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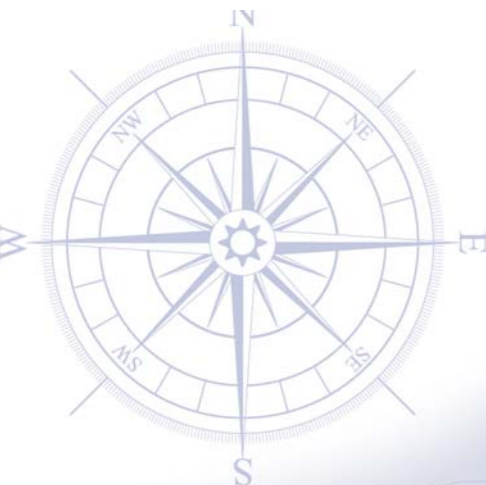
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NIOZ 2014: High waves and rocky shores

Gaining insight in the complex and ever changing marine ecosystems and environments from the deep oceans to the shallow deltaic coastal settings is of vital importance for modern society. Our mission, activities, multidisciplinary research, including frontier applied studies, modern research facilities, labs, and research vessels, and network of cooperating national and international universities and institutions are all dedicated to this task. Furthermore, NIOZ supports academic and applied marine and maritime research with know-how and infrastructure in the Netherlands and abroad.

In 2014, research at Royal NIOZ continued to focus on marine environments globally, in estuaries and deltaic settings, from polar regions via temperate zones to tropical coral reefs and sea-grass fields, and into the depths of the oceans. Royal NIOZ is a respected and trusted partner in a multitude of national and international efforts to improve our understanding of the changing seas and oceans, and for paving the way to improved and sustainable use of them in terms of coastal protection ('building with nature'), global food, energy and other natural resources for broad scientific and societal benefit.

2014 was in many respects a dynamic year for the institute, with high waves, rocky shores, and many highs and lows. The institute was faced with serious budgetary issues, and the troublesome times led to a change of the NIOZ board. A new NIOZ board was installed on October 1, composed of Ir Harry Baayen (chairman), and Dr Ir Bas Buchner, Prof Dr Jack Middelburg and Drs Luc Kohsiek. Central in 2014 was addressing the problems, and moving forward with a visionary plan A new course for NIOZ, composed by the board and directorate under the guidance of Harry Baayen. A key element in our approach was to find co-investors in the scientific efforts of NIOZ, and in this context, a crucial agreement between NIOZ, NWO and Utrecht University was reached in late 2014. This new collaboration and affiliation will eventually allow significant new investments in fundamental marine sciences for the coming decade, while our national role remains unchanged.



Other elements of the plan were an improved financial control and transparency, a new role for NIOZ Yerseke to be developed in a regional Delta context, and avenues to secure NIOZ's sea going national marine research facilities. The latter effort led to a report by a committee headed by Ir Hans Huis in 't Veld, the CEO of the national economic 'Top Sector Water', confirming the important, and to be sustained, national role of NIOZ MRF and seagoing capability. 2015 is a transitional year in the plan, with adaptation of the organisation, with a planned start of NIOZ 'new style' in January 2016. Another aspect was improving the collaborations in the frontier applied marine and maritime scientific domain, by the formation of the Netherlands Maritime consortiUm for environmental Science and Technology, MUST, with Deltares, IMARES-WUR and TNO as partners.

Meanwhile, NIOZ scientific productivity in 2014 reached a record highs with over 300 peer reviewed publications, 165 open access papers, 6 successful PhD thesis defences at three universities, and over 550 outreach, broad scientific, and media contributions. It was also the year where NIOZ was very successful in the various national NWO/STW 'top sector' calls, and where Prof Dr Theunis Piersma, one of the senior PIs of the marine ecology department (TX), and affiliated with Groningen University, received the prestigious personal NWO/OCW Spinoza award, the largest of its kind in the Netherlands. Moreover, Prof Dr Ir Jaap Sinninghe Damsté, head of NIOZ's marine organic biogeochemistry department (TX) and also Spinoza laureate in 2004, received the equally prestigious, personal academic Dr. A.H. Heineken prize for environmental sciences this year in recognition of his contribution to the field.

MUST directors Tammo Bult (IMARES), Henk Brinkhuis (NIOZ) and Jan Hoegge (TNO) address the audience at the MUST symposium in Amsterdam.

Other notable achievements in 2014 included professorship appointments of Dr Klaas Timmermans (NIOZ-TX; chair: marine plant biomass) and Dr Tjeerd Bouma (NIOZ-YE; chair: biomorphological changes and ecosystem services of coastal areas) at the Groningen University, and a professorship of Dr Bert Vermeersen (chair: planetary exploration) at Delft University. Furthermore, we celebrated a NWO-VIDI grant for Dr Dick van Oevelen (NIOZ-YE), and a VENI grant for Dr Kimberly Mathot (NIOZ-TX), but also the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with MARUM (Bremen University, Germany) at the Hannover Messe in the presence of deputy minister of Education, Culture and Science (OCW) Sander Dekker.

Cheers on the signing of the MoU between MARUM and NIOZ at the Holland High Tech stand at the Hannover Messe.



Another 2014 highlight was the Royal opening of the new seaweed research centre by HRH King Willem Alexander of the Netherlands in April. It was a day of celebration of NIOZ's innovative scientific capabilities towards a sustainable blue economy. Later that month, festivities continued in the Caribbean with the official opening of the Caribbean Netherlands Science Institute at St Eustatius, 'enabled by NIOZ', with funding from the ministry of OCW.



The building of CNSI at St. Eustatius.

NIOZ also successfully hosted the renowned North Sea Days on Texel, organised with its partners Deltares, WUR-IMARES Rijkswaterstaat, Maritime Campus Netherlands and the foundation Water & Media and Ecomare. At this symposium, the digital book *De Staat van de Noordzee* authored by prof. Peter Herman (NIOZ), Dr Olivier Beauchard and Dr Luca van Duren (Deltares), was launched. NIOZ also hosted the 9th European Workshop on the Molecular Biology of Cyanobacteria on Texel with the NIOZ Ocean auditorium fully booked!

All in all, 2014 was characterised by steep highs and deep lows. During the coming transitional year 2015, NIOZ will be evolving into a renewed, renovated and dynamic organisation, tailored to the future. We look forward in confidence, and wish NIOZ calmer seas and clearer waters in 2015.

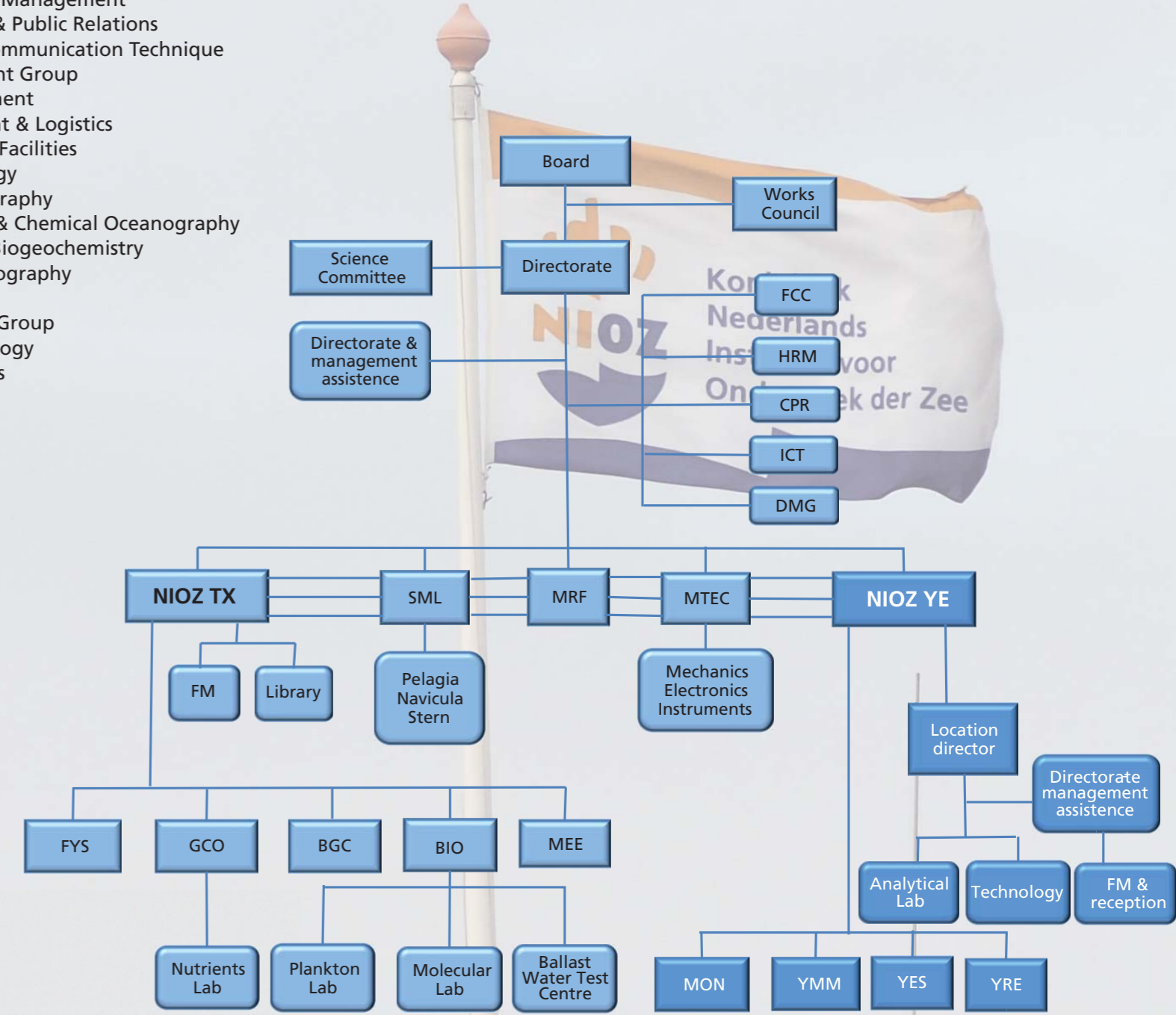


Prof. Dr Henk Brinkhuis, general director NIOZ,
Ir Harry Baayen, chair of the NIOZ board





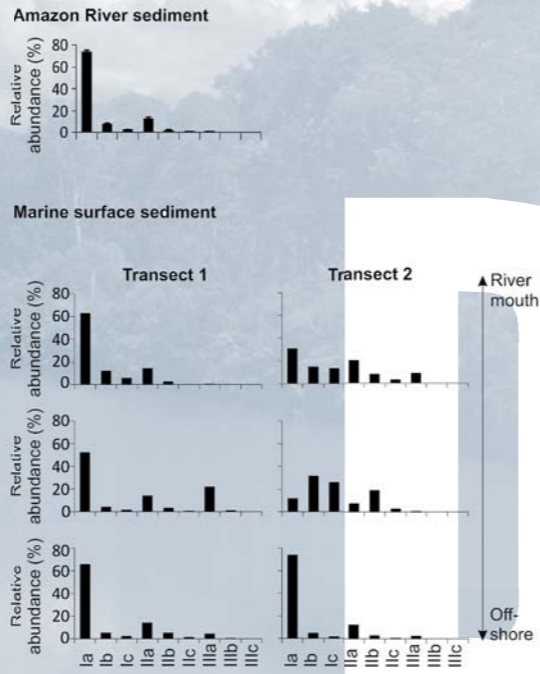
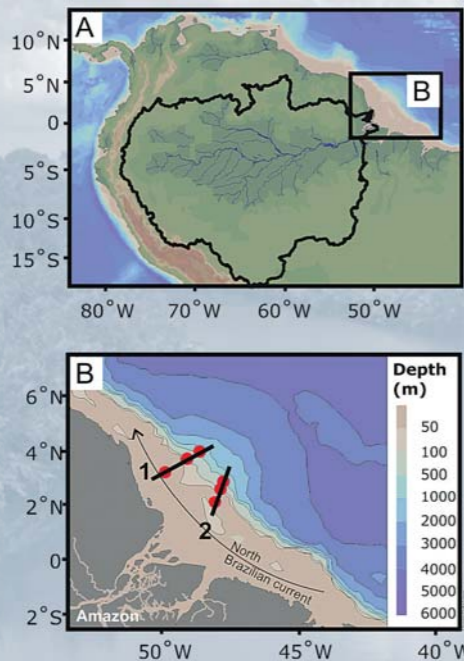
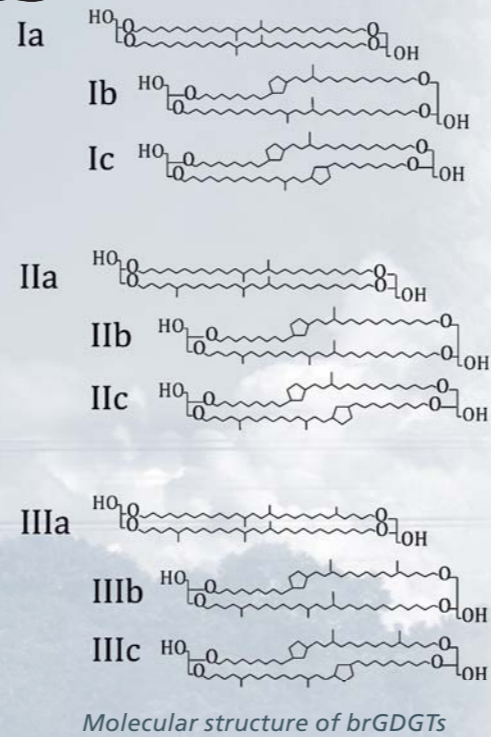
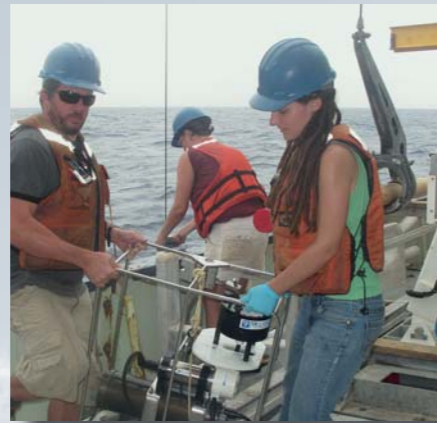
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- HRM = Human Resource Management
- CPR = Communication & Public Relations
- ICT = Information & Communication Technique
- DMG = Data Management Group
- FM = Facility Management
- SML = Ship Management & Logistics
- MRF = Marine Research Facilities
- MTEC = Marine Technology
- FYS = Physical Oceanography
- GCO = Marine Geology & Chemical Oceanography
- BGC = Marine Organic Biogeochemistry
- BIO = Biological Oceanography
- MEE = Marine Ecology
- MON = Monitoring Task Group
- YMM = Marine Microbiology
- YES = Ecosystem Studies
- YRE = Spatial Ecology



Measuring paleoenvironmental changes

with microbial molecules

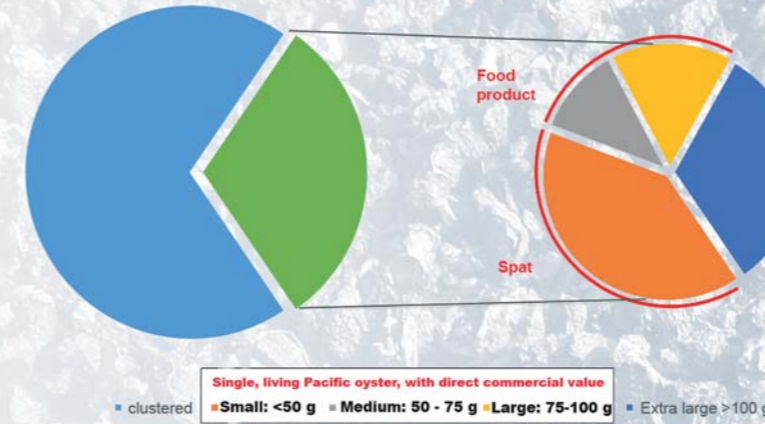
Claudia Zell, BGC



Change of brGDGT distribution from Amazon River mouth to open ocean.

Management options for the Pacific Oyster

Pim van Avesaath, MON

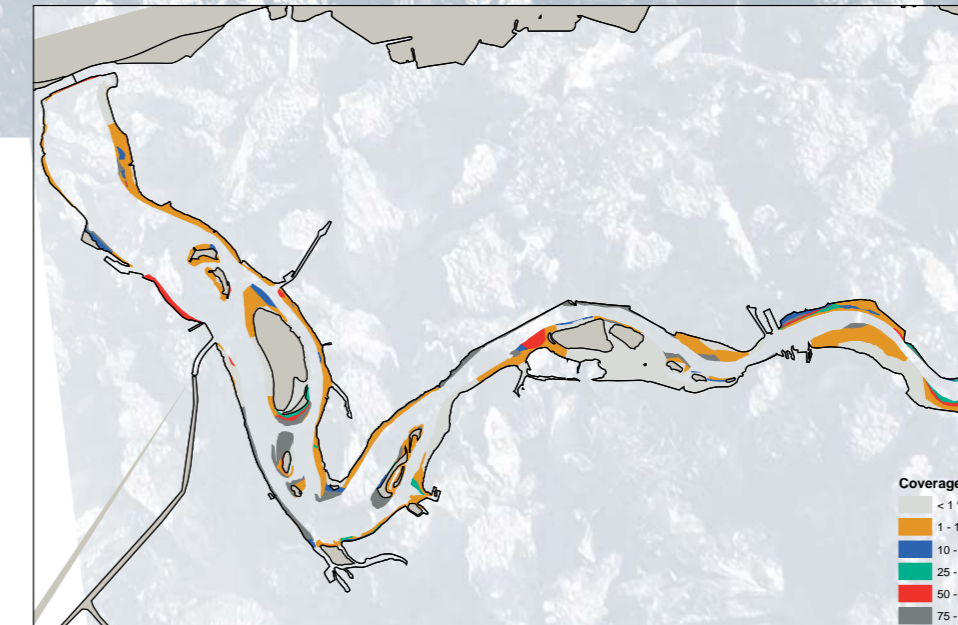


Indication of the commercial value of living Pacific oysters depending on characteristics and size; as food or as oyster seed (spat) for grow-out in aquaculture

Is the nuisance species Pacific Oyster commercially exploitable? The Monitor Taskforce participated in a consortium of public and private stakeholders as a scientific consultant to develop economic sustainable management options for the control of the feral Pacific oysters (*Crassostrea gigas*) to minimise the nuisance for water recreation.

