

OTC Bottle Post 6

Dear OTC Members,

In line with our internationalization strategy, our monthly updates are now available in English. Uta Hermes, Franziska Schmacka and Greta Steinicke (our new student assistant in the Cluster Office) hope you enjoy reading!

Representation at the 'Baltic Sea Parliamentary Convention'



Group picture of all attendees in the Plenarsaal of the Landtag of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. (Photo: bspc.net)

On August 29 and 30, 40 participants from eight different countries gathered for the Sixth Meeting of the 'Baltic Sea Parliamentary Convention' Working Group on Climate Change and Biodiversity at the Landtag in Schwerin. Additionally present was Uwe von Lukas. In his speech on Monday, he drew attention to how well the idea of the OTC had been obtained thus far. He highlighted that the OTC was now ready to support the BSPC's efforts in advancing renewable ocean energies and removing ammunition from the grounds of the Baltic Sea. Both topics had previously gotten special attention from the Baltic Sea Parliament Youth Forum.

First Rostock Ocean Technology Summer School inspires participants and campus

We can put it as simple as that: The first Rostock Ocean Technology Summer School (RoOT) was a great success. Our 14 participants from 11 different countries and backgrounds from "Sustainable blue growth" to "Marine Geology" was already international and transdisciplinary from the start. A great recipe to make the 10 days of lectures, discussions, environmental sampling on Limanda, microbiology lab work and engineering of gliders and sensor-buoys an inspiring and motivating training for both the participants and our OTC partners. To put it with the words of a participant "...it has been the highlight of my year [...] If you would offer a master formation or similar I would join immediately" Thanks to all contributors for your engaging courses - and hope to see back for RoOT 2023!



Photo: H. Link/University of Rostock

Some inspiration: [LinkedIn-Post of a participant](#) & [Article in the OZ](#)

Youth Event about work opportunities in the Basecamp

'The Baltic Sea as an employer' was the topic of the youth event that was organized on the initiative of and together with the Ministry of Science, Culture, Federal and European Affairs on September 15. For this purpose, 35 young people made their way to the OTC basecamp and explored the options of



Our guests Bettina Martin, Merle Fruhner (Kraken Power), Regine Labrenz (IOW), Sascha Kosleck (University of Rostock), Greta Markfort (IOW) discussing work opportunities near, on and under the Baltic Sea.

work in research, development and application. The young adults were welcomed by our Minister of Science Bettina Martin and after a quick introduction followed a discussion round with present OTC

representatives. The different actors exhibiting educational and job opportunities after a-levels included the University of Rostock, Hochschule Wismar, Fraunhofer research institute, Kraken Power GmbH, Forschungsverbund MV e.V., ISC Training & Assembly GmbH and the Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research Warnemünde. Highlight of the day were the company tours at Baltic Diver and Framework Robotics, where it was possible to experience job opportunities firsthand.

Networking and news about underwater technologies at the Baltic Sea Business Day



Our workshop included talks by Peter Menzel (Fraunhofer, left) Axel Rasch (TKMS, right), Timmu Tollimägi (Unsinkable Robotics), Michael Thurm (ISSS), Wolfgang Süß (SENSYS), and Nora-Lynn Fricke (Ministry of Economics MV)

On September 22, the Baltic Sea Business Day took place in the Stadthalle. We organized the workshop 'Underwater technologies with focus on ammunition contamination', which was attended by about 40 people. The conclusion was that good technical solutions are ready and now it is time to start implementing them. We will continue to carry this message into the political arena.

We could not complain at all about a lack of attention. In several official speeches, whether by Minister President Schwesig, Minister of Economics Meyer or Mrs. Lührmann (Minister of State for Europe & Climate at the Federal Foreign Office), the OTC was mentioned as an important development.

OTC Talk on October 21 about communication & exchange

We often receive questions about communication and exchange in the OTC. Therefore, we have decided to dedicate the next OTC Talk to this topic. We would like to present which exchange possibilities already exist and which ones we are planning. We would also like to present the innovation platform for idea management in the cluster. Another topic will be the external communication of the OTC. This will involve, for example, our OTC logo. Many have noticed that there is no final solution here yet. This is due to the fact that trademark lawyers are currently examining whether we can use the abbreviation OTC in our external presentation. We are optimistic that we will be able to announce news on this shortly.



