







How to work more closely... Aodhan Fitzgerald Vice chair IRSO











- Nantes, France 9- 12th September 2014
- Hosted by IFREMER.
- Expect c. 40 50 delegates.
- IRSO 2015... USA.. Late September.
- ERVO 2015?....
- IRSO 2016.....Europe



New IRSO Website

• <u>http://www.irso.info/</u>







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Terms of Reference

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The following are the IRSO Terms of Reference as approved at the 2013 meeting:

1. Objectives

IRSO promotes the safe, efficient and environmentally responsible operation of research ships in support of the global marine scientific research community. It does this by providing a forum for managers of ocean research ship fleets to:

- share professional information and best practice regarding design, management and operation
 of research ships and associated scientific equipment;
- explore and develop opportunities for sharing and/or exchanging ship time, personnel, instruments and equipment;
- benchmark their research ship and associated equipment operations with other comparable operators; and
- act as a voice to promote the research ship community and provide expert advice to other bodies as required.

2. Background

IRSO first met in London in 1987 as the International Ship Operators Meeting (ISOM) with 17 attendees from 8 different countries. In 2010 it decided to change the title to better reflect the forum's purpose and membership. In 2013, IRSO has members from 44 different







Avoiding overlap.....

- Need to try and co-ordinate ? e.g. Dates
- Need to try and avoid overlap? e.g. Agenda
- Focus on regional vessels in ERVO.
- Focus on European issues in ERVO....







Discussion