In Lake Veere field surveys were carried out to identify areas where oysters could cause problems for seaside visitors. This survey also revealed the first indication for the exploitation of wild oysters as commercial (food) products. Harvesting the oysters could cover the costs of the interventions and removal of this invasive alien species from the locations where it may cause problems. This observation may lead to a new kind of self-sustained management framework for Pacific oysters and other invasive species.

A feasibility study showed that, besides the surmountable technical, social and economic issues, the biggest challenge was legislative constraints regarding issuing permits for the collection of this species as a 'commercial product' (fishing activity). Irrespective of these legislative constraints, within this project, the Monitor Taskforce proved that the NIOZ, as a regional expertise centre, may act as incubator for innovative management and business approaches. This approach may lead to a new perspective within marine spatial planning at an intermediate scale, combining management of nuisance species, sustainable management of natural resources and nature conservation.



Overview of locations in the feasibility study on Pacific oyster removal in Lake Veere

The project has been financed by RWS Z&D and VECTORS.

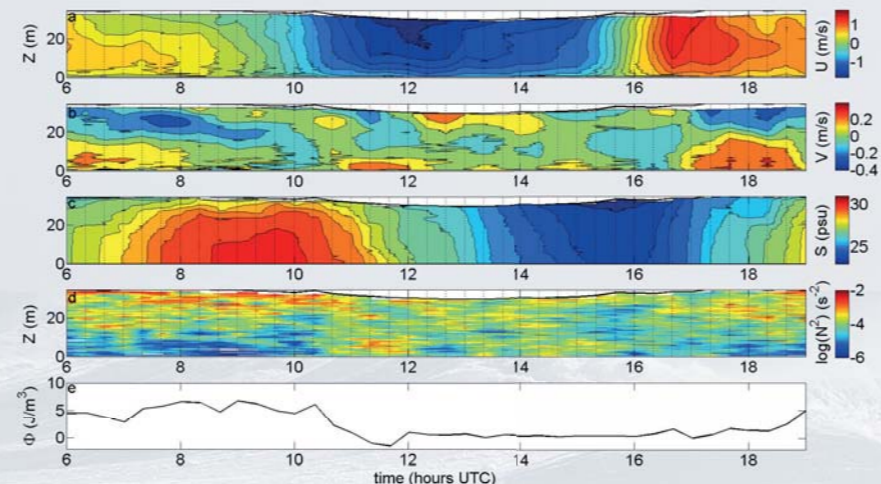
On the dynamics of currents in the

estuarine Marsdiep basin

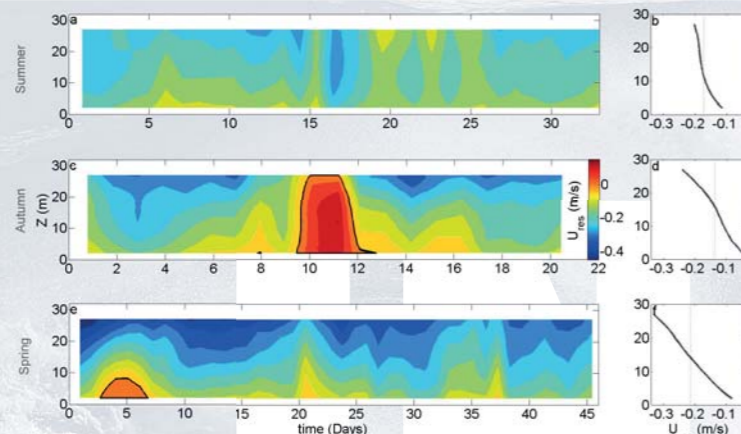
In my PhD research, I studied the spatial and temporal variability of currents using a wide range of observations, which aimed at providing a better understanding of the small-scale hydrodynamics in the Marsdiep basin, and which can also serve as a reference case for the tidal energy plant.

Currents are an important aspect of environmental systems like the Wadden Sea because they distribute nutrients, pollutants and suspended matter, thereby partly determining the abiotic conditions and impacting the biological activity. Furthermore, tidal currents can be a potential source of energy, which will be explored in the near future by allocating a test tidal energy plant near Texel. In estuarine basins like the Marsdiep basin, the discharge of freshwater creates density gradients which modifies the shape of the vertical profiles of the instantaneous and residual currents. A wide variety of estuarine processes are able to impact the vertical profile of velocity. Our research has shown that the structure of the vertical profiles of velocity are characterized by processes which deviate from standard textbook estuaries. The complex bathymetry, the variable cross-stream circulation and the tidal distortion are some of the features that modify the estuarine hydrodynamics in the Marsdiep basin, an ideal area to study specific features and processes. Despite these atypical processes, a classical estuarine circulation is observed which is characterized by a great seasonal variability.

Jurre de Vries, FYS



Results of a 13-hours anchor station during spring tide conditions. From the top down the vertical profiles of the buoyancy frequency N , the potential energy anomaly, representing the strength of the vertical stratification, that is the vertical difference in density, which is largest during late flood. Z (y-axis) indicates the height above the seabed and the time in hours in UTC on the x-axis.



Vertical structure of the residual along-stream current for three different moored deployments collected during three different seasons (Summer, Autumn, Spring). The positive values (red) around Day 11 of Autumn correspond with a major southwesterly storm.

Long-term data on Wadden Sea ecology

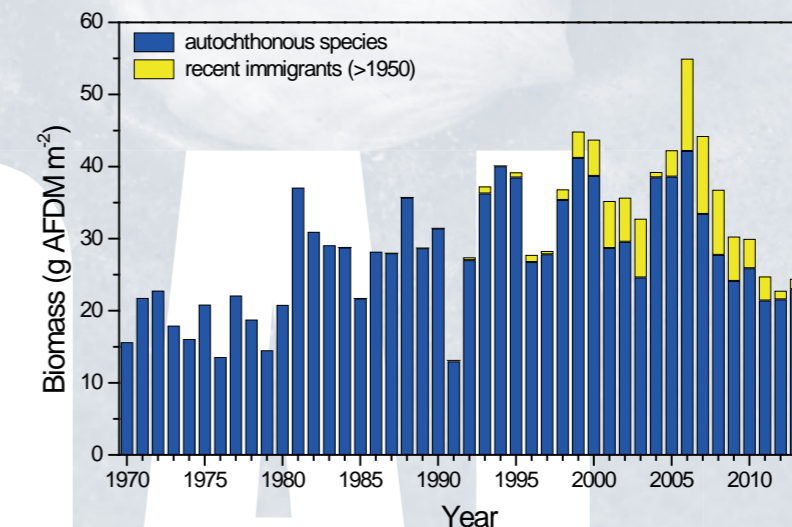
Rob Dekker & Jan Beukema, MEE



Rob Dekker and Dennis Waasdorp sampling on Balgzand

Since the early 1970s, NIOZ runs a monitoring program for bottom invertebrates on the Balgzand tidal flats. Twice annually, at permanent sampling stations, hundreds of standardised bottom cores are sieved. The collected animals are identified, counted and weighed, yielding long-term records of numbers and biomass per m^2 in some 50 species.

Long-term data series are gaining importance by continuation. By consistently monitoring the bottom fauna, effects on the Wadden Sea ecosystem can be recorded on various continuing large-scale changes: warming climate, rising sea level, subsiding bottom, declining eutrophication. The Balgzand data series collected to date are sufficient to study trends and relationships between environmental conditions (e.g. temperature) and population characteristics (e.g. growth rates, mortality, and recruitment). Species richness increased over the years following the establishment of species originating from other continents or from southern Europe, without loss of northern species. Abundance increased particularly in winter-sensitive species. As winters became milder, higher numbers of shrimps and shore crabs occurred in spring. Accordingly, numbers of bivalve spat in summer were lower. As a consequence of higher winter temperatures, recruitment success in several bivalve species declined, leading to reduced bivalve production and biomass. It may not be coincidental that numbers of especially molluscivorous birds have declined in the Wadden Sea.



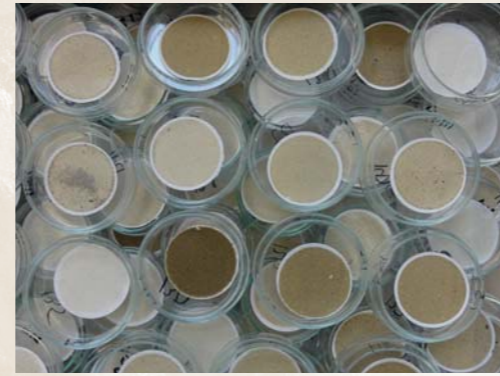
Annual biomass of benthic invertebrates on Balgzand tidal flats. Recent immigrants in yellow, including substantial shares of the worm *Marenzelleria viridis* and the bivalve *Ensis directus*, both species originating from N-America.

WATER

A turbidity maximum zone in the Dutch coastal area

coastal area

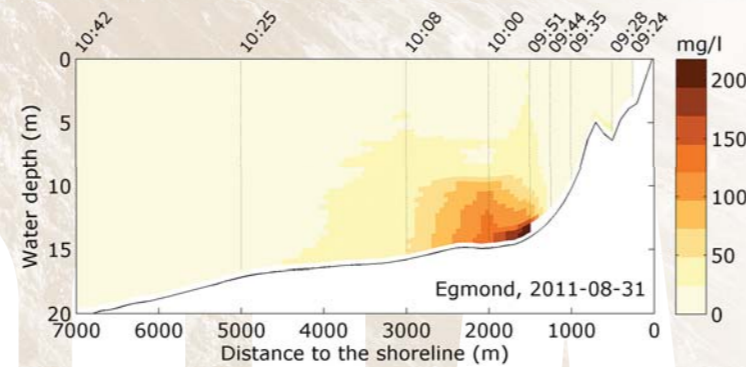
Carola van der Hout, FYS



Water samples are filtered to determine concentrations of suspended matter. Differences in colour show concentration variations and variations in material type.



Satellite image of the Dutch coastal zone showing high suspended matter at the surface close to the coast in brown. The sediment transport direction and estimated volumes are indicated. Three black lines indicate the locations of the measurements.



The distribution of suspended matter from the coastline (right) to 7 km offshore (left) during one survey. Most concentrations are up to 25 mg/l, but there is a distinct patch (turbidity maximum zone) where concentrations >200 mg/l are found.

The beach maintained by worms?

Simeon Moons, YRE



Tube building worms in the intertidal zone of the Sand Motor lagoon. The physical presence of these tubes affects sediment deposition.



Measuring bed elevation in an artificial bed of tube building worms.

Who doesn't like to stroll along the waterside, enjoy the warm sand or dive into the cool water? The beach must be one of our favourite places to go, and yet, we know so little about it.

In a struggle to live as close as possible to the sea without drowning, we have allowed society to domesticate the coastline. To keep the coast from eroding we feed it large amounts of sand, referred to as nourishments. Although effective, nourishments pose a frequent disturbance to the coastal ecosystem. Hence the pilot project the Sand Motor was created to investigate alternative methods of coastal maintenance. The Sand Motor is a very diverse and dynamic perturbation of the coastline, which provides many research opportunities. This prompted the idea for an interdisciplinary fieldwork campaign to study coastal processes, which was realised in 2014. For 6 weeks an international group of >20 researchers combined their efforts to measure sediment transport and its physical and biological driving forces, from depths of 18 meters all the way into the dunes. With the resulting dataset we hope to quantify the influence of macrobenthic animals, e.g. worms and shellfish, on the shape of the coast. Dunes are 'built' by grasses, and the same may apply to benthic creatures in the sea. Understanding coastal processes is key to optimising coastal management, so we can all enjoy the beach in the years to come.

COASTAL

Microbial electricity from the seafloor

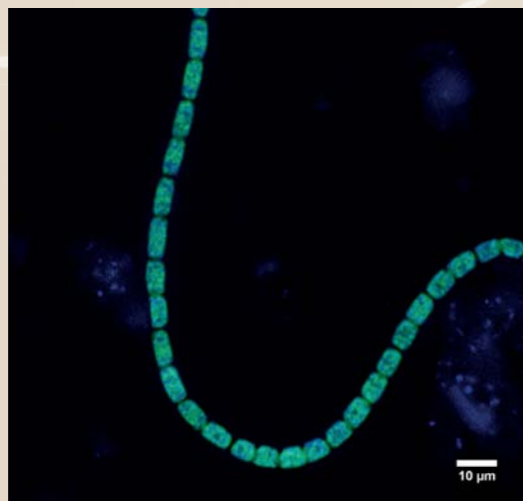
Long filamentous bacteria that create a natural living battery in the ocean floor. It seems hard to believe, but these fascinating microbes were discovered in 2014 in North Sea sediments by NIOZ researcher Filip Meysman and his team. These electrical bacteria perform a whole new form of microbial respiration, and their electron-conducting capabilities could eventually lead to entirely novel bio-electrical applications.

The newly discovered 'cable' bacteria form a true surprise from the seafloor, because they are capable of conducting electricity over centimeter distances. The bacteria are a hundred times thinner than a human hair, and consist of thousands of cells that pass electrons on to each other. In a study published in the ISME Journal, the NIOZ team shows that cable bacteria occur in many seafloor habitats, such as mangrove swamps, underneath fish farms, and even in the deep ocean. By making electricity, the cable bacteria have an advantage in the competition for energy-rich resources in the seafloor. The electricity inside cable bacteria implies a whole new way in which biological cells are cooperating, and shows how inventive biological evolution can be. The discovery also opens promising opportunities for applied research into novel bio-electrical materials and applications. Cable bacteria have evolved a biological material that is highly conductive, and maybe within some years, smartphones or photo-voltaic panels could be equipped with minuscule conducting wires of bacterial origin.

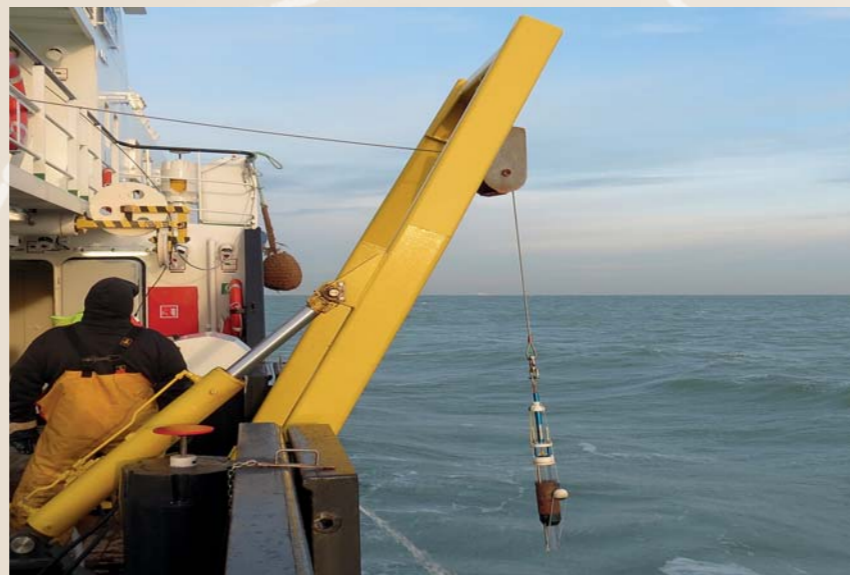
Filip Meysman, YES



Filip Meysman explains his Royal Highness the mechanism how cable bacteria are making electricity.



Microscopic image of a cable bacterium



Sampling for cable bacteria in North Sea sediments on board ship



Stranded harbour porpoise with mutilations typical of grey seal attacks (photo: Cees van Hoven).

Grey seals found guilty of porpoise attacks

Judith van Bleijswijk & Harry Witte, BIO

Grey seals have been identified as the killers behind the mysterious deaths of harbour porpoises found with distinct mutilations on Dutch beaches over the past decade.

A NIOZ CSI-team analysed DNA from the bite wounds on three stranded harbour porpoises and found traces of three different grey seals. The study is the first successful application of forensic techniques on carcasses recovered from the marine environment.

DNA-positive wounds showed signs of bleeding, indicating that the porpoises were alive when bit. As a next step, the bite mark patterns were used to analyse pictures from autopsy reports of 1,081 porpoises that were stranded between 2003 and 2013 along the Dutch coastline. It appeared that one in five had been killed by seals, making seal attacks one of the major causes of harbour porpoise deaths in the Netherlands, alongside disease and drowning in fishing nets.

Grey seals were known as fish eaters, they can eat large fish, up to half a metre in length. Why they started eating mammals is not yet completely clear. The porpoises are targeted by the seals for their calorie-rich blubber, and healthy and fat juveniles are the favoured prey.

The study, a combined effort of NIOZ, Utrecht University and Imares, received a lot of attention in the national and international press and was published in two back to back scientific papers.



Harry Witte extracts DNA from cotton swabs of bite wounds on porpoise carcasses...

Not always as friendly as he looks here.



... and Judith van Bleijswijk extracting the data.

GOALS

The Internet of ocean data

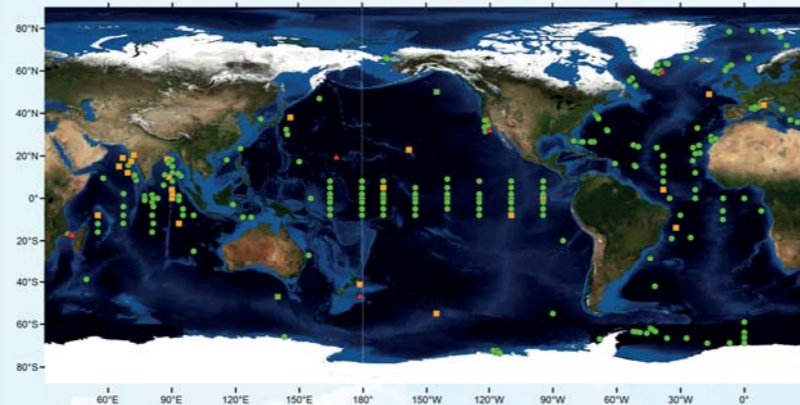
NIOZ research is global and generates large amounts of high quality and extremely valuable data. These data are made available through many online channels, thus contributing to exciting, new science and further promoting the excellent reputation of the NIOZ scientists.

These channels include the NIOZ website, the NIOZ portals in NL-BIF/ GBIF, the portal of the Netherlands National Oceanographic Data Committee (NL-NODC) and various EMODNet portals. Two more channels merit closer attention: SeaDataNet and OceanSITES.

