

# 28<sup>th</sup> ERVO Annual Meeting

8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026

## Trieste, Italy

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June

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18:30	Welcome Reception and Icebreaker on board RV <i>Laura Bassi</i> ( <i>Berth TBC</i> )
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### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June

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08:30	ERVO Annual Meeting Registration & Posters Installation	
09:00	OGS presentation & Practical arrangements for Day 1	Riccardo Codiglia (OGS)
09:05	Opening 28 <sup>th</sup> ERVO and round Table	Aodhán Fitzgerald / All
09:15	Introduction 28 <sup>th</sup> ERVO meeting & Hand-over of Chair	Aodhán Fitzgerald (MI)
09:20	Review and approval of ERVO 2025 minutes	James Parker (CEFAS)

#### *Theme 1: Delegates Reports of Activity*

09:25	Bringing RV <i>Belgica</i> back into service – challenges and lessons learned	Lieven Naudts (RBINS)
09:40	Two years of operations with LNG on RV <i>Odón de Buen</i>	Jordi Sorribas Cervantes (CSIC)
09:55	4 years since delivery of RV <i>Tom Crean</i> : Operational insights and learnings	Aodhán Fitzgerald (MI)
10:05	When replacement becomes inevitable: lessons from the 40-year-old RV <i>Mário Ruivo</i> refurbishment	Tanya Silveira (IPMA)
10:20	NIOZ Update (TBC)	TBC

10:30	Coffee Break & National Update Posters
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<b>Theme 2: New Builds &amp; Modifications</b>		
11:00	RV <i>Falkor (too)</i> - successful modifications to reduce bubble sweep down interference	Eric King (Schmidt Ocean Institute)
11:15	RV <i>Polarstern</i> – Germany's new research icebreaker	Marius Hirsekorn (AWI)
11:35	Status of the new ship – RV <i>Jocelyn Bell Burnell</i>	Philip Jeffers (AFBI)
11:50	New Polar Vessel project for Spanish Oceanographic Fleet	Jordi Sorribas Cervantes (CSIC)
12:05	From Concept to Commissioning: Delivering the RV <i>Anna Weber-Van Bosse</i> – A Collaborative Journey from Tender Requirements to Successful Delivery	Dr. Zeynep Erdem (NIOZ) & Jaime Paz Amado (ARMON)
12:20	<i>ARCADIA</i> , the new Oceanographic Research Vessel of ISPRA	Giordano Giorgi (ISPRA)
12:35	Update on the new Azores Government vessel - NI AZORES OCEAN ( <i>ONLINE</i> )	Rui Terra (Azores Government)
12:45	Update on the new build of METEOR IV	Lothar Meinders (BRIESE)

<b>13:00</b>	<b>Lunch &amp; Group Picture</b>	
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<b>Theme 3: Advances in Autonomy, Remote Operations &amp; Emerging Technologies</b>		
14:00	Gothenburg's New AUV	Prof. Anna Wählin (GU)
14:15	From experimental testbeds to real-world deployment: towards fully connected autonomous Research Vessels	Salvatore Mauro (CNR)

<b>Theme 4: European &amp; International Cooperation, Infrastructure Access &amp; Outreach Initiatives</b>		
14:30	POLARIN Update	Veronica Willmott Puig (AWI)
14:45	Schmidt Ocean Institute – International collaborations and partnerships for shiptime access	Eric King (Schmidt Ocean Institute)
15:00	New Dry Dock 2026 – Expanded Options for Research Vessel Docking in the North Atlantic	Richard Morensen (MEST)
15:10	EuroFleets – A new permanent structure for European Research Vessels & IRSO update	Giuseppe Magnifico (CNR)
15:25	The GEOMAR Ocean Observation Services (OOS) – a service hub for ocean carbon observations	Dr. Esther Rickert (GEOMAR)
15:35	Pink Flamingo Society – an update on the philanthropic research vessel operators' group	Eric King (Schmidt Ocean Institute)
15:45	AQUARIUS Update	Frank Armstrong (MI)
15:55	RV <i>Gaia Blu</i> – 2026 update: operations, challenges and future plans	Lorenza Evangelista (CNR)

<b>16:10</b>	<b>Coffee Break followed by visit to RV <i>Gaia Blu</i> and RV <i>Laura Bassi</i></b>	<b>All</b>
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<b>19:30</b>	<b>ERVO Official networking reception and Dinner at: <a href="#">Yacht Club Adriaco</a></b>	
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09:00	Opening and practical arrangements of Day 2	James Parker (CEFAS)
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### ***Theme 5: Future Fuels, Sustainable Vessel Design & Decarbonisation Pathways***

09:05	The new RV <i>Wega</i> and RV <i>Deneb</i> - Gondan Shipbuilders Presentation	Luis Mourelle (Gondan Shipbuilders)
09:20	Decarbonisation – how to choose your pathway?	Chris Fisher (Houlder Naval Architects)
09:35	Evolution of Marine Propulsion and Power Systems	Santiago Martín (ARMON)
09:50	Developments within Motor and Drive Technology	Torkjell Ringstad (EVOTEC)

### **10:05 Coffee Break & National Update Posters**

10:40	Futureproof vessel specification, a supplier's challenge to deliver against a 10-year-old spec	Trond Paulsen (Kongsberg)
11:00	ITS <i>Quirinale</i> : The Italian Navy's New Generation Hydro-Oceanographic Research Vessel	Maurizio Demarte (Italian Navy Hydrographic Institute)

### ***Theme 6: Permitting, Regulation & Cross-Border Operations***

11:15	Marine Scientific Research at Depths: Legal Responsibilities for Safety, Emergency Response and Rescue	Prof. Avv. Ilaria Tani (University of Milano-Bicocca)
11:30	BBNJ Requirements for Vessel Operators	Aodhan Fitzgerald (MI)

### ***Theme 7: Safety, Skills & Manning for the Next-Generation Fleet***

11:45	Training for Polar Expeditions – Basic & Advanced	Felix Lauber (F. LAEISZ)
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### ***Theme 8: ICT, Cybersecurity & Digital Systems for Modern Fleet Operations***

12:00	A Near Real-Time FAIR Data Infrastructure for the RV <i>Laura Bassi</i> : Shipboard and Shore-Based Design and Implementation	Massimiliano Iurcev (OGS)
12:15	The sea-going high speed compute facility on the RV <i>Corystes</i>	Philip Jeffers (AFBI)
12:30	Communications and Cybersecurity for RVs	Marwan Chartouny (OmniAccess)
12:45	Marine Facilities Planning (MFP) Update	Beiko Maas (MAAS SE)

### **13:00 Lunch**

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14:00	Final discussion, topics, date & place ERVO 2026	All
14:25	<b>Closing of ERVO 2025</b>	James Parker (CEFAS)

<b>14:30</b>	<b>Break &amp; National Update Posters</b>	
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<i><b>EuroFleets Objectives Workshop</b></i>		
15:00	Objective 1: Eurofleets Co-PI Mechanism for shiptime access for early career researchers	Lorenza Evangelista (CNR)
16:00	Objective 2: Eurofleets Training and Floating Universities	Aodhan Fitzgerald (MI)
17:00	Close	

<b>18:00</b>	<b>Optional Evening Excursion (TBC)</b>	
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