

Handout for the press conference with subsequent panel discussion at the launch of the »World Ocean Review« on 18 November 2010

Living with the Oceans

10 a.m., press conference with Nikolaus Gelpke, mareverlag publisher, and Prof. Dr. Martin Visbeck, Chairman, Cluster of Excellence »The Future Ocean«

11 a.m. panel discussion with

- Nikolaus Gelpke, mareverlag publisher
- Prof. Dr. Martin Visbeck, Chairman, Cluster of Excellence »The Future Ocean«
- Paul F. Nemitz, Head of Unit, Maritime Policy Development and Coordination, European Commission
- Hannes Jaenicke, actor, activist and author

Venue: Hauptzollamt Hafен Hamburg (former customs building of Hamburg port), Alter Wandrahm 20, D-20457 Hamburg

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Information about the »World Ocean Review«

The non-profit company maribus gGmbH was established two years ago to fill a gap in the institutional landscape: its aim is to increase public awareness of the interconnected nature of the diverse aspects of the marine environment and thus to boost marine conservation.

The »World Ocean Review« (WOR) is maribus's first publication. To produce this review, a team of partners were assembled who are renowned for their many years of commitment to the ocean realm and expertise at the forefront of scientific inquiry. They are:

The International Ocean Institute (IOI), founded by Elisabeth Mann Borgese, and the Ocean Science and Research Foundation (OSRF), a non-profit foundation also established by her. The IOI provides logistical support, its close association with the work of the United Nations playing an important role in this context. The OSRF provides financial backing for the project. The key partner, however, has proven to be the Cluster of Excellence »The Future Ocean« – a research alliance involving more than 250 scientists investigating climate and ocean change at diverse institutes in Kiel. Drawing on their outstanding expertise and applying an interdisciplinary approach, more than 40 scientists within the Cluster have authored this first »World Ocean Review«. Cooperation with the mareverlag publishing house has delivered a text written in a clear and accessible style.

The result is a comprehensive, detailed and unique report on the state of the world's oceans and their interplay with ecological, economic and sociopolitical conditions. This first »World Ocean Review« explains the key role played by the oceans in climate change processes, probes the uncertain future of our coasts, and reveals the mechanisms behind mounting marine pollution and misguided fishery policies. Yet, where there is cause for hope, this, too, is highlighted: the report presents the search for mineral and energy resources on the ocean floor that may be vital for the future, and the great prospects of deriving medical knowledge and active substances from the oceans. The »World Ocean Review« provides insights toward understanding the complexity of our oceans and the critical nature of their present state, thus bringing these concerns and the urgent need to respond to the forefront of public awareness.

The »World Ocean Review« is not sold, but distributed free of charge. There is no commercial intent. The review is available at www.worldoceanreview.com. Beside the English-language version, there is also one in German. The entire review will be published simultaneously online at www.worldoceanreview.com.

World Ocean Review, published by maribus gGmbH, Hamburg 2010, 236 pages, with numerous illustrations and photographs, paperback.

A free copy can be ordered at www.worldoceanreview.com

Information about the partners

maribus

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www.worldoceanreview.com

Cluster of Excellence »The Future Ocean«

The Kiel Cluster of Excellence, »The Future Ocean«, integrates the knowledge of marine scientists, earth scientists and economists, as well as medical scientists, mathematicians, lawyers and social scientists, allowing them to jointly investigate climate and ocean change. Overall, more than 250 scientists from six faculties of the Christian-Albrechts-University of Kiel (CAU), the Leibniz Institute of Marine Sciences (IFM-GEOMAR), the Institute for World Economy (IfW) and the Muthesius University of Fine Arts have joined forces in this unique research group. The Cluster of Excellence is funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) on behalf of the German government and the federal states of Germany.

<http://www.ozean-der-zukunft.de/english/>

IOI

The International Ocean Institute (IOI) was founded in 1972 by Professor Elisabeth Mann Borgese as a non-profit, non-governmental organization. It operates through a large network of national institutions around the world, with headquarters in Malta. Its purpose is to promote the peaceful and sustainable use of the ocean.

www.ioinst.org

mare

All publications produced by mareverlag centre on the sea as a place for human lives, economies and cultures.

»mare – Die Zeitschrift der Meere« (mare – the journal of the seas) was established in 1997 by Nikolaus Gelpke in Hamburg and is published bimonthly in German. The journal was joined in 2002 by a book programme comprising poetry, fiction and non-fiction. In pursuit of mareverlag's programmatic idea, all books and journalistic and photographic reports are produced to the highest quality, thus making them attractive to a broad audience.

www.mare.de

**Information about the speakers at the press conference
to be held at the launch of the »WOR« on 18 November 2010:
Nikolaus Gelpke and Prof. Dr. Martin Visbeck**

Nikolaus Gelpke, publisher of the mareverlag publishing house and editor-in-chief and publisher of the »mare« journal, Hamburg, spent his formative years mainly in Switzerland and Italy. Following a suggestion by Elisabeth Mann Borgese, at whose home he lived in Halifax after graduating from high school, he studied marine biology and the international law of the sea at Kiel University from 1984, graduating there as a marine biologist. He has worked as a diver on a Canadian oyster farm, as a research diver for Zurich University and Greenpeace, and as a professional diver on Jacques Piccard's mini-submersible, the *F-A Forel*. His enthusiasm for the seas and oceans inspired him to found »mare«, over which he has presided as publisher and editor-in-chief since its inception.

Nikolaus Gelpke is a committed marine conservationist, President of the Ocean Science and Research Foundation and Vice President of the International Ocean Institute. He is also a member of the jury for the Elisabeth-Mann-Borgese Marine Prize awarded by the state of Schleswig-Holstein since 2006.

Prof. Dr. Martin Visbeck, physical oceanographer, Deputy Director of the Leibniz Institute of Marine Sciences IFM-GEOMAR in Kiel and Chairman of the Kiel Cluster of Excellence »The Future Ocean«. Professor Visbeck's research focus is on ocean circulation and climate dynamics in the Atlantic. He is also a member of numerous international working groups, the German Research Foundation's (DFG) Senate Commission on Oceanography, and the German National Committee on Global Change Research.

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Press photos of the press conference and the subsequent panel discussion will be made available directly after the event at www.worldoceanreview.com in the PRESSE section of that website.