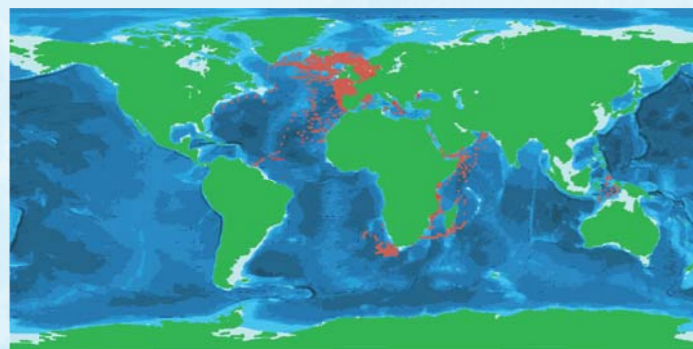
SeaDataNet (SDN) is a European initiative of 49 partners from 35 countries in and around Europe. The vast majority of the members are National Oceanographic Data Centres (NODC). SDN provides easy access to oceanographic data in a uniform and standardised way from one portal. NIOZ was the first institute in Europe to fully comply with the SeaDataNet standards and currently contributes over 5500 datasets of a total of over 1.5 Million.

According to its website: 'OceanSITES is a worldwide system of long-term, open-ocean reference stations'. In 2014, NIOZ contributed data on temperature, salinity, current speed and direction from its long-term moorings in the Mozambique Channel between East Africa and Madagascar (data processed for 2004-2009) and in the Irminger Sea between Greenland and Iceland (data processed for 2003-2012).

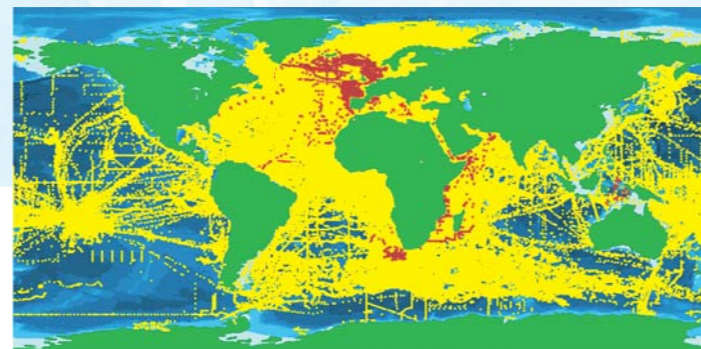
Taco de Bruin, DMG



Map of all mooring and observatory locations in the OceanSITES Network (from <http://www.oceansites.org>). The NIOZ moorings are in the Mozambique Channel and East of Greenland.



NIOZ data available through SeaDataNet, clearly showing the world-wide coverage of NIOZ research



NIOZ data (red) super-imposed on all data (yellow) from 35 European countries, available at <http://www.seadatanet.org>



Mercury rising

Micha Rijkenberg, GCO

Concentration of the toxic metal mercury in the upper ocean has tripled since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution. This is the outcome of a worldwide survey of metal concentrations in the ocean.

Mercury occurs as inorganic mercury or as methylmercury. Especially methylmercury accumulates in aquatic organisms reaching concentrations that can become toxic for organisms and their consumers.

Mercury enters the oceans naturally as a result of the breakdown, or 'weathering,' of rocks on land. Human activities like mining and coal burning pollute the oceans further with mercury. Until now, only models could tell us which part of the oceanic mercury content resulted from human activity. NIOZ scientists cooperated with scientists from Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Wright State University, and Observatoire Midi-Pyrénées in France investigating mercury concentrations in seawater samples collected during multiple research cruises across the world. Using these measurements we estimated the mercury in the ocean that originated from natural sources and the amount of mercury that entered the oceans due to human activities. We found that mercury in the upper ocean increased three times and that the ocean as a whole showed an increase in mercury of roughly 10% since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution.

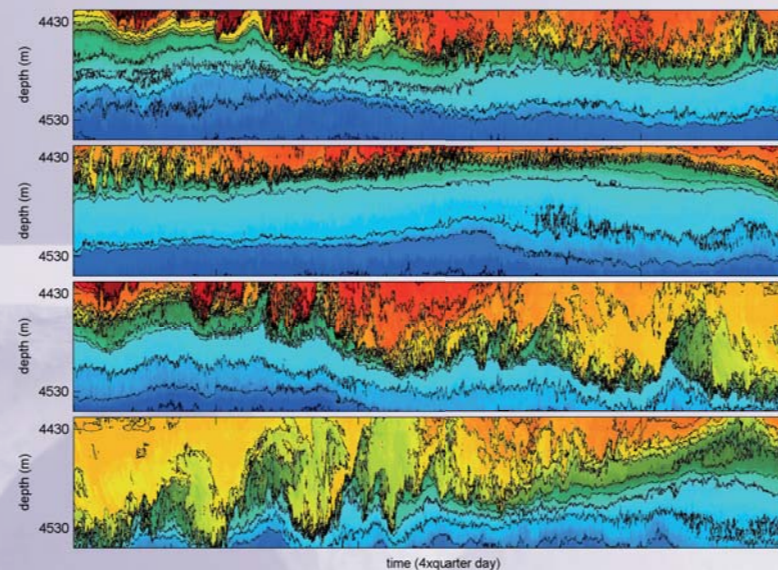


The titanium frame with 24 NIOZ developed 'pristine' ultra-clean water samplers is ready to be launched.

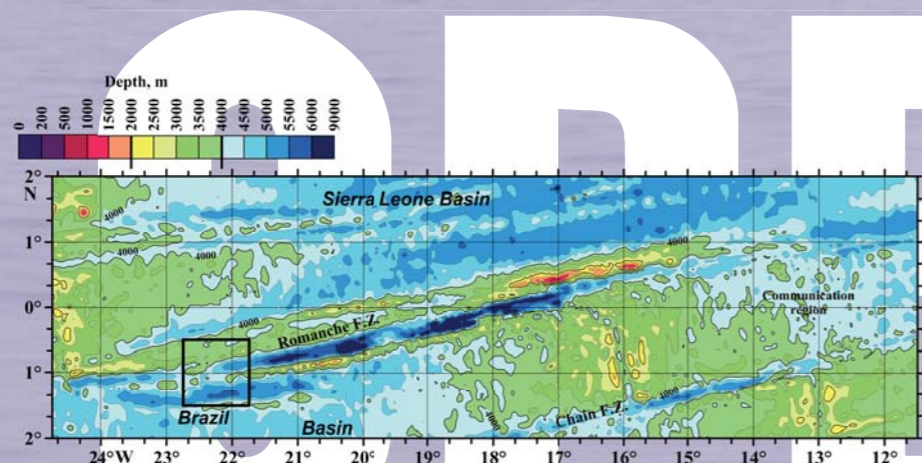
UPPER OCEAN

Extremely long Kelvin-Helmholtz billow trains in the Romanche Fracture Zone

Hans van Haren, FYS



One day example from half-year long moored temperature observations. The colour range [dark-blue, dark-red] represents the temperature range [0.5, 1.2]°C. This figure together with the background picture formed the cover-image of the 2014 (V41, 23) Geophysical Research Letters issue.



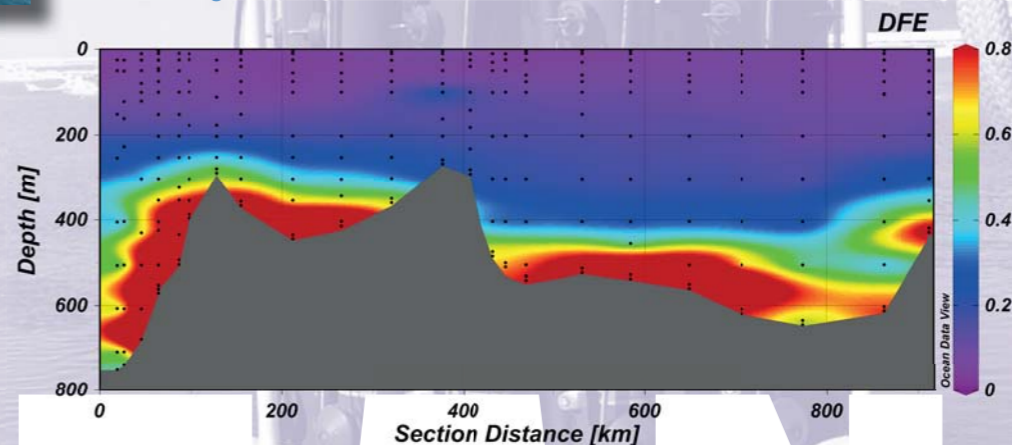
Working area within the black rectangle around the southwestern entrance of the Romanche Fracture Zone.

Where do phytoplankton shop for iron in the Ross Sea?

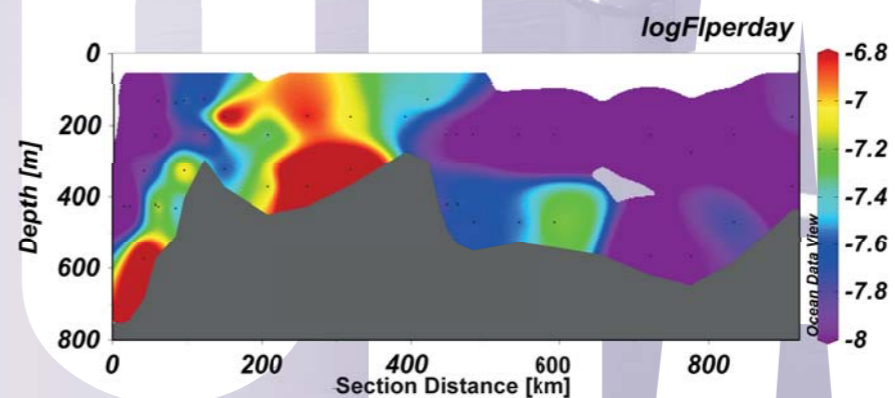
Loes Gerringa, GCO



Loes Gerringa in front of the Nathaniel B. Palmer in the Ross Sea



Dissolved iron, DFe in nmol per liter, in the Ross Sea. The dissolved iron is very low in the upper 50m, and relatively high near the bottom.



Transport of dissolved iron ($\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{day}^{-1}$) to the upper mixed layer (50 m). The upward transport is expressed as logarithmic values, ranging from -8 ($=10^{-8}$) to -6.8 ($=10^{-6.8}$). Transport is highest near banks.

Dissolved iron, an essential nutrient for marine phytoplankton growth, is extremely scarce in Antarctic surface waters. A study in the Ross Sea revealed an unexpected source of iron, sustaining local phytoplankton production. In turn, the phytoplankton is at the base of the Antarctic food chain.

On board the American ice breaker N.B. Palmer we studied sources of iron in the Ross Sea and iron transport to the photoactive upper 50m of the ocean. This 'Phantastic' project, carried out in collaboration with researchers from Stanford University, was funded by the US-NSF.

Dissolved iron concentrations are extremely low in the upper 50 m of the Ross Sea. We discovered, however, that concentrations near the bottom were more than 20 times higher, and highest in layers containing fine-grained suspended sediment particles. We concluded that these layers must be the main sources of iron. This is surprising because it was generally accepted that these layers adsorbed iron, thus removing it from the water column. We found that dissolved iron transport from near the bottom to the surface is favoured by water turbulence generated over shallow submarine banks.

Molecular analysis of bacterial diversity of an acidified tropical Bornean estuary

The tropical Brunei estuary system is characterized by a spectacular double gradient between acidic (pH 5) fresh water from the Brunei River to the basic (pH 8) marine Brunei Bay. We studied the effect of these factors on microbial mat communities along this gradient.

In a unique collaboration with the University Brunei Darussalam and the Utrecht University, we performed one of the first microbial studies in Brunei, a wonderful tropical country in north east Borneo. The acidity of the river is caused by drainage of acid rain forest soils during the rainy season. This low acidity had a clear effect on the morphology of some of the local shellfish of which the shell was more eroded upriver than downstream in the neutral bay. As microbiologists we are interested in how these strong gradients affect the microbial community composition and function. In a pilot study we sampled several microbial mats along the Brunei River into the marine part of the bay. Molecular analysis revealed that the composition was mainly affected by the salinity gradient and that most of the identified bacteria are novel and have no cultivated close relatives.

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Henk Bolhuis, YMM



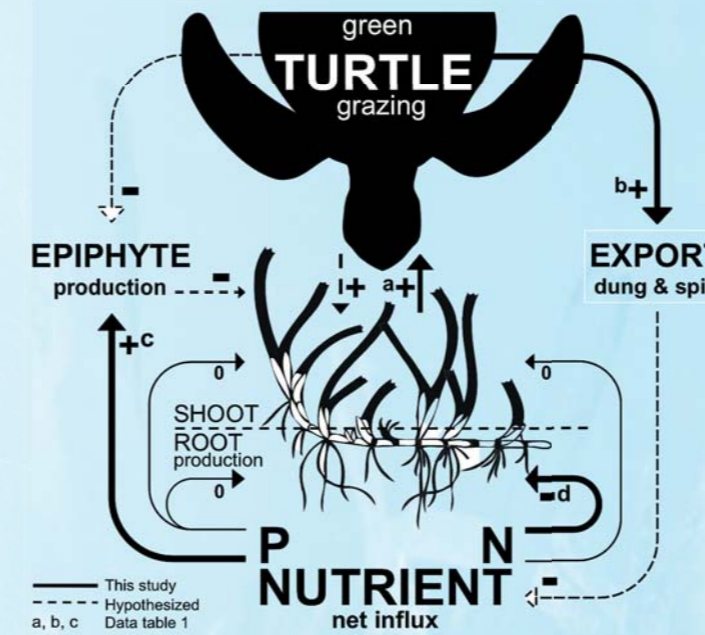
Sampling at the mudflats of the Brunei River at low tide.



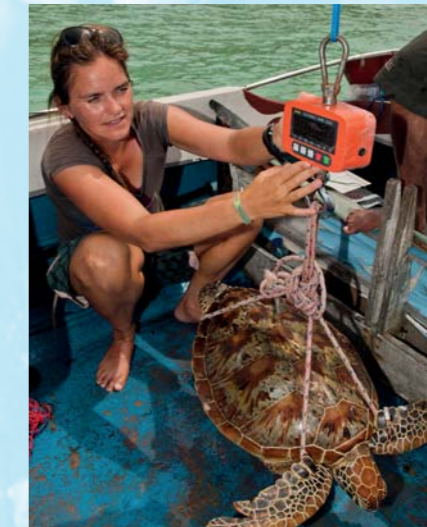
Mangrove intertidal system at the island Pulau Pepatan

Sea grass habitat collapse due to turtle overgrazing

Marjolijn Christianen, MEE



Conceptual model of seagrass functioning under turtle grazing and high nutrient loads. Leaf grazing by green turtles increases seagrass production (arrow a) and export of daily primary production (arrow b). When nutrients are added, rhizome biomass decreases (arrow d), resulting in a destabilization of the sediment. Plus, minus and zero signs indicate positive, negative, and absent effects of one flux or turnover rate on another.



Green turtle *Chelonia mydas*

With field experiments and mathematical models, the effects of turtle grazing and wave actions on sea grass meadows near East Kalimantan were evaluated. Results indicate that a tipping point is almost reached

Green turtles *Chelonia mydas* and sea grass meadows heavily depend on one another. Sea grasses act as ecological engineers that manipulate their own environment as they alter the water flow, nutrient cycle and food web structure. Green turtles graze on the sea grass meadows, which also stimulates the growth of the plants. The study site, a sea grass meadow near East Kalimantan in Indonesia, is a marine protected area with a particularly high density of green turtles of about 20 animals ha⁻¹. This is so large that the turtles have adopted a new grazing strategy which is actually damaging the meadows. These have now started to erode and our computer model predicts that they are close to a collapse. As a solution we have proposed to enlarge the marine protected area.

Source: Christianen M.J.A. (2013) Seagrass systems under nutrient loads, hydrodynamics & green turtle grazing – Do green turtles rule the seagrass world? PhD thesis, Radboud University Nijmegen.

TROPICS

Bivalve larvae in the picture

Bivalves reproduce via larvae that float in the water column. These larvae cannot be identified to the species level with a microscope. Therefore, diagnostic DNA tests for six common bivalve species were developed in the laboratory.

Six bivalve species dominate the Wadden Sea: the common cockle, the razor clam, the mussel, the sand gaper, the Baltic tellin, and the Japanese oyster. To understand the wax and wane of these species, knowledge on the dispersal patterns of their offspring is important, both in time (seasonal variation in spawning) and in space (vertical distribution of larvae). In the NIOZ molecular biology laboratory, the presence of bivalve larvae is detected on an agarose gel after species specific multiplication of DNA. Samples that contain larvae show a DNA band whereas samples without larvae remain blank. Results of a year round screening of samples from the Wadden Sea show interesting seasonal patterns that differ per bivalve species. Typically, larvae of the Baltic tellin are found early in the year only, whereas larvae of Japanese oyster appear in late summer, and larvae of the razor clam are present almost year round. The results are used for ecological models by Dr. Katja Philippart.

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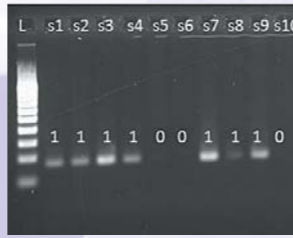
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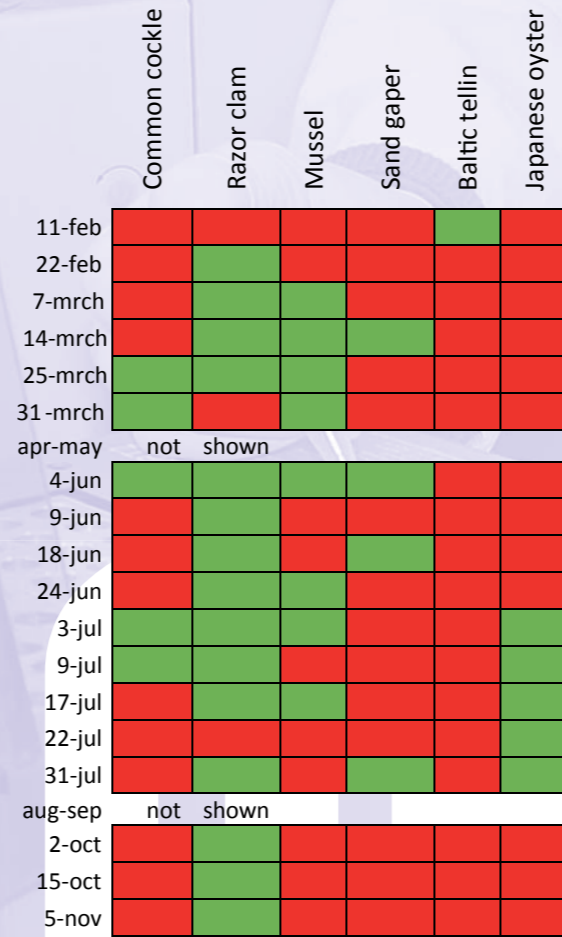
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Dominant bivalves in the Wadden Sea



Agarose gel with DNA ladder (L) and samples s1-s10. Bands (1) indicate that larvae were present, blanks (0) indicate larvae were absent



Year round presence (green) and absence (red) of larvae of six bivalve species in the Marsdiep tidal inlet sampled during high tide.