Please note, this OTC Talk will be postponed from October 14 to 21 and will take place online and in seminar room 111 at the MNF, A.-Einstein-Str. 2. The talk will start at 2 p.m., and everyone is already invited to the Mensa Süd from 12 p.m. for lunch and networking (meeting point Rotunde).

Kumo Space

Interested in getting to know other members or just need a space to talk about OTC topics? Starting October, every Thursday from 8:30 until 9:00 a.m. you will have the chance to visit the virtual OTC Café at the following web address: <https://www.kumospace.com/otc-cafe>. You only have to register once with your email address. This café is open for informal exchange among OTC members. Take a coffee and talk!

Job board of the OTC



On the website of the OTC you can now get an overview of open positions in the participating institutions. If you have a position to fill, please send it to [Sonja Kretz](mailto:sonja.kretz@uni-rostock.de). This way we can help to attract good talents for our initiative. Link to our career site: <https://www.otc-rostock.com/karriere> (English version under construction)

Query about the need for childcare

Do you have little children? Whether you need help finding childcare or not, we'd like to ask you a few questions about this topic. Please participate in the following survey until October 31: <https://otc-rostock.limesurvey.net/261954?lang=en>

Don't miss the Rostock Ocean Convention on November 16-17

The topic of the 3rd Rostock Ocean Convention is 'New technologies for the Blue Economy'. It will take place on Nov 16-17, 2022, at the HanseMesse Rostock. The Rostock Ocean Convention is an attractive networking event for companies, science and politics and offers more than 170 participants, speakers and partners a platform of communication. In cooperation with Rostock Business, the Subsea Monitoring Network, the University of Rostock and Fraunhofer IGD, Rostock is presented as a leading location for underwater technology and current trends and developments are shown. You can expect interesting discussions and presentations, exhibitions, networking opportunities with other companies and an evening reception. Secure your early bird discount now until October 1: www.rostock-business-app.de



WHAT? WHEN? WHERE?

All events are open to all our members! Please register. If there is no contact info given, the Cluster Office is responsible. All current events are also available on the [OTC-SharePoint](#).

- ⇒ **Sep 27-29, 2022: 3D-Workshop of the Open Ocean Lab.** More information through [Wiebke Külper](#) or here: <https://www.otc-rostock.com/makerspace/veranstaltungen>
- ⇒ **Sep 29, 2022, 9 a.m.: IOW-OTC-Breakfast.** Informal Network Meeting at the IOW (every last Thursday of the month), Information & Organization: [Regine Labrenz](#)
- ⇒ **Sep, 29, 2022, 10:30 -12:30 a.m.: Network Meeting - Equality.** Place: IOW & Online, More information and registration: [Kirstin Kastell](#)
- ⇒ **Oct 21, 2022, 12 a.m.: Lunch & Networking.** Informal meeting before the OTC Talk, Place: Mensa Süd (meeting point Rotunde)
- ⇒ **Oct 21, 2022, 14 p.m.: OTC-Talk** about Communication & Coordination within the OTC. Place: Room 111 of the Faculty for Mechanical Engineering & Marine Engineering, A.-Einstein-Str. 2 & Online (invitation link follows shortly before).
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- ⇒ **Nov 8, 2022: Fraunhofer-Industrial-Day** 'Wear and corrosion protection for maritime applications'. Event of the Fraunhofer High-Performance Center Sustainable Ocean Business, more information and sign-up [here](#).
- ⇒ **Nov 11, 2022, 14 a.m.: OTC-Talk** with a talk of Daniel Stepputtis (OTC project 'smartFishing') and a speech of Claudia Müller (Federal Government Spokesperson for Maritime Affairs). Place: Conference Hall of the Thünen Institute & Online (invitation link follows shortly before).
- ⇒ **Nov 16-17, 2022: ROSTOCK OCEAN CONVENTION.** Networking platform for attendees from economy, science and politics about current developments, trends, and projects of the digital underwater technology. More information here: <https://www.rostock-business.com/events/veranstaltungsdetails/rostock-ocean-convention/>
- ⇒ **Nov 29-30, 2022: OTC Cluster Meeting and Cluster Gathering.** Exchange about project progress and strategy development. All members are expressly invited to attend this meeting. More information follows.

Wishing all of you **A GOOD START INTO THE COLD SEASONS!**