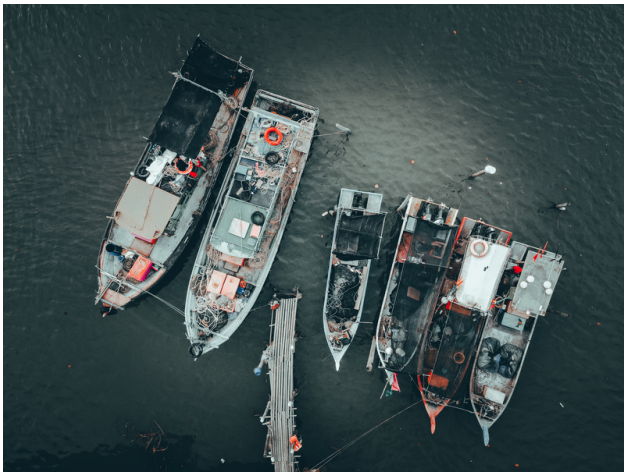
26 Sep | 13h00 | Hybrid at NMU

Dr Ernita Flynn (ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, Cape Town)

Science-policy links for coastal research: an urban, multi-level governance perspective

Opportunities

November 2022



Open Call for Shipboard Fellowship

Closing date: 30 Nov 2022

The Partnership for Observation of the Global Ocean (POGO) offers a shipboard training fellowship programme which is designed to promote training and capacity development building leading towards a global observation scheme for the ocean. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, it is likely that shipboard placements will be made available at shorter notice than normal. In order to make best use of these opportunities, the POGO Secretariat is issuing an Open Call for applications from any early career scientists, technicians, postgraduate students (PhD or MSc) and Post-doctoral Fellows involved in oceanographic work at centres in developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

Workshop on 'worker voice' for fishing vessel crews

Event date: 7-8 Nov 2022 | Cape Town

Key Traceability is delighted to inform that we are running a workshop exploring worker voice and grievance mechanisms for fishing vessel crews in Cape Town, South Africa on Monday 7th November / Tuesday 8th November on behalf of Global Seafood Alliance and in collaboration with Woolworths South Africa. The workshop offers the opportunity to discuss what expectations are in terms of worker voice mechanisms and grievance procedures. Standards based on global conventions such as ILO c188 require these mechanisms to be in place, but there is little guidance on what best practice looks like. We are looking to gather people from different parts of the industry to discuss expectations of current best practice – what should be expected on vessels certified to these standards? The workshop forms part of global outreach which involves interviews and workshops. All input is in confidence but will be used to create a report and recommendations. Anyone who would have valuable input or would like to participate in the discussion is welcome to join. Full details are available [here](#).

Courses



Master's in Applied Ocean Sciences Course

MARiS convenes a one-year coursework (full-time) Master's in Applied Ocean Sciences, which is joint between the Department of Biological Sciences and the Department of Oceanography at the University of Cape Town. This course provides interdisciplinary training in treating the most applied aspects of oceanography and marine biology, with the aim to become future ocean professionals. It is designed for both recent graduates as well as those with some years' experience and who wish to gain skills to operate in the ocean services sector, with a focus on operational and conservational activities, food, water quality and recreation, preservation and other aspects of the Blue Economy. For more information, check out the [website](#).

Applications Deadline:

31 October 2022

Course commences:

late January 2023

MASTER'S DEGREE IN APPLIED OCEAN SCIENCES COURSEWORK & DISSERTATION



2023 APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!



MARiS
Marine and Antarctic Research
for Innovation and Sustainability

Are you a BSc or BA Hons graduate interested in the ocean and its environment?

UCT-MARiS offers a 13-month programme, the Applied Ocean Sciences (AOS) MSc Coursework + Minor Dissertation, offering a range of disciplines that will shape both your academic and technical skills with the applied aspects of oceanography and marine biology. This multi-disciplinary MSc course is joint between the Department of Biological Sciences and the Department of Oceanography. The AOS course commences in January 2023.

APPLICATIONS CLOSING DATE | 31 OCTOBER 2022

To apply, visit maris.uct.ac.za

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Call for Content Creators

The **UCT-MARiS Comms Team** is looking out for volunteers to assist us in providing marine related content especially involving interdisciplinary research, whether it may focus on your current research, fieldtrips, cruises, conferences, workshops, events, etc., **we want to know what is happening in the marine and Antarctic sphere and share it with our networks.**

If you are interested in getting involved (once-off or long-term) on a voluntary basis with the MARiS Comms Team in:

- writing up a blog,
 - promoting events and opportunities,
 - suggesting ideas for marine science communication or
 - providing media that will promote marine research,
- then we would love for you to fill in this short [form](#).

For all content and queries, please feel free to mail us at comms.maris@uct.ac.za.



Feel free to tag us on our social media platforms and we'll be happy to repost:

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Instagram: @maris_uct



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