Marine Microorganisms: Cultivation Methods for Biotechnological Applications

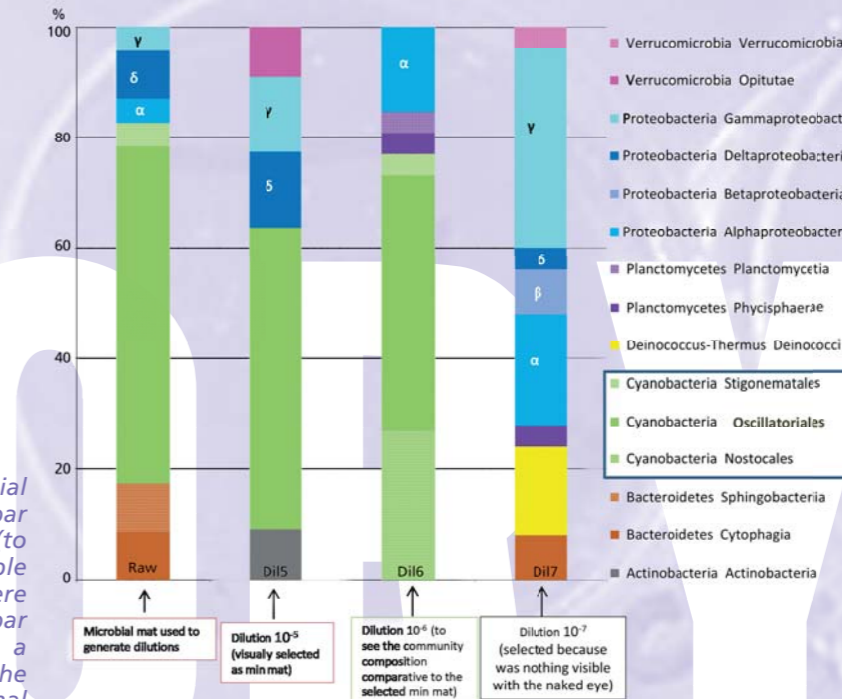
Lucas Stal, YMM



Two different ways to cultivate microorganisms.



Microbial mats are complex and highly diverse microbial ecosystems formed by cyanobacteria (green) The 1st bar shows the community composition. Stepwise dilution (to extinction) is a method to produce a more simple microbial community. In the 4th bar, cyanobacteria were extinct (no green) and no mat was formed. The 2nd bar shows the community composition of what we call a minimal microbial mat and the 3rd bar shows the microbial community 10x less diluted than the minimal mat.



Marine microorganisms form an almost untapped resource of biotechnological potential. However, its use is hindered by the low success rate of isolation of novel microorganisms and often by poor growth efficiency. Hence, the vast majority of marine microorganisms has not been cultivated and is often considered as 'unculturable'.

MaCuMBA (www.macumbaproject.eu) aims at improving the isolation rate and growth efficiency of marine microorganisms from conventional and extreme habitats, by applying innovative methods, and the use of automated high throughput procedures. The approaches include the co-cultivation of interdependent microorganisms, as well as gradient cultures and other methods mimicking the natural environment, and the exploitation of cell-to-cell communication. MaCuMBA grows thousands of cultures simultaneously using gel microdroplet technology. Single-cell isolation methods facilitate the isolation of specific target cells. The department of Marine Microbiology studies microbial mats as a model ecosystem. The microorganisms are characterized and deposited in the Culture Collection Yerseke (CCY) (www.ccy.nioz.nl). MaCuMBA (Brazilian-Portuguese word) stands for witchcraft and black magic, as still much of the cultivation of marine microorganism is to us.

MARINE RESEARCH FACILITIES

For the NIOZ flagship RV Pelagia 2014 was a year filled with highlights. The most remarkable event took place on April 15, when King Willem Alexander visited the ship and enjoyed lunch on board.

The 2014 cruise program was a succession of barter (exchanges with our European OFEG research partners) and semi-commercial charter cruises, and 2 cruises for national science programs. The program started in Ponta Delgada, Azores, with the first barter for the US National Science Foundation, followed by a charter in the North Sea and Baltic Sea for the German Hydrological Survey. After an 8-day 3D-seismic charter for Deltares in mid-April, Pelagia returned to Ponta Delgada for 'Treasure', carried out in the framework of the 'Topsectoren' on the effects of deep sea mining. In June Pelagia was moored in front of the Scheepvaartmuseum in Amsterdam for a 9 day public event. Approximately 3000 people visited the ship.

In July, a 28-day barter cruise in the Norwegian Sea for NERC produced a record 0.5 km of piston core and 1200km of seafloor mapping. At the end of September, after the biogeochemical HCC cruise that ended in Barbados, Pelagia made her way to Mauritius for a 75-day charter for the German Bundesdienst für Geowissenschaften und Rohstoffe (BGR). During this cruise, as yet unknown, black smokers were discovered along the Southwest Indian Ridge. The area was subsequently named 'Pelagia field'.

Erica Koning, MRF



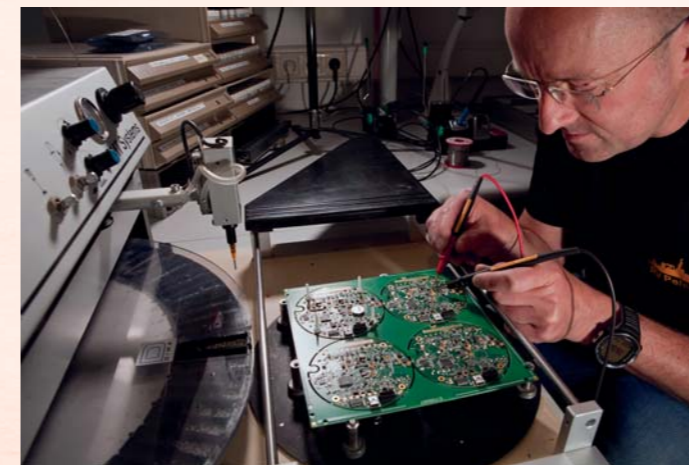
RV Pelagia moored next to the 'scheepvaartmuseum' in the centre of Amsterdam. The ship was open to all visitors of the museum in June.



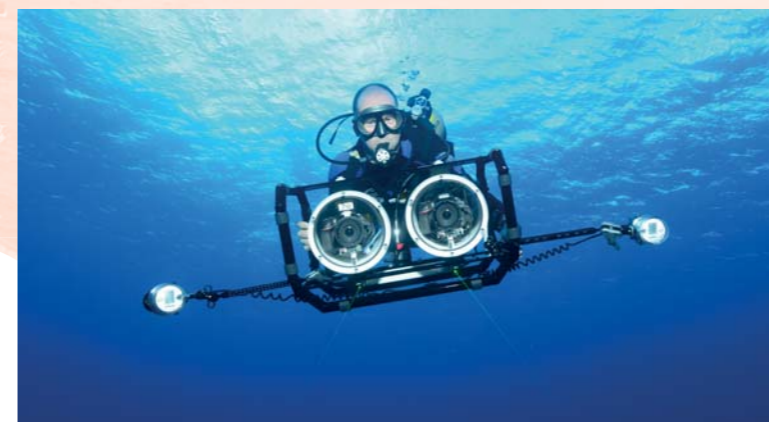
King Willem Alexander visits RV Pelagia in the harbour of Oudeschild, Texel on 15th April.



Recovering a TRAFFIC buoy that has collected Saharan dust for the past year.



Development of a new data logger to meet future needs.



The HD Stereo Photo Cam is ready to map a coral reef on one of the Dutch Caribbean Islands.

MARINE TECHNOLOGY

Walther Lenting, MTE

The Marine Technology Department offers technical solutions to answer scientific questions. For this purpose, we design, build and maintain scientific equipment. Here, we highlight two of them.



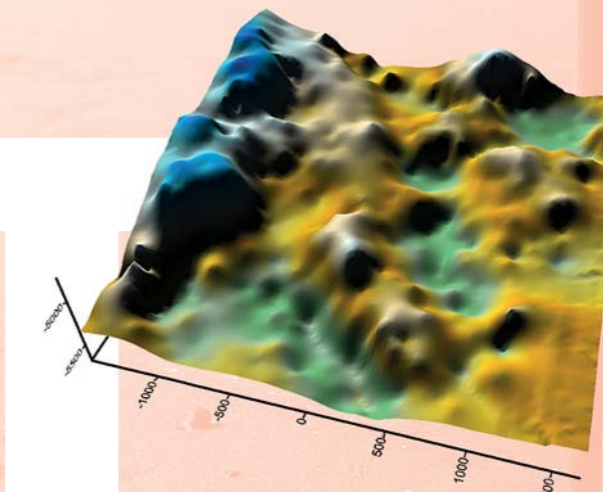
The upper part of the sediment meter.

Measuring the height of intertidal flats

Can intertidal flats keep up with the rise in sea level? If not, then they will slowly drown, which will have enormous consequences for intertidal ecosystems. This was the starting point for our electronics division (MTE) to develop a sensor for Prof Tjeerd Bouma. The sensor can simply be stuck into the sand and uses a vertical array of 200 light sensors to monitor the height of the sediment surface. It autonomously logs the data, which can be retrieved via WiFi.

HD stereo photo cam for coral reef mapping

NIOZ scientist Fleur van Duyl and IMARES scientist Erik Meesters needed a system to map the 3-dimensional structure of the coral reefs of Dutch Caribbean islands. MTE developed a system in which two HiRes photo cameras are coupled with forward and downward looking video cameras. Two parallel laser beams are used for targeting and visual sizing of the reef community. The system can be used either by a diver, or from a vessel using an umbilical.



3D architectural complexity image in a 3 by 3 m quadrat of the coral reef bottom. Maximum elevation is approximately 40 cm .



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NIOZ investigates potential impact of deep-sea mining near the Azores

Yvo Witte, MTM & Henko de Stigter, GCO

The ocean floor is locally rich in precious metals. Harvesting these submarine treasures is a challenging task, however, because of the extreme water depths involved. Also, it hasn't been settled which countries are entitled to exploit these deposits. Yet, in view of the increasing scarcity on land of certain high-tech metals, it seems merely a matter of time before deep-sea mining will be a booming industry. But how will the deep-sea environment cope with industrial extraction of metal deposits? And in what state will the seabed be left to future generations?

To answer these important questions, NIOZ scientists along with partners from Delft University of Technology, IMARES, TNO and Dutch shipbuilding and dredging companies have initiated the 'Treasure' project, short for 'Toward Responsible Extraction of Submarine Mineral Resources'. The project is funded by NWO and Dutch industry partners. Methods for assessing the environmental impact of deep-sea mining are being tested in practice in an area southwest of the Azores where metal-rich mineral deposits occur around deep-sea hot springs located more than 2 km below the sea surface. 'With the growing demand on raw materials it will sooner or later become economically profitable to exploit these deposits'

says Henko de Stigter, researcher at NIOZ's Marine Geology and Chemical Oceanography department. 'The mineral deposits are rich in copper, lead and zinc, but also contain some rare metals which are indispensable for the production of laptops, mobile phones, electric cars and wind turbines. The western industrial nations are keen to exploit these resources in order to become less dependent on export from China.' De Stigter: 'We know still very little about the deep-sea life of the area, and even less about how it will be impacted by mining. We can only hope that the ecosystem will recover after mining, but will it really do? And if so, how long will it take? Our challenge is to investigate this all.'

In order to assess the original state of the deep-sea environment in the area, bottom landers equipped with various sensors and cameras have been deployed in the area, during an expedition with research vessel Pelagia in 2014. The landers, designed and built by NIOZ's Marine Technology department, will be recovered during a subsequent expedition in spring 2015. 'Exciting moments, whether or not our equipment will return in good state to the surface', comments technician Yvo Witte. 'At those depths, the instruments are exposed to extreme conditions.'



He and his colleagues are well prepared for their job. 'We participate in the yearly Inmartech conferences, where marine engineers from all over the world meet to exchange ideas. Deep-sea research is technically challenging, requiring innovative solutions. The need to improvise and find out by ourselves is what makes our job really exciting.'

NIOZ technicians develop a weighing robot for samples from the intertidal flats

Johan van Heerwaarden, MTI, Sander Holthuijsen, MEE & Roel Bakker, MTI

'That must be possible in a more convenient, more accurate and much faster manner' stated Sander Holthuijsen after he and his Marine Ecology colleagues finished yet another year in which they took between 50,000 and 70,000 weighing cups from a tray and put it on the scales by hand.

Instrument maker Johan van Heerwaarden remembers the first visit of Sander Holthuijsen still very well. 'Can't you make something?' Sander asked us. 'Of course we can; that is what we do all the time' he answered dryly. The result is operational for a year now. Together with his colleague Roel Bakker, van Heerwaarden designed and built a weighing robot. The robot plays a main role in the SIBES project, for which almost 5000 samples from the soft sea bottom are taken over the entire intertidal area of the Dutch Wadden Sea between the 'Balgzand' and the isle of Borkum. The samples have a diameter of 15 cm and consist for a large part of sand, mud and other dead material. 'But they also contain worms and shellfish, which are both important food sources for sea birds and fish. Therefore we sieve out all organisms larger than 1 mm, name and count them and put each species in a weighing cup and register the samples. Weighing is repeated two more times for each cup' says Sander Holthuijsen. 'The second time after the sample has been dried at 60°C to determine the dry-

weight, and a third time after the sample has been burnt to ash at 560 °C to determine the ash-weight. What we want to know is the biomass, the difference between the dry-weight and the ash-weight. This tells us how much a bird must eat to be able to survive'.

Weighing by hand is very labour intensive. 'For one person it would be a full-time job for a whole year. The robot designed by van Heerwaarden and Bakker saves us a lot of work. You can put 96 cups on a plate and four plates in a rack. In less than an hour they are all weighed. Each weighing cup has its own unique code, which is detected in a light sluice. A computer programme developed by our colleague Frans Eijgenraam recognizes them. In this way, the computer knows for example that cup 15 in rack 20 contains one lugworm and it also knows where this lugworm was found in the Wadden Sea. This method is so successful that in the mean-time other groups are also using our weighing robot.'

'But we aren't ready yet' tells Bakker. 'Changing the plates is still done manually, but we are planning to automate this step too. Then we could weigh 5300 cups in one day. In this way we are improving the system continuously. We are the only team in the world who can do this type of research on such a large scale.'



The customer can trust our data

Olaf van Hoesel & Pim van Avesaath, YMT

Customers must be certain that the data they get are accurate and do not depend on the bias of the researcher. For this reason the NIOZ Monitor Taskforce has developed a quality management system and submitted it for accreditation according to the NEN-EN-ISO-IEC-ISO 17025-standard.

The Monitor Taskforce (MON) in Yerseke is a semi-commercial department, which conducts applied marine science. Clients like 'Rijkswaterstaat', the Port of Rotterdam, and government agencies are often obliged by law to compose environmental impact assessments describing the ecological situation of, for example, a harbour or an estuary for which they are responsible.' 'We investigate life in the sandy bottom. Which animals are living there? In what numbers? How does this compare to earlier measurements? These are the most important questions we try to answer. Based on this we make ecological analyses' tells Pim van Avesaath, Quality Manager of MON.

In 2008, Olaf van Hoesel developed an ISO 9001 certified quality management system which described all processes and steps between sampling and the fi-

nal publication of the data in a report. 'Reacting on questions from the market, after some slight hesitation, we took this system one step further with respect to the analyses of the samples. The most important reasons to do this were the stiff competition and the economic crisis, which lead to a clear decrease in demand of our skills.' The new system according to ISO 17025 is better related to the scientific needs and shows that we have the knowledge to deliver what we promise. It obliges us to use the same set of methods in the vast majority of cases and when we choose to use an alternative method, this should be underpinned with a sound argumentation.'

This way of working asks quite a lot from the people involved. 'Besides the analyses, quite a lot of work is added for proper reporting and quality control' tells van Avesaath. 'MON has 10 employees of which about half are involved in research while the other half carries out support work. We train people. They have to pass a test before they are allowed to determine the animal fauna of the sea floor by themselves. This implies that we must stimulate all the people involved to work within a framework, also when this



is more time-consuming.' Van Avesaath experiences it can be difficult to enforce this. 'Sometimes I am a colleague yet on other occasions I can be an annoying 'boss' who checks whether everybody is working according to required high quality standards.'

'But finally we all benefit from a good result' he thinks. 'The customer can rely on the data. Besides this, we also assemble a dataset covering samples taken over a period of many years. Because they have been analysed with exactly the same methods, they are directly comparable. There has also been keen interest of other NIOZ departments for the experience we gained on the way towards accreditation. The chemistry lab in Yerseke and the ballast water test & research centre on Texel also want to set-up a similar quality management system. As pioneers we can share our experience and knowledge with them. They could benefit a lot from that; accreditation is not simply a cheap swimming certificate.'

A unique collection of photosynthetic micro-organisms

Henk Bolhuis, Lucas Stal & Michele Grego, YMM

Cyanobacteria and algae are fundamental life forms. Their contribution to the global biomass is enormous, and therefore receive worldwide scientific interest. Scientists expect that they can play a role in various technological applications. The Culture Collection Yerseke (CCY) is a unique collection of 500 microbial species maintained by the department of Marine Microbiology of NIOZ in Yerseke, led by Lucas Stal, and receives increasing attention worldwide.

Three billion years ago, cyanobacteria were the first to produce massive amounts of oxygen using light, water and carbon dioxide (a process called photosynthesis). The presence of oxygen was crucial for the development of higher life forms. Recently, scientists discovered other interesting functions of cyanobacteria and algae. They can regenerate polluted soil or water, produce antibiotics, and produce sustainable energy in the form of biofuel.

NIOZ maintains a unique culture collection of these photosynthetic micro-organisms. This is a golden egg according to scientist Henk Bolhuis. 'Because we maintain this collection we are granted large projects. We are a popular partner for other institutes because we have something unique, something they do not have.'

Every micro-organism has its own specific growth characteristics. One is restricted to fresh water, the other requires sea water, whereas a third only thrives in pools of 40 degrees Celsius. Also the rhythm of day and night is a crucial factor for cyanobacteria. 'Tropical species require 12 hours darkness and 12 hours light', explains curator Michele Grego.

This all makes maintaining a large culture collection a specialist's job, requiring special knowledge and attention. 'Michele is really dedicated. It is more



than a job for him. He never takes off more than two weeks', says Bolhuis in admiration.

