



# Vessel Users' Conference Agenda

Thursday, April 28, 2016

09:00 Registration

## Morning Session

09:30 Welcome & Conference Overview (Aodhan Fitzgerald; MI)

09:35 Introduction: **Plans for the future** (Peter Heffernan/Mick Gillooly MI)

09:50 Presentation: **“Deployment of an Ocean Bottom Seismometer (OBS) Network offshore Donegal”**  
(Dr. Florian Le Pape; DIAS)

10:10 Presentation: **“Diplomatic clearance requirements and other permissions”**  
(Bernadette Ni Chonghaile; MI)

10:25 Presentation: **“High resolution multibeam mapping experience: World War 1 shipwrecks in the Irish Sea”** (Mekayla Dale; AMS intern/UU student)

10:40 **Coffee Break**

11:10 Presentation: **“The Evaluation Process – what are evaluators assessing in your research proposal?”** (Veronica Cunningham; MI)

11:25 Presentation: **“Research Vessel Capabilities post 2015 refits & 2017 availability”**  
(A. Fitzgerald; MI)

11:40 Presentation: **“Celtic Explorer’s deepwater multibeam: applications to date”**  
(Kevin Sheehan; MI)

12:00 Presentation: **“Chasing Dinophysis ”** (Robin Raine; NUIG)

12:25 Presentation: **Advice from the Captain on survey execution** (Capt. Phillip Baugh; P&O)

12:45 – 13:45 **Lunch**

## Afternoon Session

13:45 Presentation: **“New FEAS surveys: purpose & practice”** (Hans Gerritsen; MI)

14:05 Presentation: **“Planning for the replacement of the Celtic Voyager & discussion”**  
(A. Fitzgerald; MI)

14:40 Presentation: **“ROV *Holland 1* pilot advice: applications & planning”** (Patrick O’Driscoll; POMS)

15:00 Presentation: **“Getting the most from the SCS”** (Gordon Furey; POMS)

15:20 Presentation: **“Deep-links, mud volcanoes in the Gulf of Cadiz”** (Jens Carlson; UCD)



15:40

Coffee

16:10

Presentation: **“Survey Planning System & 2017 applications”** (Rosemarie Butler; MI)

16:30

Presentation: **“Blue Skills: Training the next Generation of Ocean Scientists”** (Pauhla McGrane; GMIT)

16:50

Presentation: **“Safe marine scientific operations ”** (Barry Kavanagh; POMS)

17:10

Presentation: **“What can be sampled? Equipment overview”** (A. Fitzgerald; MI)

17:30

Q &A session: Open discussion on RVs & equipment

18:00

TBC dinner for all attendees in the MI Coriolis Restaurant \*Dependent on numbers