

## French Pavilion brings best of marine technology to Oceanology

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As part of Oceanology 2010, the French national pavilion organised by UBIFRANCE (the French Agency for International Business Development) will showcase the best of French marine technology. Oceanology 2010, the largest international exhibition for marine science and ocean technologies, will be held at Excel (in London) from 9 to 11 March 2010. The French Pavilion will be located at Stands A300/B300/C300/ B250.

Two French maritime clusters – Pôle Mer Bretagne (Brittany Maritime Cluster, in western France) and Pôle Mer PACA (Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Maritime Cluster, in south-eastern France) – will also be part of the French Pavilion. The Brittany Maritime Cluster has recently entered into a partnership agreement with the port-city of Southampton, in southern England.

Oceanology International, which takes place in alternate years, welcomes professionals in the field of marine enterprise and research, including manufacturers of underwater vehicles, buoys and radars; specialists in control, defence, security and navigation systems; and experts in oceanography. Oceanology 2010 will take place at the Excel Exhibition Centre in London from 9 to 11 March 2010.

As well as the PACA and Brittany clusters, a wide range of companies will be participating in the French Pavilion. ACSA Underwater GPS is an expert in underwater tracking as well as in marine and underwater robotics, while BMTI specialises in the manufacturing of composite materials and radio-communication materials. CADDEN supplies high-tech measuring systems for positioning, orientation and navigation.

The CESIGMA research centre specialises in the processing of data, signals and images. CORRODYS CRITT is a centre of expertise in marine and bacterial corrosion, while the ENSIETA Engineering College trains students in the design and production of complex industrial systems, whether electronic, IT-based, mechanical or pyrotechnic.

ECO-LINE distributes underwater equipment, whereas FLODIM develops measuring equipment for underwater cavities – the technology being suited to liquid (Sonar), air (Laser-Image), or gas (Sonar-gas) environments.

At Oceanology 2010, the IFREMER marine research institute will present both its ongoing research work and its projects under development. IFREMER is currently looking for industrial partners to develop its research programme, and has recently been working with NKE, an R&D and production company specialising in geographic instrumentation.

Other companies on the French Pavilion will include IN VIVO ENVIRONNEMENT, which carries out research in environmental issues and oceanography, and KLEY France, which develops machines for offshore engineering, shipbuilding and oceanography. LAPP MULLER specialises in the bespoke design of cables and systems, as well as in the manufacturing of specialist cables, and METEOSTRATEGY SARL focuses on meteorology and oceanography.

OSEAN is a specialist in the study and production of scientific and military underwater electronic systems, as well as underwater lighting and vision systems. Also present will be SARL TECHNICAP, a manufacturer of equipment for use in oceanography, and SBG SYSTEMS SAS, which designs orientation and navigation panels.

SIG manufactures seismic reflexion equipment, and SUBSEA TECH specialises in the design and production of instrumentation and intervention systems for marine and underwater areas. Finally, PROVENCE PROMOTION is the regional development agency for the Bouches du Rhône département of southern France, and VAR ACCUEIL INVESTISSEURS is the economic development agency for the Var département of southern France.

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## About Oceanology International

Oceanology International is the world's leading exhibition in marine science and ocean technology. Oceanology is attended by a global community of engineers, scientists, legislators, policy makers and management professionals with responsibility across all of the industry.

Oceanology International hosts over 500 suppliers of products and services from around the world and is attended by over 6,600 visitors from 90 different countries.

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## About UBIFRANCE

UBIFRANCE is the French Agency for International Business Development, and is part of France's export-support framework. As the partner of reference for French companies wishing to export, UBIFRANCE offers a complete range of services based on the provision of information on export markets, legal issues and regulations, as well as international finance and tenders, while also supplying sectorial data. In addition, UBIFRANCE offers export advice and targeted support to companies' commercial activities, such as exploratory visits, partnership meetings, foreign exhibitions and international press communication. Finally, UBIFRANCE runs the International Postgraduate Programme (VIE) for employing qualified personnel and young graduates outside France.

UBIFRANCE is organising the French Pavilion at Oceanology International, which will take place at the Excel Exhibition Centre in London (UK) from 9 to 11 March 2010. The French Pavilion will be located at Stands A300/B300/C300/ B250

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