To prevent fungi and other contaminants infecting the vulnerable culture collection, Grego has a special lab with air filters to maintain sterility. This was quite an investment. Money is also needed to extent the collection. Bolhuis stresses that it is important to not become dependent on companies. 'Financial input from commercial companies is welcome but can also complicate our job. They want to keep new discoveries for themselves, whereas we serve the public community. Accessibility of the collection to everybody is important. That's science.'

For more information: www.ccy.nioz.nl.

Ups-and-downs of migrating birds

Theunis Piersma, MEE

Why is it that spoonbills were threatened to extinction thirty years ago, whereas currently they arrive with thousands in the Wadden Sea to raise their chicks? Such questions are tackled by Theunis Piersma and co-workers.

To support his work, Piersma was honoured in the presence of HRH Willem-Alexander with a Spinoza-prize, worth of 2.5 million euro. A big success for his research group, housed at NIOZ in the so called 'birdwing'. 'Twenty-eight years ago we started with two people in a small room', Theunis says. Good research has led to a steady growth of the number of participating scientists. 'We now count twenty people who are very productive scientifically, with publications in high impact journals. Moreover, we contribute knowledge that is valued by nature conservation organisations such as Staatsbosbeheer and Natuurmonumenten. And this, in turn, helps to obtain new money for new science. We are an international group, composed of scientists from Russia, Canada, Mauritania, China, Ghana, Australia, Spain and Argentina. Sometimes visiting scientists bring their own money.'

Piersma and co-workers are focussing on migrating birds like red knots, bar-tailed godwits, sanderlings and spoonbills. In the past, questions about food (what and how much) were already tackled, but currently scientists go further and also study the interactions between population size and changes in food availability. 'In the 1960s, in Europe only 200 breeding spoonbill couples survived. Currently, we are back at 3000 breeding pairs in the Netherlands alone. The increase is levelling off, however, despite the fact that 150 years ago 30,000 breeding couples bred in the Netherlands. The fact that numbers fail to reach these past high values is probably best explained by the Wadden Sea and inland waters now containing less food for birds. Spoonbills, and other birds in the Wadden Sea, are limited by food availability.'

To better understand migrating birds, they are tagged with colour rings. 'Subsequently we try to spot them with binoculars as often as possible.' A small number of birds are labelled with GPS trackers that register the exact locations of the bird. 'Let's say a spoonbill is born on Texel, and returns the next year to the exact spot. What has it been doing in the

intermediate time? How did it learn which route to take? We do not know anything of the way that birds learn their ways of life. By tagging young birds and their parents we soon hope to discover how spoonbills discover how to migrate and how they respond to changes in their environment.'



Chemical fossils help to predict climate warming

Jaap Sinninghe Damsté, BGC

The idea that climate change results in global warming seems widely accepted nowadays. But how much temperatures will rise appears hard to predict. On average rises between two and six degrees is the rather broad range given by current prognoses. More precise predictions may be obtained, however, by making use of chemical fossils of tens of millions of years old, preserved at great depth within seabed sediments.

That is the basis of the innovative research conducted at NIOZ's Marine Biogeochemistry and Toxicology department, led by Jaap Sinninghe Damsté, who was awarded in 2014 with the Dr. A.H. Heinekenprijs for Environmental Sciences.

For reconstructing the history of the Earth, geologists commonly make use of plant and animal remains preserved as fossils in rocks. Sinninghe Damsté extended this methodology to include also organic substances remaining from unicellular organisms from past geological times. 'Archaea play a major role in our research. In these micro-organisms, the chemical structure of the cell membrane is variable according to the ambient temperature. With higher temperature, more cyclic carbon structures are formed. By detailed chemical analysis of seabed samples, the temperature in past geological times may thus be reconstructed', explains the researcher.

Sinninghe Damsté and his co-workers are particularly interested in the relationship between CO₂ (carbon dioxide) concentration in the atmosphere and global temperature. 'Currently this concentration is rapidly increasing. Over the past million years the concentration fluctuated between 180 and 280 parts per million, but in recent years it rose to over 400. And according to predictions the combustion of fossil fuels will lead to a further increase to over 1000 ppm by the end of this century.'

Such high concentration is comparable to that of the middle Cretaceous, 90 million years ago. The ocean surface water was about 7 degrees warmer than at present and deeper water masses were almost com-



pletely depleted of oxygen. 'Under those conditions the CO₂ fixed by algae was less rapidly returned to the atmosphere but instead it was buried in seabed sediments. During periods of oxygen depletion the fast removal may lead to a drastic reduction in atmospheric CO₂. We were able to confirm this by analysing the chemical fossils of plants. In a mere hundred thousand years the atmospheric CO₂-content halved and ocean temperature decreased by about 5°C. On geological timescale this is exceptionally fast.'

These interesting conclusions have resulted from the particular collaboration of various disciplines. 'On average 35 people work in our department, with background in geology, biology and chemistry. About 70 percent of the research is directed at the ocean. With almost 75 publications over the last year, we have been quite productive.'

Even so, a better understanding of the oceans is urgently needed. 'Not just for scientific interest, but also from a societal point of view, it is vital to know how global temperature will evolve in the future', comments Sinninghe Damsté. 'Fortunately we have been able to acquire funding for two major projects during the past one and a half years. Budget cuts are reason for considerable concern for scientific research nowadays, but despite that our department is coping reasonably well.'

Pioneer explores potential of Seaweed

Klaas Timmermans, BIO

'Seaweed farming can be a world wide solution to food and energy shortage and environmental pollution.' We are quoting Professor Timmermans, project leader of the NIOZ Seaweed centre that was opened last year by HRH Willem Alexander.

'Seaweed farming is hot' says Timmermans. Whereas many scientists are experiencing difficulties with funding, seaweed pioneers can increasingly count on investments from both companies and organisations. 'Seaweed is intriguing. One can easily watch and grab it, and scientifically it is very interesting' according to Timmermans as he tries to explain his success.

He immediately adds that his research is still in its infancy. 'There are many things we still don't know.' Growth characteristics of seaweed are pretty much well known but losses caused by predation or viral lyses are yet not quantified adequately. The same counts for effects on the ecology. 'By building seaweed farms at sea, environmental conditions are af-

ected e.g. light and nutrient conditions change and refuges are created for a variety of animals that can hide and reproduce in the weeds.'

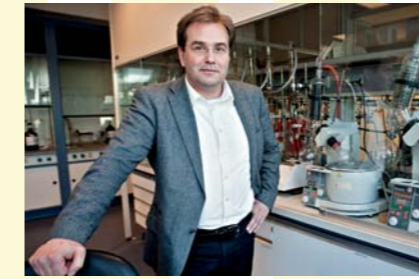
Although not yet fully explored, it seems that seaweed farming has great potential. Seaweed is stocked with carbohydrates and protein and can be a good food source for humans and cattle. It also has potential as biofuel. Moreover, it can purify the water from excess nutrients. 'Rivers discharge high amounts of nitrate and phosphate into the seas, which often have negative effects on the ecosystem. When seaweed farms are positioned in the discharge area, seaweeds take up the nutrients, preventing negative effects.'

Ten kilometres west of Texel the Stichting Noordzee Boerderij started a first pilot with NIOZ as independent controller. 'The pilot farm is still limited in size. The ambition is to harvest the first few kilos soon.'



When we succeed, we will tackle new questions, e.g. how do we extract sugars from the weed most efficiently, and how can we influence the sugar content. We are only at the beginning of this trajectory.'

The group of seaweed pioneers is still small. 'But our Seaweed Centre is growing rapidly. Last month we were granted a large project. In cooperation with Hogeschool Larenstein we are going to explore how protein from seaweed can be processed as fish-food. Currently fish-food is processed from fishmeal and soya, but this has disadvantages. It is all very exciting and interesting. As a scientist I am happy to take part in this development.'



Tammo Bult, IMARES

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MUST

The MUST consortium took off with a symposium in the Maritime Museum Amsterdam on 20 June, organised by partners IMARES, TNO and NIOZ. Recently, Deltares also joined as the fourth renowned Dutch marine research institute. Here, the four directors express their vision on the future of MUST.

IMARES/Tammo Bult

The MUST consortium makes a difference. By combining the strengths of our organisations we aim to improve our understanding of the ocean and from this, our ability to manage ocean resources sustainably. One of the topics I personally hope to develop within MUST is the subject of deep-sea or off-shore mining, a new development, requiring a pro-active approach of government, industry and knowledge partners. It is a subject the Dutch Maritime industry could excel in, by developing the technology and knowledge towards a careful, responsible and respected industry.



Henk Brinkhuis, NIOZ

NIOZ/Henk Brinkhuis:

The four MUST partners clearly have complementary strengths and together we can investigate a large range of topics from purely (high-)technical to ecological and from fundamental to highly applied marine science. NIOZ will be instrumental in providing the required fundamental scientific component along the way to the eventual frontier applications. In that way we can strengthen the name of the Netherlands as a High Tech maritime nation and we can be highly competitive in the global community. Besides sustainable and responsible usage of the oceans, 'Blue sustainable growth' is the topic I would like to tackle first with MUST and that in a wider sense, involving Blue energy as well as sustainable food production from the sea.

TNO/Jan Hoegge

The MUST consortium will create and catalyze sustainable global ocean innovation technologies based on ecology, biology and technology fertilization. The Netherlands is, by tradition, a maritime country. Its prosperity is largely based on its position at



Jan Hoegge, TNO



Frank Hoozemans,
Deltares

the shores of the North Sea. The consortium will contribute to a sustainable 'Blue Growth', together with Dutch knowledge partners and the maritime & offshore industry. Also they will contribute to positioning the Netherlands towards a top innovative, durable maritime position in the world. TNO's contribution will be focused primarily at an efficient and safe seafloor and deep-sea mining and sustainable new fish(farm)ing techniques.

Deltares/Frank Hoozemans

Deltares was invited to join MUST at the end of 2014 in order to complete the playing field in marine science and system-knowledge. With a strong position in our backyard covering tidal inlets, the dynamic North Sea and estuaries, the challenge will be to join forces within MUST to support (international) communities and stakeholders. With deep sea mining identified as an interesting prospect, the recently held workshop 'Nature meets design' is a (first) promising step.

North Sea Days

The North Sea Days (NSD) are organised annually to bring together scientists, policy makers and the maritime industry. The main organizing partners are Deltares, IMARES, NIOZ and Rijkswaterstaat. This year, the NSD took place on 2 and 3 October at NIOZ-Texel with the theme 'Living with a changing North Sea; Horizon 2050'. The symposium was attended by 119 participants. One of the highlights was the presentation of the digital book *De Staat van de Noordzee* (in Dutch), compiled by Prof Peter Herman, Dr Olivier Bouchard and Dr Luca van Duren (Deltares). The book gives infographic overviews of the many changes that took place in the North Sea during the past decades. Together with the report of the NSD 2014, it can be downloaded from the website www.noordzeedagen.nl.



The 9th EWMBC was the largest symposium ever at NIOZ-Texel

9th EWMBC

The 9th European Workshop on the Molecular Biology of Cyanobacteria was organised by Prof. Lucas Stal and his team from 7-11 September at NIOZ on Texel. With the Ocean auditorium fully booked (215 participants), this was the best attended symposium ever at NIOZ. For cyanobacteria the phrase 'microscopically small but giants in evolution' is very true. Cyanobacteria were the first organisms that could produce sugars and oxygen from carbon dioxide, sunlight and water in earth's history and developed already close to 3 billion years ago. The chloroplasts in all higher multicellular plants originate from incorporated cyanobacteria, giving them the possibility for photosynthesis. Cyanobacteria also have a lot of modern applied science possibilities, which was an important topic at the symposium.



Participants could vote by putting their caps on or off.

NIOZ fyke



The NIOZ fyke is assembled each year in spring by Hans Witte and Sieme Gieles.

The NIOZ fyke has been standing in the Mokbaai since 1960. Since that time many changes in the fish population of the Marsdiep have occurred. These data are now easily accessible to everybody via the website www.waddenzeevismonitor.nl. Many fish species declined but some became more populous in the Marsdiep, among them species from more southern latitudes, such as sea bass, suggesting climate change as one of the possible causes.



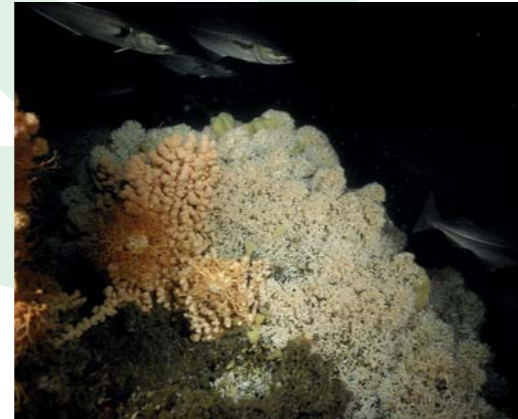
Clearly a talent for the future!

Open Day Texel

An Open day for the public was held on Texel on 4 October attracting 900 visitors to the institute. Scientists told them about species changes in the Wadden Sea, the danger of microplastics, and climate change. Our scientists gave lectures on a wide variety of subjects, from the importance of internal waves for mixing in the deep ocean to the trips of individually tagged sea gulls. Children were given the opportunity to do various experiments and explore the NIOZ facilities. The youngest visitors could do their own experiments and participate in a contest during their exploration through the building. The winners visited the NIOZ fyke in the Mokbaai and they had a 'Royal Excursion' to the NIOZ Seaweed Centre.



Sampling plot for seaweed growth in the intertidal zone.



Cold water coral reefs provide a home for a large abundance for species.



King Willem Alexander is clearly impressed by the size in the experimental tanks.

The first 'expert centre' at NIOZ, bringing the deep sea expertise of all departments together.



As the NIOZ mission is to gain and communicate scientific knowledge of seas and oceans for the understanding and sustainability of our planet, the NIOZ respects the environment and takes action to work in a sustainable way. On the one hand the NIOZ makes efforts to optimise its daily working processes and chooses for the most sustainable solutions, whereas on the other hand sustainable management of resources and dealing responsibly with our environment, and the seas, oceans and coastal zones in particular, is the scope of a substantial part of our research.

Tangible steps that have been made in 2014 regarding health, safety and environment include:

- A start has been made to draw up procedures for working alone in laboratories and working outside office hours, to find a balance between energy saving and safety on the working floor. There has also been special attention (formation of a work-

ing group) for working with dangerous substances. In addition to the periodic medical inspections for ship crew and fire service, several non-routine medical inspections for personnel on foreign vessels have taken place.

- Clear procedures have been formulated about working with exotic or potentially invasive species. For example, in 2014 at NIOZ-Yerseke a system was installed to prevent the transfer of species from the experimental facilities into the environment (as is already operational at NIOZ-Texel).
- The oil- and gasoil-tanks at NIOZ-Texel have been replaced with new tanks and a new pump that meet the quality standards for the coming years. All light fixtures that were in need of replacement have been replaced with energy efficient lamps; e.g. outdoor lighting was replaced by LED lighting, and the separate collection of plastic waste appeared to be efficient.

- The Monitor Taskforce (MON) of the NIOZ will include principles of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) guidelines in the next update of its Quality Management System. The operating procedures are ISO 9001 certified. Additionally, MON is preparing the extension of the scope of its NEN-EN-ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation of the technical analysis. The aim is to include the analyses of the Yerseke Analytical Laboratory and the NIOZ Ballast Water Test Facility & Research Centre.

Examples of research projects with important sustainability aspects for 2014 are:

- The NIOZ, and the department of Marine Microbiology in particular, plays an important role in the InteSusAL (Integrated Sustainable Algae) project. The overall project objective is to demonstrate an integrated approach to generate biofuels from algae in a sustainable manner on an industrial scale. Both economic and environmental sustainability

receive attention in the project where production technologies to achieve algae cultivation targets (90-120 dry tons per hectare per annum) are demonstrated and where working with a closed carbon loop across the whole process is considered. The ultimate goal is that high quality biofuel will widely replace mineral fuels.

- The Netherlands Seaweed Science Centre at NIOZ- Texel performs and facilitates important research on the cultivation of seaweeds. Seaweeds are an attractive source of biomass for energy (polysaccharides), food and feed (proteins), and high added value bio-active products, which do not need precious freshwater and do not claim agricultural soil. They grow on available nutrients in the sea (even reducing eutrophication) and do not need application of pesticides. Seaweeds also fix the greenhouse gas CO₂, and produce oxygen. Therefore seaweed cultivation can give a substantial boost to the development of a bio-based economy.

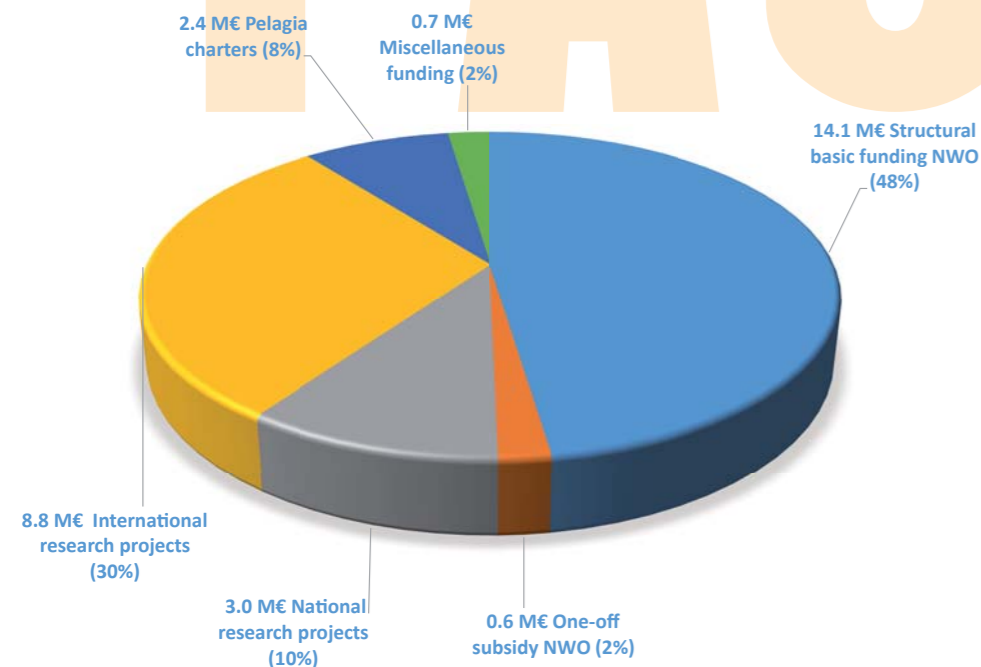
- The Netherlands Deep Sea Science & Technology Centre of the NIOZ aims to do independent research for a sustainable management of emerging open ocean resources. With a growing world population, sources for raw materials, food, water, and energy might become limited. Deep sea mining and exploration might be a solution. NIOZ will investigate the potentials of resource utilisation, while coping with the general threats like climate change, loss of biodiversity and habitat destruction, overfishing, and pollution, whilst maintaining the delicate balance between People, Profit and the Planet.
- In 2014 the NIOZ and its Monitor Taskforce in particular was involved in research on 'native macro algae-friendly concrete columns' in order to support weed community restoration, where the potentials for seagrass reintroduction are also still under investigation. One of the NIOZ projects in close cooperation with the stakeholder community focused

on opportunities to counter negative impacts of invasive exotic species (i.e. the Japanese oyster) on recreational sites. In another project, the NIOZ was involved in providing a science-based opinion on which marine exotic species are most eligible for selection in the EU exotic species regulation, for which EU countries will have to formulate specific policy and management to prevent introduction, further distribution, and adverse effects on indigenous species, ecosystems, and ecosystem-functions.

