Welcome to issue 3 of OPP newsletter! We enjoyed another busy networking period and the action moved forward by WGs joining together for meetings. This was a great development for the action from WG2 and WG4 who met together in Madeira for a workshop. We also coordinated meetings in Orkney and France and we hosted a very successful conference, Bayscapes in Trinity College Dublin.

OPP developed individual WG banner stands for their meetings and workshops and they were distributed and received very well by all. OPP is delighted to include the details of another OPP COST publication Cod and Herring – The archaeology and History of medieval sea fishing.

Finally, OPP has developed a film “From sea monsters to sea darlings” which is available on youtube, check it out!

Meetings:
WG 2 and WG 4 Joint Meeting – Changing values, uses and practices regarding marine mammals: from the Iron Age to early modern and contemporary times
Madeira, March 2016

During this meeting, we also produced the film “From sea monsters to sea darlings”, as an output of research projects related to changing values and uses of marine mammals through time. (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=laEl1ru-L6g)
WG2+WG4 Madeira workshop

WG2 meeting Orkney 2nd April 2016

WG3 meeting WGSEDA Brest France 12th April 2016
During the meeting, which contained several members of the OPP WG 3 group, we worked on the specific issues and indicators, which adequately could describe the social and economic dimensions of aquaculture. The group found that aquaculture has not fully realized its potential as a source of food, nutrition and income generation due to the metrics or tools for understanding and assessing the social and economic impacts not being available. Thus, one of the issues therein is the question of availability and applicability of data that would help to assess aquaculture in an inclusive manner. It was found that more often than not, available data is not regarded as being of relevance to aquaculture, and/or not being collected at the appropriate scale level to generate meaningful information needed for decision-making and governance of the sector.

Bayscapes Trinity College Dublin 23rd May 2016
Our "Bayscapes: Shaping the Coastal Interface through Time" Oceans Past Platform Conference took place on May 23-25 in Trinity College Dublin with over 30 COST action members contributing to the proceedings. The conference was held in collaboration with the Centre for Environmental Humanities at Trinity College Dublin, and to celebrate Dublin Bay being designated a UNESCO Biosphere.
The conference included a boat trip into Dublin Bay which explored Dublin Port, Bay and Howth Head.

Papers explored both local and European perspectives and addressed the following core themes:

- Intervention points and best practice for managing marine heritage
- Changing inshore ecologies and human impacts
- Shaping Bayscapes through time
- Coastal and underwater Maritime Cultural Heritage

Children’s perception of the marine environment (Ioannis Giovos)

STSM
Cultural Heritage of Marine and Coastal Areas
The STSM laid the groundwork for a joint research project on coastal and maritime heritage and for the two scientific articles. The STSM provided me with important insights into the management policy of the Dublin Bay which will be useful in the comparative case studies to be undertaken in the scientific papers. During the STSM, I also identified several tools and methodological approaches to the management of cultural heritage in coastal areas, which will be explored further and which can also inspire other projects.
Bernadette Podoga, University of Stirling, 16th March 2016 – 30th March 2016

Other STSMs

Jacqueline Mulville, University Museum Norway, 10th April 2016 – 16th April 2016

Sally Evans, University Museum Norway, 11th April 2016 – 18th April 2016

Ines Amorin, DeBio Department of Biology, Italy 8th February 2016 – 22nd February 2016

Brian McKenzie, ISPRA Milazzo, Italy, 27th March 2016 – 2nd April 2016

Publications

Cod and Herring Oxbow Books

WG banner stands for each WG

Film “From sea monsters to sea darlings”
6 minutes’ film on the topic of history of whales in Europe
OPP Youtube Channel
(https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOxxsvbeZD2KaEODvcf6xKQ)

Sesimbra 2017!
Information regarding the Oceans Past VI international conference are now available!
The conference will take place in May 2017 and will be held by CHAM-FCSH, NOVA/UAc with the support of Sesimbra Municipality (Portugal) under the main theme. For more information and registration visit here
http://www.escolademar.pt/oceanspastvi/
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**Upcoming OPP conferences**

Oceans Past VI 16th – 18th May 2017 Sesimbra Lisbon Portugal

http://www.escolademar.pt/oceanspastvi/

Autumn (late October) 2017 – VLIZ Belgium

Spring (late April) 2018 – Haifa Bay, Israel

Final conference! Autumn (late October) 2018 – Bremerhaven

Thanks for reading Oceans Past Platform!