

ERVO's Future

- Created in 1999 as an initiative of the Marine Board (Eur. Science Foundation)
- Yearly Informal forum for research vessel managers
- Foster networking, co-operation and unification of practices
- Exchange of experience & knowledge
- Initial focus was on (regional) vessels >30m
- ERVO successfully grew to annual meetings of min. 20 participants
- Proofed to be a useful platform for a ca. 25 regular attendees
- Overlap with ISOM grew
- Lesser representation of smaller vessels
- Too passive as a group, forum remained largely informative
- Interactive meetings needed

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- Is a 'platform' like ERVO (or ISOM) useful? What are the benefits?
Would our professional live be worse without?
- How do ERVO meetings compare to ISOM meetings? How do we avoid too much overlap?
 - Alternating meetings
 - Emphasize a European component
 - Focus on Regional/Coastal vessels
 - Increase input of Regional/Coastal vessels
- Should we re-invite the whole European RV managers community?

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- What format is to be chosen?
 - National updates
 - Presentations vs. discussions
 - Invited speakers
 - Choice of topics
 - Recurrent topics (design, greening,...)
- Is there a wish/need to develop other co-operations
 - Personnel
 - Shiptime
 - Equipment
 - New Build projects

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- Character of ERVO
 - "tea-party" meetings vs. "pro-active" forum
 - Evolve into a (more) formal group?
 - To what level can we/should we become formal
- How we do position ourselves as a group towards?
 - EurOcean
 - Marine Board
 - Eurofleets
 - ISOM
 - ESFRI
 - RVOC (Unols)
 - Others?
- Do we formalize these relationships with MoU's?/co-operation agreements?

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- Inhouse activities

Create a strategy? Set up Objectives? What time basis?
Re-organise? chair/vice-chair/minutes/webpage/produce out-reaching material
Member fee? Conference fee?
Reach out and expand the group?

- Any other questions?

- Ad-hoc group to answer all these questions and prepare a proposal that is accepted at ERVO 2012

Any volunteers?

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