This is just a small sample of all the research initiatives ongoing in 2014 that are directly related to sustainability issues. Reviewing our projects will teach you that sustainability is in our genes.

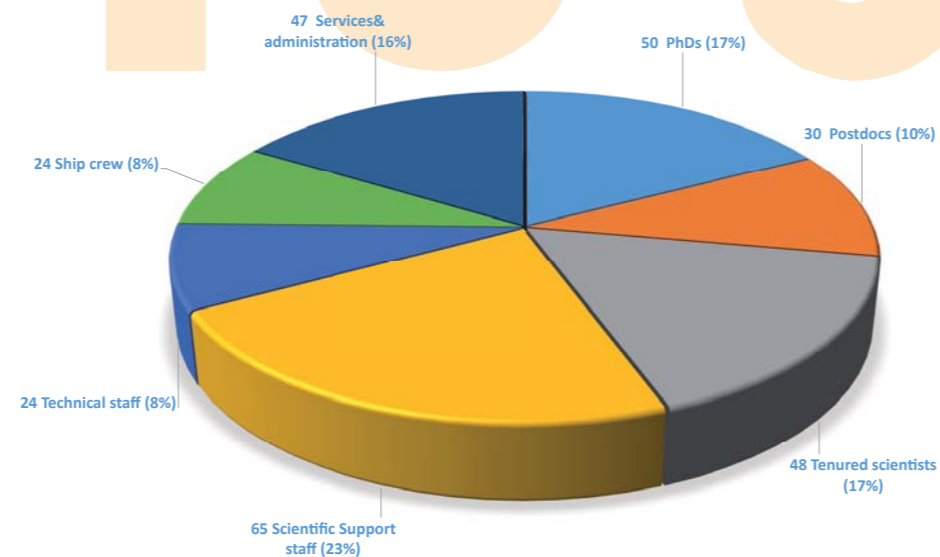
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Budget



The overall budget for 2014 amounted to 31.2 M€. NWO contributed 14.1 M€ as basic structural funding (equivalent to 45% of the total budget) and 1.4 M€ (4%) as a one-off subsidy. Project related additional funding was received through national (3.8 M€, 12%) and international (8.8 M€, 28%) projects acquired through competition. Chartering of RV Pelagia to third parties yielded a net revenue of 2.4 M€ (8%). Miscellaneous and ad hoc funding amounted to 0.7 M€ (2%). From a financial point of view, 2014 was better than 2013 due to the release of reserves and increased income from the RV Pelagia charters.

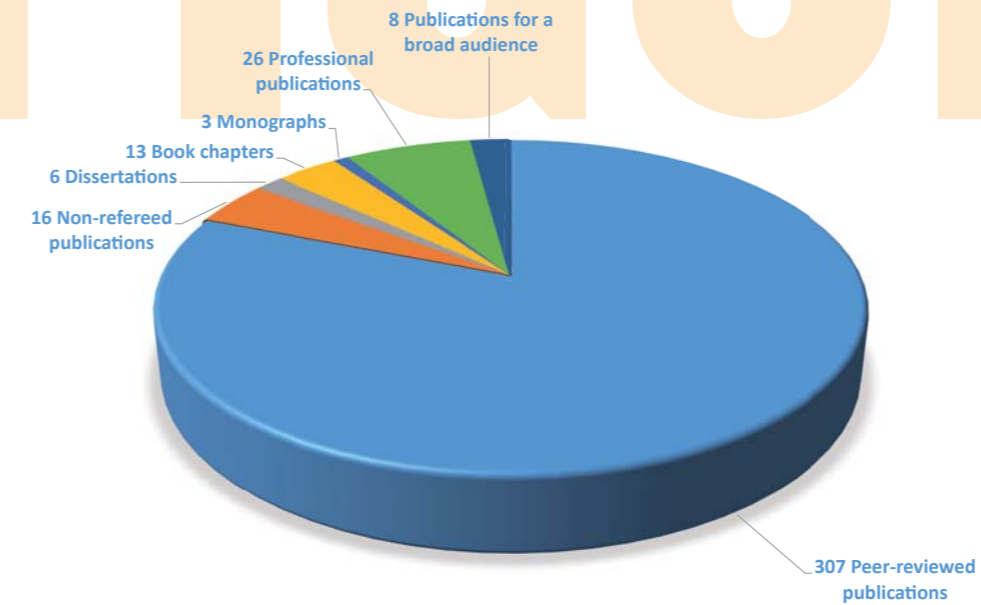
Staff



At 31 December 2014, NIOZ employed a full-time equivalent (FTE) of 288, with a total headcount of 323 employees. Of this total, 88 employees were of foreign nationality, representing 20 different countries. Total staff decreased by 21 FTE from 2013. The numbers and relative distribution in % of personnel over the different staff categories remained fairly constant. Scientific staff, including tenured senior scientists, postdocs and PhD students accounted for 44% (2013:45%) of the total staff, scientific support staff 23% (25%), and technical staff, ship crew, and services & administration accounted for 33% (30%).

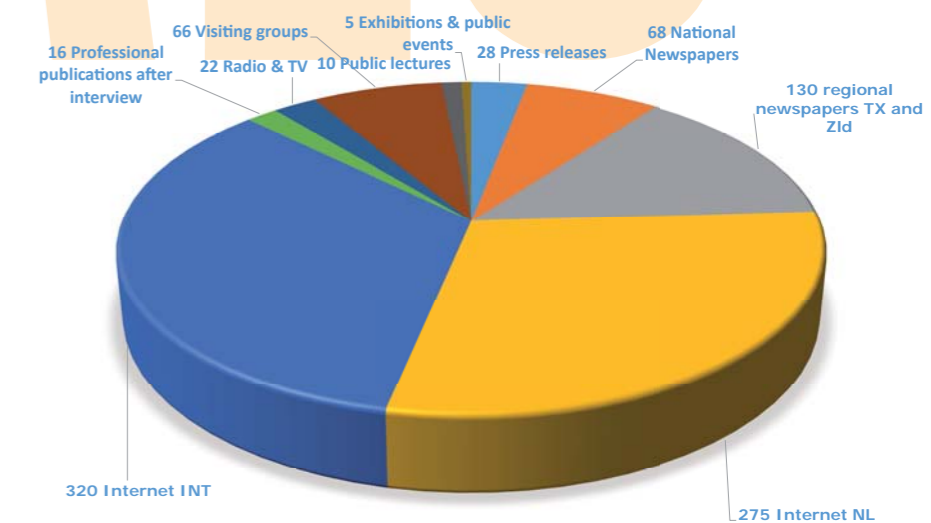
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Scientific output



NIOZ scientists authored an all-time record of 307 peer-reviewed publications, 3 books (monographs), 13 chapters in books, 16 non-refereed publications and 26 publications in journals for a professional audience. Six PhD students received their degrees at the Groningen University (3), Utrecht University (2), and VU University Amsterdam (1). Out of this total, 45 % appeared as open access publications, also a record high and a large increase compared to 2013 (16%). 263 oral presentations were given and 127 posters were presented at symposia and workshops throughout the world. For our colloquium series, Texel and Yerseke are now well connected via a web-conferencing system; 35 presentations were given by NIOZ and guest scientists.

Public outreach



NIOZ research was mentioned 68 times in national newspapers, 130 times in regional newspapers from the Texel and Zeeland area, 275 times on the internet nationally and 320 times internationally (source meltwater News database) and 16 publications were written by journalists in professional journals following interviews with NIOZ scientists. This annual report features some of these highlights. Our scientists appeared 22 times on radio or TV and gave 10 public lectures. Highlights for public outreach included the opening of the Seaweed Research Centre to the public in the afternoon directly after the official opening by HM King Willem Alexander on 10 April and the open day for the entire institute on Texel on 4 October. Additionally, NIOZ had a stand in 5 exhibitions or markets.



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Cretoiou, Silvia
Grego, Michele
Grosse, Julia
Hörnlein, Christine

Kromkamp, Jacco
Linde van der, Lillian
Moerdijk - Poortvliet, Tanja
Stal, Lucas
Vasquez Cardenas, Diana
Vlaming, Jetta
Wijnholds - Vreman, Anita

YRE

Balke, Thorsten
Beauchard, Olivier
Berg van den, Aniek
Bouma, Tjeerd
Cornacchia, Loreta
Daggers, Tisja
Dalen van, Jeroen
Hove ten, Alinda
Hu, Zhan
IJzerloo van, Lennart
Jewell, Oliver
Koppel van de, Johan
Kratzer, Isabella
Moons, Simeon
Nieuwhof, Sil
Oteman, Bas
Paoli, H elene
Rooseboom, Robert
Soelen van, Jos
Soissons, Laura
Wal van der, Daphne
Wielemaker, Annette
Ysebaert, Tom

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Bruining - Porto de, Marlies
Weegen van der, Leonne

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Barten - Krijgsman, Nelleke
Boon, Jan
Brinkhuis, Dan
Holthuijsen - Vloemans, Marieke
Leerink, Thomas

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Koster de, Ronald
Nieuwenhuis, Jan
Richter, Thomas
Sistermans, Wil

FCC

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Davidse, Theo
Gootjes, Jack
Groot, Siem
Keijser, Andrea
Kooijman - Biermans, Hilde
Linden van der, Marcel
Poleacov - Maraiala, Cornelia
Poleij, Carla
Ruissen, Hans
Smit, Peter
Vos, Tjerk
Wernand - Godee, Irene
Witte, Ruud

FM

Barten - Krijgsman, Nelleke
Berbee - Bossen, Jantine
Daalder, Ruud
Heerschap, Dick
Lakeman, Robert
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Wagemaakers, Diana
Wal van der, Meta

HRM

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Evers, Jolanda
Honkoop, Pieter
Kuip, Theo
Moerbeek - Sikma, Sigrid
Smidt, Marjolijn
Tuinen van, Hans
Vooijs, Peter

ICT

Derksen, Jan
Epping, Eric
Jonkman, Jan-Thijs
Malschaert, Hans
Nauw, Roland
Pool, Wim

MRF

Haas de, Henk
Koning, Erica

MTEC

Smit, Marck

MTE

Asjes, Sander
Cluderay, John
Franken, Henk
Groenewegen, Ruud
Laan, Martin
Lenting, Walther
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Keijzer, Edwin

MTM

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Boom, Lorendz
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Grisnich, Piet
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Schilling, Jack
Visser de, Jan-Dirk
Wuis, Leon

SML

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Alkema, Peter-Roy

Boon, Wim-Jan
Breejen den, Iwan
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Feij, Bram
Fockema Andreae, Alle
Greef de, Thomas
Haaren van, Joep
Heesemans, Martijn
Heide van der, Roel
Hiemstra, Fred
Jourdan, Mildred

Katwijk van, Rik
Kuijt, Pieter
Lips, Sietske
Maas, Sjaak
Moerland, Leon
Puijman, Bert
Seepma, Jaap
Stevens, Cor
Vermeulen, Gert
Vries de, Hein
Vries de, Martin
Zuidweg, Johan

Colloquia

- 15 January. **Sabine Gollner** (*Senckenberg Institute Wilhelmshaven*). Volcanoes of the deep - destruction and recovery of hydrothermal vent communities after natural and human induced disturbances.
- 30 January. **Douwe Maat (NIOZ, BIO)**. Ecophysiological aspects of algal virus-host interactions in a changing ocean.
- 5 February. **Jasper Donkers** (*Utrecht University*) The influence of mussel beds on hydrodynamics.
- 6 February. **Kees van Zandwijk** (*Heerema Contractors*). Aegir: a new deep-sea exploration vessel.
- 13 February. **Micha Rijkenberg** (NIO GCO). Finding a needle in a haystack: looking for iron in the western Atlantic Ocean, the Mediterranean Sea and the Black Sea.
- 20 February. **Marc Lavalije** (NIOZ, MEE). Baited experiments in the deep-sea.
- 27 February. **Maarten Kleinhans** (*Utrecht University*). River and delta morphodynamics.
- 6 March. **Johan van Heerwaarden & Walther Lenting** (NIOZ, MTI and MTE). KM3Net, Temperature calibration bath and LabVIEW.
- 13 March. **Mark Bertness** (*Brown University*). Is salt marsh die-off a deterministic state in a predator depleted ocean?
- 27 March. **Lesley Salt** (NIOZ, BIO). Process studies of the carbonate system in coastal and ocean environments of the Atlantic Ocean.
- 10 April. **Raja Ganeshram** (*University of Edinburgh*). What controls Si limitation in the ocean: the Fe connection.
- 11 April. **Claudia Zell** (NIOZ, BGC). Climate history derived from fatty acids.
- 17 April. **Sabine Lengger** (University of Bristol). Toxicity effects and profiling of oil derived compounds in aquatic environments.
- 24 April. **Jennifer Durden** (*NOC Southampton*). Life and life traces on the abyssal plain.
- 7 May. **David Thieltges & Jan van Gils** (NIOZ, MEE) Crossing borders - from temporary to permanent positions and from predators to parasites.
- 15 May. **Catarina Ferreira da Silva (NIOZ, BIO)**. Oxygen concentration affects Coral calcification.
- 22 May. **Ann Vanreusel** (*Gent University*). An integrative approach of meiofauna research in reduced environments of the deep sea.
- 28 May. **Sven Ihnken** (NIOZ, MM). CO₂, light, and photosynthesis - how algae deal with ocean acidification.
- 12 June. **Kristina Mojica** (NIOZ, BIO). Vertical stratification - consequences for marine phytoplankton and food web dynamics.
- 19 June. **Frans Brouwer** (NIOZ, FCC). Planning & Control bij het NIOZ - the next level.
- 26 June. **Andy Kwarteng** (*Sultan Qaboos University, Oman*). Barr Al-Hikman: a modern carbonate-evaporite system and outcrop analogue in Oman.
- 27 June. **Kenneth Rijdsijk** (*Naturalis*) and **Carol Cotteril** (*British Antarctic Survey*). Sea level change forcing evolution? Towards and interdisciplinary approach.
- 2 July. **Johan Stapel** (CNSI). The new Caribbean Netherlands Science Institute.
- 3 July. **Katja Guilini** (*Gent University*). Video observations and sedimentology of the deep-sea floor.
- 12 September. **Walter Munk** (*Scripps Institute of Oceanography*). A late drift of a physical oceanographer into ocean acoustics.
- 18 September. **Sofia Saraiva** (NIOZ, MEE). Modelling bivalves in estuaries and coastal areas.
- 30 October. **Henk Bolhuis** (NIOZ, YMM). Systems microbiology of coastal microbial mats.
- 6 November. **Piet Ruardij** (NIOZ, BIO) Modelling coastal ecosystems: consequences of increasing spatial resolution for process descriptions.
- 20 November. **Andreas Sterl** (KNMI). Argo: achievements and developments.
- 27 November. **Henry Hooghiemstra** (*University of Amsterdam*). The continental pollen signal in offshore NW-African marine sediments: sources, transport, sinks, and Pleistocene vegetation change.
- 4 December. **Lars Lund-Hansen** (*Aarhus University*). Removal of snow cover inhibits spring growth of Arctic ice algae through physiological and behavioral effects.
- 10 December. **Jorg Overmann** (*L-M University Munich*). Decoding ecological niches and biotic interactions of bacteria in the environment.

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11 December. **Catarina Leote** (NIOZ, GCO). Phosphorus recycling and availability in the western Wadden Sea.

16 December. **Ulf Gräwe** (IOW Warnemünde). From the North Atlantic to the residual circulation in the Wadden Sea - a multi-nested model approach.

18 December. **Sjoerd Duijns** (NIOZ, MEE). Sex-specific foraging: the distributional ecology of a polychaete-eating shorebird.

Courses held at NIOZ or organised elsewhere by NIOZ staff

BSc/MSc-course "N-isotope systems". In collaboration with Jacobs University, Bremen (November). Contact person G.J.A. Brummer.

BSc-course Marine Biology & Oceanography, Univ. Groningen, contact person prof. dr. K.R. Timmermans, 3 weeks April. BSc-course 'Marine Biology & Oceanography', Univ. Groningen (RUG). Two week practical at NIOZ.

Global Change and Coastal Hazard Mitigation, Annual MSc course at the University of Antwerp, co-organizer, T.J. Bouma in collaboration with Prof. S. Temmerman.

Inferring diet information from stable isotope data using isotope mixing models. D. van Oevelen led a 2 day workshop for an international group of 30 PhD students and post-docs, Ghent University, 25-26 March. Course organizer: Marleen de Troch.

M.Sc.-course MarineMasters: How does the sea work: 2 weeks July, contact person dr. H. de Stigter.

M.Sc.-course Microbial Ecology, Univ. Amsterdam (UvA). Contact person prof. dr. C.P.D. Brussaard

Marine Microbiology for 'Marine Sciences-3 course', Univ. Utrecht. Contact person prof. dr. A. Sluijs.

Marine Sciences II: Sandy and Muddy Shores. Gollner, S. Utrecht University, September 29-30, 2 October. Student course including lectures, excursion to Zandmotor, and laboratory work on meiofauna; ~70 students.

Marine Sciences III: Deep-sea biology and hydrothermal vents. Gollner, S., Utrecht University, 8-9 December. Student course including lectures and werkcollege; ~60 students.

MSc-course "Biogeochemical Cycling". In collaboration with VU-Amsterdam. Contact person G.J.A. Brummer.

NIOZ Marine Masters course "Exploring the western Wadden Sea". Contact persons dr. H.C. de Stigter, prof. dr. H. Ridderinkhof

PhD-course "How to give a good talk", L. Villanueva, 4 November.

PhD-course "How to write a scientific paper". Contact person G.J.A. Brummer.

Spatial Ecology course for PhD students, Dorwerth, 16-20 March. Main organized: van de Koppel, J. Course organized under the auspices of the Graduate School for Production Ecology and Resource Conservation (PE&RC).

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Including space in ecological studies has become increasingly important in the past decades. Recent studies reveal that ecological processes can generate striking spatial complexity and that the movement and distribution of organisms interact with spatial environmental patterns. This course focuses on concepts such as spatial self-organization, scale-free movement, and biophysical interactions at multiple scales. Furthermore, modern techniques to quantify plant and animal movement, analyze animal movement strategies, and model the implications of spatial self-organization in an ecosystem using a relatively simple modelling approach will be introduced.

Cruise Reports

Bale, N.J. (2014). Cruise report HCC cruise: R/V Pelagia 64PE393, 26th August – 21st September 2014 . NIOZ: Texel. 77 pp.

Duyl, F.C. van (2014). Spatial and species specific variations in the diet of sponges Preliminary results 3.1. Sponges, macro algae and nutrients, *in*: van Beek, I.J.M. *et al. Saba Bank research expedition 2013 - Progress Report*. pp. 11-14.

Haren, H. van (2014). Cruise report KM3NeT14: R/V Pelagia cruise 64PE389, 06-11 June 2014. NIOZ: Texel. 21 pp.

Kromkamp, J.C. (2014). Shipboard rapport RWS-Zirfaea cruise 17-19 juni 2014. NIOZ: Yerseke. 12 pp.

Finalized data sets

Bakker, K. Data from the expedition ARK-XXVII/3, <http://doi.pangaea.de/10.1594/PANGAEA.834081>

Bakker, K. Data from the expedition ARK-XXVII/3, <http://doi.pangaea.de/10.1594/PANGAEA.834084>

External functions

P. van Avesaath

Working Group Leader of the ESF COST Action EMBOS European Marine Biodiversity Observatory System

Representative of NIOZ as grant holder of the ESF COST Action EMBOS European Marine Biodiversity Observatory System

Co-founder of the MarBEF+ Association under Dutch Law, with its seat at NIOZ.

H. Bolhuis

External Examiner Hogeschool Zeeland, University of applied sciences.

K. Booij

Member of the ICES Marine Chemistry Working Group.

T. Bouma

Co-organizer HYTECH PhD-summerschool, Lyon

NIOZ project leader Be Safe project

NIOZ project leader HYTECH

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NIOZ project leader Yellow River Delta project
NIOZ project leader Pilot study sediment dynamics
Honorary Professor at the Groningen University
Hired for scientific quality control at HZ University of applied sciences
PhD opponent Jantsje M. van Loon-Steensma, Wageningen University, 8 October
PhD opponent Chen Wang, University of Antwerp, Belgium, 21 October.

H. Brinkhuis

Chairman LPP Foundation
Board member Molengraaff fonds
Member of the ERICON-AB Science Advisory Panel (2010 -)
Member Sci Com Waddenacademie
Chair of The Netherlands IODP commission
Member Scientific Committees International Paleogene Climate conferences 2001-current
Voting-member of various IUGS commissions on Palaeogene stratigraphy
Co-director of the Urbino Summerschool in Palaeoclimatology (USSP)
Guest-Lecturer University of Urbino, Southampton Oceanography Centre, University of California at Santa Cruz, Bremen University
Member Editorial Board Marine Micropaleontology
Member Editorial Board Journal of Micropaleontology
Member Editorial Board The Netherlands Journal of Earth Sciences
Member Editorial Board Bolletino della Societa Geologica Italiana
Member Editorial Board EGU Climate of the Past.

T. F. de Bruin

Chair - Netherlands National Oceanographic Data Committee (NL-NODC)
IODE national coordinator for data management
Chair - Workshop on ICES Data Guidelines (WKIDG)
Member – ICES Working Group on Data and Information Management (ICES-WGDIM)
Member - OceanSITES Data Management Team
Member - Steering Committee of the Marine Metadata Interoperability (MMI) project
Member - Southern Ocean Observing System (SOOS) Data Management Sub-Committee
Member – SCAR Standing Committee on Antarctic Data Management (SCADM)
Member Advisory Group Norwegian Marine Data Centre (NMDC) project.

G.-J.A. Brummer

Extraordinary Professor at the VU University Amsterdam
Member NWO-ALW Open Round proposal-review committee
Member NWO-ALW gebruikersadviesgroep verankerde instrumentatie (GAG-VI)
Member organizing committee “Foraminifera and nannofossils through time; qualification and quantification”, The Micropaleontological Society, Foraminifera and Nannofossil Groups Joint Meeting 2014, 22-25 June.

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C.P.D. Brussaard

President of the International Society for Viruses of Microorganisms (ISVM) from October 2014
Vice President of the International Society for Viruses of Microorganisms (ISVM) till October 2014
Secretary of the Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR) from October 2014
Vice President of the Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR) till October 2014
Editor FEMS Microbiology Reviews
Member Netherlands Polar Committee
Member Raad Aard- en Levenswetenschappen KNAW
National member of the International Association for Biological Oceanography (IABO)
Chair of Dutch SCOR Committee
Chair Steering Committee of the Aquatic Virus Workshop (AVW)
Editorial Board Position Member of the Phycological Society of America
Editor Communicative & Integrative Biology.

G.C. Cadée

Editor Natura (KNNV)
Associate editor ICHNOS
Bestuurslid Historie van de Oceanografie Club (HOC).

C.J. Camphuysen

Elected board member and European representative in the World Seabird Union (2013-)
Co-organiser of the World Seabird Group Conference, Cape Town (2015)
Member scientific Committee of the World Seabird Group Conference, Cape Town (2015)
Member editorial board ICES Journal of Marine Science, 2013-present
Member editorial board, Ardea 1996-2005, 2014-present
Member editorial board Seabird, 2010-present
Scientific advice, Ministry of Transport and Public Works (oil pollution)
Principal investigator and chief scientist Programme Biodiversité Oil et Gaz, IMROP, Nouadhibou, Mauritania, 2012-present
Member of the ICES working group on Seabird Ecology (until 2014)
Member of the ICES working group WKMEDS II - impacts of seabird predation on discard survival task group (2014-present).

F.C. van Duyl

Board Member Treub MIJ
Appointed reviewer International Foundation for Science (IFS)
Board Member AcroporaNet
Dutch representative Marine Board European Scientific Diving Panel.

V. Escaravage

Member of the advisory committee 'Management and development of modelling tools for the monitoring of water quality' (Deltares)
Member of the Steering Committee Pulse trawling (ministry of economic affairs).

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T. Gerkema

Member of NCK Program Comitee.

L.J.A. Gerringa

Member of NPC - Netherlands Polar Committee.

J. Greinert

Guest professor in Marine Geology, Ghent University, Belgium.

H. de Haas

Member NWO-ALW gebruikersadviesgroep bodembemonsteringssystemen en seismiek (GAG-BSS).

J.J.M. van Haren

Member Institutional Board ANTARES neutrino telescope

Member Strategic Board cubic kilometer neutrino telescope KM3NeT-PP/SC

Chairman "ALW gebruikersadviesgroep Verankerde Instrumentatie"

Chairman "ALW-GAGvoorzittersplus"

Professeur Invité, École Centrale de Lyon, France, 12 May – 4 June.

S. Heinzelmann

Discussion leader at Gordon Research Conference on Marine Microbes, Sacramento, USA, 8 -13 June.

P.M.J. Herman

Honorary Professor at Radboud University Nijmegen

Member CMW (Commissie Monitoring Westerschelde)

Member NWO/SRON User commission

Member Scientific Advisory Board Ifremer

Member science advisory commission INBO, Brussel

Member expert advisory commission Lifewatch, VLIZ, Ostend

Member of the advisory board VLIZ, Ostend

Advisor for visitation IWWR, Nijmegen

Member of the steering committee modeling HPP at the Vlaams-Nederlandse Schelde Commissie

Member science advisory commission Mosselwad (Waddenfonds project)

Promotor doctoral thesis of Christian Schwarz, Lucy Gwen Gillis, Laura Govers at Radboud University

Member of the manuscript committee and promotion committee of Miguel de Lucas (Delft University of Technology), Eric Horstman (University of Twente), Els van der Zee (Groningen University), Peter Paalvast (Radboud University)

Member of the external international advisory committee for the project EGIPUS of the Flemish government (verdieping/aanpassing Zeeschelde)

Member programme committee NCK (Nederlands Centrum Kustonderzoek)

Member of the writing team for the project BONUS-Noordzee

Member of the writing team EASAC sustainable marine exploitation

Member of the organizing committee Noordzeedagen

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Member of the Scientific Board and convener ecology conference 'Deltas in times of climate change'
Member 'EU-Noordzee-kernteam' for consultation Rijkswaterstaat-research institutions
Reviewer for Delta program Southwest Delta, participant consultation review national Delta Programme
External reviewer of report on "effecten garnalenvisserij" Wadden academy.

H. Hummel

Professor in Estuarine Ecophysiology, Institute of Oceanography, University of Gdansk, Gdynia, Poland
President of the MARS Network, the European Marine Research Stations Network
President of the European Marine Biology Symposium (EMBS) series
Member steering committee WAMS (World Association of Marine Stations)
General Coordinator (Action Chair) of the ESF COST Action EMBOS European Marine Biodiversity Observatory System
Member External Evaluation Board of LifeWatch Greece (HelBioNet)
Member of the International Advisory Board of CORPI (Coastal Research and Planning Institute) at the Klaipeda University, Lithuania
Doctoral examiner PhD defense Dr. Ir. Peter Paalvast, Radboud University Nijmegen (title Ecological studies in a man-made estuarine environment, the port of Rotterdam), Nijmegen, 17 April.

J.W. de Leeuw

Guest professor Faculty Geosciences, Utrecht University
Guest professor Faculty Biology, Utrecht University
Professorship in Geochemistry University of Cataluna
Member of the Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences (KNAW)
Geochemical Fellow ACS
Member Independent Scientific Advisory Board (ISAB) INSITE Program.

F.A. Koning

Chair Ocean Facilities Exchange Group (OFEG)
Member International Research Ship Operators (IRSO)
Member European Research Vessel Operators (ERVO)
Member NERC Cruise Programme Review Group (CPRG)
Member NERC Marine Facilities Advisory Group (MFAG).

J. van de Koppel

Main organizer of the PHD course "spatial ecology"
Main organizer of the Lorentz center workshop "Spatio-temporal dynamics in Ecology"
Project leader Mosselwad Project
Project leader Waddensleutels Project
Project leader "Land uit zee" project: modelling vegetation development following depoldering of the Hedwige and Prosperpolder (HPP project)
Honorary Professor at the Groningen University.

B. Koster

Member NWO-ALW gebruikersadviesgroep bodembemonsteringssystemen en seismiek (GAG-BSS).

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J. Kromkamp

Member international board Group for Primary Production (GAP)

Member OSPAR foodweb workgroup FW2

Member Wetenschappelijke Raad Zeeland (WRZ)

Member Kerngroep Kennis Netwerk Delta Water (KNDW).

L.R.M. Maas

Professor Ocean wave dynamics – IMAU, Utrecht University

Lecture series on Wave Attractors (Feb-June)

Opposition at PhD defence D. LeBars, Dynamics and estimation of the Agulhas leakage at Utrecht University, 12 March

Opposition at PhD defence I. Manola, A modeling study of teleconnections and their tropical sources at Utrecht University, 22 September

Opposition at PhD defence A. Naffie, Formation and long-term evolution of shoreface-connected sand ridges: Modeling the effects of sand extraction and sea level rise at Utrecht University, 3 December.

J. van der Meer

Professor in Marine Population Ecology at the Institute for Ecological Sciences at the VU University Amsterdam

Editor of ISRN Oceanography

Guest editor of special DEB issue, Journal of Sea Research

Chairman of the Netherlands Annual Ecology Meeting organization committee

Member of the Management Board of MARES (Doctoral Programme on Marine Ecosystem Health and Conservation)

Member of the advisory board Natuurbewoud of the Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds

Member of the ICES working group WKVHES.

F.J.R. Meysman

Editor Journal of Marine Research

Assistant professor (10% ZAP), Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium)

Guest professor, Ghent University (Belgium)

Coordinator Darwin project 'HYPOXIA Grevelingen'

Membership PhD committee: Arthur Capet, Liege University, Belgium, 15 March, Trent Marwick, KU Leuven, Belgium, 27 November.

F. Mienis

Session chair ASLO 2014, Honolulu, USA, 23- 28 February

Guest Editor Deep Sea Research Special Issue on Biology and Geology of Deep-Sea Coral Ecosystems, Proceedings ISDSC 5.

L.J. de Nooijer

Guest Senior scientist at the Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research, Bremerhaven, Germany.

L. Peperzak

Member: ICES/IOC/IMO Working Group on Ballast and Other Ship Vectors

Member: Global TestNet (of ballast water test facilities).

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G.J. Reichart

Professor Geosciences Faculty, Utrecht University

Guest Senior scientist at the Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research, Bremerhaven, Germany

Member of the NWO-ALW gebruikersadviesgroepen verankerde instrumentatie (GAG-VI), bodembemonsteringssystemen en seismiek (GAG-BSS) en GAG-voorzitters-plus

Interim Member Steering Group GATEWAYS (EU-FP7, MC-ITN)

Lecturer Urbino Summer School, Urbino, Italy, 10-30 July

Program Chair European Geosciences Union 2014

Auditor European Geosciences Union finances 2014-2015

Evaluation committee Rubicon NWO-ALW

Jury NWO-STW technology program.

T. Richter

Member OceanSITES Data Management Team.

M.J.A. Rijkenberg

Member of NPC - Netherlands Polar Committee

Member of the international GEOTRACES Scientific Steering Committee

Associate member of the SCOR workgroup 139 on organic ligands.

S. Schouten

Part-time professor Molecular Palaeontology, Faculty of Geosciences, Utrecht University

Associate editor Organic Geochemistry

Member of the Netherlands Integrated Ocean Drilling Program Committee

Member of the Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences (KNAW).

J.S. Sinninghe Damsté

Part-time professor Organic Geochemistry, Faculty of Geosciences, Utrecht University

Member of the Royal Dutch Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW)

Member of the Scientific Steering Committee of the Darwin Centre for Biogeology

Associate editor Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta

Member of the Editorial Board Environmental Microbiology

Director of Netherlands Earth System Science Centre.

M.G. Smit

Member Ocean Fleet Exchange Group – Technology section

Member NWO Instituut Platform Kennis Benutting

Member NWO Technologie Overleg

Editor Hydro International journal.

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K. Soetaert

Member of the FWO scientific commission 'bio' (Belgium)

Member of the NWO VIDI commission

Guest professor, 10 %, Ghent University (Belgium)

Associate editor journal of statistical software

Membership PhD committee (promotor): Christina Mueller, Utrecht University, 24 February.

L. Stal

Coordinator EU project MaCuMBA

Editor Plos-One

Editorial board member ISME Journal

Editorial board member Frontiers of Microbiology

Steering committee EMBRC (European Marine Biology Resource Center) (NL left EMBRC in the course of 2014).

H.C. de Stigter

Chairman NWO-ALW gebruikersadviesgroep bodembemonsteringssystemen en seismiek (GAG-BSS).

J.-B.W. Stuit

Senior scientist at MARUM – Center for Marine Environmental Sciences, University of Bremen, Germany

Member of International Society for Aeolian Research board

Associate editor Aeolian Research

Advisory editor Netherlands Journal of Geosciences

Member Netherlands IODP Committee

Member INQUA-Netherlands board

Member scientific advisory board NIOZ Ballastwater project

National representative IMAGES.

D.W. Thielges

Associate Editor International Journal for Parasitology: Parasites and Wildlife

Editorial Board of Journal of Sea Research

Subject Editor for Marine Biology Research.

K.R. Timmermans

Guest editor Marine Chemistry: Cycles of metals and carbon in the oceans

Member of Advisory Committee REEPON, AWI, Germany

Member management committee COST action: Advancing knowledge on seaweed growth and development.

L. Villanueva

Member of the editorial board of International Microbiology Journal.

D. van der Wal

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Member 'Flexibel Stortoverleg' (subgroup Technical Schelde Committee)

Committee member NWO/ALW Open programme (Oct)

WP leader Remote Sensing, and coordinator for NIOZ, EU FAST project

Project leader NWO-Ruimteonderzoek – Benthic diatoms as indicators for ecosystem structuring

Project leader NWO-Ruimteonderzoek - Consequences of global change for ecosystem engineering effects of shellfish.

Tj.C.E. van Weering (Sci. Emeritus)

Member Programme Committee to the Scientific Programme Indonesia – Netherlands (SPIN) of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW)

Member steering committee COCARDE/ESF

Advisor NWO-NIOZ regarding Caribbean Netherlands Science Institute at St. Eustatius

Member program committee Netherlands Caribbean programme (NWO)

Guest Editor Deep Sea Research Special Issue on Biology and Geology of Deep-Sea Coral Ecosystems, Proceedings ISDSC 5.

M.R. Wernand

Program committee member 4th EOS Topical Meeting on Blue Photonics® - Optics in the Sea

External Examiner in Examining Committee of Prof. Dr. Ing. W. Verhoef (Promoter), Dr. ir. Mhd. S. Salama (Co-promoter) for PhD Proposal by Behnaz Arabi,

Using coupled water – atmosphere radiative transfer models for water quality monitoring over the Wadden Sea, submitted to the Faculty of Geo-Information

Science and Earth Observation (ITC), University of Twente

Assessment Board member Univ. Twente. MSc Teshale Tadesse Danbara, Deriving water quality indicators of Lake Tana, Ethiopia, from Landsat-8

Assessment Board member Univ. Twente. MSc Edika Stephen Masisi, Analyzing spatial and temporal variations of the eutrophication status of Lake Victoria, Tanzania

Assessment Board member Univ. Twente. MSc Xin Su, Multi-sensor SSC retrieval, a case study over the Yangtze River estuary
EARSEL representative.

E. Zetsche

Guest Editor for a special issue: Aquatic Particles in the journal "Marine Chemistry".

Guest scientists

Brand, E., Utrecht University, 1 October-31 December.

Durden, J. National Oceanography Centre, U.K. 14-25 April.

El Ouahabi, A. 1 September-8 December.

Genuário, D.B., Biólogo-ESALQ/USP Doutorando-CENA/USP, Brasil, 1 January-28 February.

Gommeaux, M., Université de Reims Champagne-Ardenne, UFR Sciences, Département des sciences de la Terre, Reims, France, several occasions throughout 2014.

Grossi, V., University of Lyon, France, 14-27 September.

Guerreiro, C., Instituto Dom Luiz, University of Lisbon, Portugal, 23 October-11 November

Han, Q., Yantai Institute for Coastal Zone Research (YIC-CAS), Yantai, China, 21 November-14 December.

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Husson, B., Ifremer, France, 3-14 November.
Kloosterziel, R., Hawaii, SOEST, 1 February-23 December.
Kunihiro, T., Center for Marine Environmental Studies (CMES), Ehime University, Ehime, Japan, 1 January-30 August.
Li, B., Yantai Institute for Coastal Zone Research (YIC-CAS), Yantai, China, 15 August-15 October.
Luo, Y., Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada, January.
Montserrat Trotsenburg, F., Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium, 1 January-31 December.
Ortulan, C., Instituto Oceanográfico-USP, 28 August-31 December.
Quaijtaal, W., Universiteit Gent, Belgium, 3-21 February, 18 August-20 September.
Van der Woerd, H., IVM, Free University, Amsterdam, 2 days a month.
Weber Y., University of Basel, Switzerland, 20-31 January, 21-29 July.
Zetsche, E., Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium, 1 January-1 August.

Students

Afanasyeva, A., Hogeschool Zeeland, University of applied sciences, 1 February-30 July.
Ahn, A-C., Université de Liège, Belgium, 1 February-25 August.
Beckebanze, F., Utrecht University IMAU and Math.
Bedolfe, S. RUG, Groningen, 1 April-31 December.
Beerda, J., Hanzehogeschool Groningen, 1 January-30 September.
Belcijan, K., University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, 1 July- 30 September.
Berrevoets M., Hogeschool Rotterdam, 24 November-31 December.
Bleumink, G. Utrecht University, May-June.
Boeve, R., Hogeschool Rotterdam, 1 September-31 December.
Brand, E., Utrecht University, IMAU Fys.Geografie.
Cartiere, R. RUG, Groningen, 1 June-15 July.
Cleirec, B. VAR, Toulon.
Cocozza, A., OTTIMA project. 1 July-31 December.
Dairain, A., UPMC France, 1 February-30 June.
De Bar, M. Utrecht University, January-September.
De Boer, J., Rotterdam Mainport University of Applied Sciences. 1 August-31 December.
De Groot, L., Hogeschool van Hall-Larenstein, Leeuwarden, 16 August-31 December.
De Ruyter, G., Zadkine ROC, Rotterdam, 1 January-21 June.
Dijkstra, O., Hogeschool Leiden, 1 September-31 December.
Doveren, F.A.J., University of Amsterdam, 14 July-31 December.
Fillol Homs, M., Universitat de Girona, Spain, 17 March-11 June.
Geerken, E. VU University, Amsterdam, February-June.
Geerts, University of Antwerp, Belgium, 31 December-1 February.
Habicht, M.H., University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA, 1-23 December.
Havermans, J., University Groningen, Groningen, 15 June-31 December.
Hoogeboom, J., Hogeschool CAH Videntum, Almere, 7 May-17 October.

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Hurdeman, L., ROC Amsterdam, 1 May-31 December.
Inglis, G., University of Bristol, 15-22 April.
Jones Quartey, PhD student, University of Ghana, Ghana, 1-7 October
Klip, N., Hogeschool Rotterdam Engineering en toegepaste wetenschap, 1 January-28 January.
Klootwijk, A. Utrecht University, February-July.
Koenen, I., Berufskolleg Hilden, Hilden, 5 July-5 October.
Konstantinidou, E., Utrecht University, 17 March-4 August.
Koops, J., MSc student, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, 1 April-30 May.
Koppelle, S., University of Amsterdam (UvA), 1 March-1 November.
Kruseman, A., Utrecht University IMAU and Math.
Kusen, P., Berufskolleg Hilden, Hilden, 5 July-5 October.
Lattaud, J., 1 September-31 December
Liddell, C. Wageningen University, Wageningen, 1-20 January.
Lo, V., University of Bologna, Italy, 7 September-15 December.
Lorent, S., VUB/UGent/UAntwerpen, 1 January-July.
Loth, M., Utrecht University, 2 June-15 August.
Mendez Merino, N., University of Navarra, Spain, 3 February-3 August.
Mens, T., Utrecht University, 1 March-30 November.
Mikšičūnaitė, A., Radboud University Nijmegen, 1 February-15 August.
Moerenhout, B., Scalda, Vlissingen, 25 August-31 December.
Mollee, M., ROC Nova College, Beverwijk, 25 August-15 January.
Naus, S., Utrecht University.
Nguyen, P., Avans Hogeschool, Breda, 18 August-31 December.
Nieto-Moreno, V., BiK-F, Frankfurt am Main, Germany, 2 June-31 July.
Peene, K., Scalda, Vlissingen, 25 August-31 December.
Peters, M., ROC Amsterdam, 25 August-31 December.
Pfannerstill, E., University of Jena, Germany, 15 September-31 December.
Postma, E., University of Amsterdam, 1 January-31 June.
Rijs, S., ROC Nova College, Beverwijk, 20 January-26 June.
Rodda, C., University of Trieste, 15 November-31 December.
Roeterink, M. VU University, Amsterdam, 14 April-24 May.
Roodenburg, S., Helicon, Boxtel en 's-Hertogenbosch, 25 August-31 October.
Rousselle, G., Pierre and Marie Curie University, Paris, France, 23 June-4 July.
Rozie, T., InHolland Amsterdam, 1-31 December.
Schoonderbeek, M., ROC Nova College, Beverwijk, 1-15 January.
Schrader, C., Utrecht University, 28 April-12 July.
Sewbaransingh, R., ROC Leiden, 9 September -31 December.
Slabbekoorn, V., Scalda, Vlissingen, 27 January-27 June.
Smilenova, A., University of Southampton, England, 1 May-11 November.
Smith, P., Bangor University, UK, July-31 December.
Speksneiders, Y., Avans Hogeschool, Breda, 1 January-30 June.

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Stam, A., Hogeschool InHolland, 1 January-1 February.
Steenhuis, P. University of Amsterdam, 18 February-15 August.
Steenhuis, P., University of Amsterdam, 17 February-15 August.
Sweere, T. Utrecht University, January-April.
Temmesfeld, F. MARUM, Bremen, Germany, January-March.
ten Hoeve, N., Utrecht University, 29 April-18 July.
Theeuwen, M., Hogeschool Zuyd, Heerlen, 1 September-31 December.
Therkildsen, M.
Van Bijsterveldt, C.E.J., Utrecht University, 18 January–27 October.
Van de Haspel, M., University of Amsterdam, 1 January-27 June.
Van de Haterd, T., Rotterdam Mainport University of Applied Sciences. 1 August-31 December.
van de Moortel, I., Universiteit Gent, 3-28 February.
Van de Pavert, R., Hogeschool van Arnhem en Nijmegen, University of Applied Sciences. 1 August-31 December.
Van de Ven, R., Hogeschool Leiden, 1 January-28 February.
Van de Vijssel, R., Utrecht University, IMAU.
Van den Bout, B., Utrecht University.
Van den Putte, W., Fontys University of Applied Sciences, Eindhoven, 1 November- 31 December.
Van der Lugt, M., Utrecht University, 15 April-5 December.
Van Franeker, S. Utrecht University.
Van Hateren, H., Utrecht University, 1 December-31 December.
Van Heuzen, H., University of Amsterdam, 1 January-27 June.
Van Oers, S., Technical University Delft.)
Van Veen, S., Radius College, Breda, 8 September-31 December.
Venhuizen, J., MBO Helicon, Geldermalsen, 22 April-11 July.
Verbiest, S., Utrecht University, Utrecht, 01 January-9 May.
Visch, W., University Leuven, 8 December-31 December.
Visser, V., Hogeschool van Hall Larenstein, 25 August-31 December.
Way, S. , Hogeschool InHolland, Amsterdam, 1-31 January.
Wesseling, A., InHolland Hogeschool, Amsterdam, 1 July-30 November.
Wevelsiep, D., Berufskolleg Hilden, Hilden, 5 July-5 October.
Wierenga,J., University of Utrecht, 1 January-30 June.
Withagen, M. VU University, Amsterdam, 14 April-24 May.
Xia, T., HZ University of Applied Science, Vlissingen, 10 February-30 July.
Yikilmaz, G., Hogeschool Leiden, 1 Juli-31 December.
Zanoni, R., ROC Leiden, Leiden, 1 September- 31 December.
Zawadowski, T., Hogeschool van Hall Larenstein, 1 January-28 February.

Visitors

Bloemsma, M., TU, Delft, 10 September.

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Boezen, D., Roozenvelt Academy, Middelburg, 27 June-3 July.
Collart, T., Ghent University, Belgium, 9-12 December.
Costa, P., University Lisbon, Portugal, 21-24 July.
Dana, 16-20 June.
Datema, M., Utrecht University, 21 June.
Delivet, S., Ghent University, Belgium, 3-7 February.
De Deckker, P., Australian National University.
Dijk, van M., VU University, Amsterdam, 22 April.
Dijkstra, N., Utrecht University, 16-18 April.
Fenton, I., Imperial College, London, 22 January.
Flament, P., Hawaii, SOEST, 26-28 May.
Friese, C., Bremen University.
Ganeshram, R., University of Edinburgh, UK, 9-10 April.
Guimarães, P.S., Mestrado em Biologia de Ambientes Aquáticos Doutorado em Oceanografia Física, Química e Geológica Universidade Federal do Rio Grande, Brasil, 1 December.
Hasselmann, K., IfM, Hamburg, Germany, 11-13 September.
Jones, E.M., University of Groningen, Groningen, 27-30 October.
Kaboth, S., Utrecht University, 23 May-14 June.
Kwarteng, A.Y., Director Remote Sensing and GIS Center Sultan Qaboos University, 23-27 June
Lauretano, V., Utrecht University, Febr + May + June.
Loomis, S., University of Texas at Austin, USA, 10-21 November.
Lourens, L., Utrecht University, 15-17 January, 3-6 February, 21+22 March.
Metcalf, B., Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.
Moreira, S., University Lisbon, Portugal, 21-24 July.
Moscon, G., Istituto Scienze Marine CNR, Bologna, Italy, 7-11 July.
Munk, W., UCSD, Scripps, 11-14 September.
Nooren, K., Utrecht University, 28-30 July +17-18 September.
Ohneck, I., Berufskolleg Hilden, Hilden, 17 -23 August.
Palamenghi, L., Marine Technology and Environmental Research Geoscience Dep., Bremen University, Germany, 8-9 December.
Riechermann, D., University of Mainz, Germany, 16-20 June.
Rush, D., Newcastle University, 23 November-5 December.
Sandersfeld, T., AWI, Bremerhaven, 15–19 September.
Sterl, A., KNMI, 20 November.
Ufkes, E., Free University, Amsterdam, 22 April + 26 July.
Valenzuela, C.J., Ghent University, Belgium, 9-12 December.
Vandorpe, T., Ghent University, Belgium, 4-5 February + 23-25 April.
Van Miltenburg, L., Minkema college, Woerden, 30 January.
Volker, C., AWI Bremerhaven, Germany, 27-30 October.
Völkner, C., Alfred Wegener Institute, Bremerhaven, Germany, 6-17 January.
Werkhorst, T., Minkema college, Woerden, 30 January.

Meetings

Hummel, H. BIOC3 Kick-off Plenary meeting, BONUS project, Copenhagen, Denmark, 3-4 March (Advisory Board member).

Hummel, H. FixO3 General Assembly Annual meeting, Heraklion, Crete, Greece, 14-16 October.

Hummel, H. COST EMBOS WGPS Pilot data-analytical workshop, the European Marine Biodiversity Observatory System, Gourmes, Crete, Greece, 15-19 December, (chair, co-organiser).

Netherlands Annual Ecology Meeting, contact person: Jaap van der Meer, chairman of the organization committee. The Netherlands Annual Ecology Meeting is a two-day event organised by NERN (Netherlands Ecology Research Network) and NECOV (Dutch-Flemish Ecological Society) and supported by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO). The set-up of the 2014 meeting was in accordance with previous years, and was again a great success with over 300 participants.

Stuut, J.-B.W., Precruise meeting R/V Pelagia cruise 64PE395, Texel, the Netherlands, 16 December

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In 2014 is de Ondernemingsraad (OR) beperkt gewijzigd van samenstelling. Na zich enkele jaren voor de OR te hebben ingezet als vertegenwoordiger van de groep tijdelijke medewerkers is Cees van Slooten teruggetreden als lid en vervangen door Hans Slagter. Aldus was de samenstelling van de OR: vertegenwoordigers onderzoeks- en laboratorium medewerkers: Sander Holthuijsen (secretaris), Loran Kleine Schaars en Kirsten Kooijman (verv. secretaris), vertegenwoordigers technische en centrale diensten en stafeenheden: Sander Asjes en Ruud Witte; vertegenwoordiger ondersteunende en centrale diensten en stafeenheden: Yvonne van der Maas; vertegenwoordiger varend en havenpersoneel: Ewout Adriaans; vertegenwoordiger personeel in tijdelijke dienst: Hans Slagter; vertegenwoordigers wetenschappelijk personeel: Henk Bolhuis (verv. voorzitter) en Henk de Haas (voorzitter).

De OR heeft met de Directie en het Bestuur overleg gevoerd over uiteenlopende onderwerpen die voor een groot deel te maken hadden met de komende aanpassingen van de NIOZ-organisatie in verband met de huidige financiële situatie.

De OR heeft op 30 januari, 2 april, 22 mei, 2 juli, 21 augustus, 22 oktober en 4 december formeel overleg gehad met de Directie. In aanvulling hierop heeft er ook regelmatig informeel overleg tussen OR en Directie plaatsgevonden. Formeel overleg met het NIOZ-Bestuur vond plaats op 3 april. In verband met een wisseling van het NIOZ-Bestuur heeft het gebruikelijke tweede halfjaarlijks overleg met het Bestuur niet plaatsgevonden. De notulen van bovengenoemde vergaderingen zijn te lezen op de vernieuwde intranet webpagina van de Ondernemingsraad.

In 2014 heeft de NIOZ-OR ingestemd met een wijziging van de Uitvoeringsregeling voor Stagiaires, het nieuwe NIOZ-aanstellingsbeleid en wijzigingen in de Uitvoeringsregeling Bedrijfs hulpverlening.

De OR heeft een negatief advies uitgebracht op een voorgestelde aanpassing van de NIOZ statuten.

De OR heeft positief advies uitgebracht op de voorgestelde aanstelling van het nieuwe NIOZ-Bestuur.

Oral presentations

Bakker, K. PO₄ measurements on an auto-analyser: calibration, chemistry, carry-over and flow consideration. Quasimeme Workshop, Ostend, Belgium, 6-8 February.

Bale, N., Hopmans, E., Villareal, T.A., Zell, C., Sinninghe Damsté, J.S., Schouten, S. Novel tracers for past oceanic N₂ fixation. 12th Nederlands Aardwetenschappelijk Congres (NAC 12), Veldhoven, 8-9 April.

Beauchard, O. Disentangling human-induced from natural environmental variability using invertebrate functional groups. Twinning Workshop Trawling Impact on Benthic Ecosystems (Australia, New Zealand, EU), Tromsø, Norway, 20-21 June.

Biggs, T., Brussaard, C.P.D. Antarctic phytoplankton in a changing world and its consequences for the lower pelagic food web. NWO Symposium Polar Change – A Scientific Adventure, Den Haag, 5 November.

Bolhuis, H. *Haloquadratum walsbyi*: life at the limits of water activity. Thematic week on extremophilic microorganisms, University of Liege, Liege, Belgium, 28 October.

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Bolhuis, H. Introduction to the coastal microbial mats of Schiermonnikoog: a molecular twist. MaCuMBA Exchange with University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam 4 April.

Bolhuis, H. The genome of *Lyngbya aestuarii*: how to survive in a coastal microbial mat. Invited speaker, 15th International Symposium on Microbial Ecology (ISME 15), Seoul, South Korea, 24-29 August.

Bolhuis, H. The genome of the mat building cyanobacterium *Lyngbya aestuarii*: adaptations to an “extreme” environment with a twist of lactate. Invited Speaker, Molecular Genetics, University of Groningen, 31 March.

Bolhuis, H. Towards the pan-genome of *Lyngbya aestuarii*: a cosmopolitan cyanobacterial mat builder. Invited Speaker, Workshop: Glimpses at Pan-Genomes, Valencia, Spain, 5-7 November.

Booij, K. Water extraction with a plastic sheet: passive sampling of organic contaminants. LabTechnology 2014, Utrecht, 4-5 June.

Booij, K., Maarsen, N.L., van Bommel, R., Beerda, J. Hydrodynamics and polar sampler calibration: bridging the gap between field and lab. 7th International Passive Sampling Workshop, Vancouver, Canada, 8-9 November.

Bouma, T.J. et al. Towards the use of natural ecosystems for coastal defense: bottlenecks, opportunities and knowledge needs. Invited key-note speaker. International Coastal Biology Congress 2014 (ICBC 2014), Yantai city, Shandong Province, P. R. China, 26-30 September.

Bouma, T.J. On the importance of understanding the establishment of biogeomorphic ecosystems. Invited talk. Mini-symposium on salt marshes, Campus Drie Eiken, University of Antwerp, Belgium, 21 October.

Bouma, T.J., van de Koppel, J., Gwen Gillis, L., van der Heide, T., van Katwijk, M., Oloff, H., Herman P.M.J. Connectivity issues in marine environments: beyond biotic exchange. Invited key-note speaker. NecoV 15th Anniversary Meeting, Connectivity towards ensuring a future for biodiversity, Den Bosch, 8 April.

Bouma, T.J., Yaakub, S.M., Soissons, L., Han, Q., Erfemeijer, P.L.A., Li, B., Ysebaert, T., van Katwijk, M., Todd, P.A. Resilience of seagrass: the importance of pre-conditioning & timing. SEAGRASS COST, Olhão, Portugal, 4-6 March.

Brenner, H., Montserrat, F., Meysman, F.J.R. Enhanced alkalinity and dissolved inorganic carbon release in intertidal sands from the Oosterschelde (The Netherlands) induced by a natural macrofaunal community. EGU General Assembly 2014, Vienna, Austria, 7-12 April.

Bruin, T.F. de, Schaap, D. Connecting Hundreds of Oceanographic Data Sources from Countries in and around Europe into a Big Data Network. American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, USA, 15-19 December.

Bruin, T.F. de. NIOZ Contribution to WP1: Data collection and metadata compilation in sea regions: current status North Sea. EMODnet Chemistry Annual Meeting, Split, Croatia, 17-18 June.

Bruin, T.F. de. Report of the Advisory Group. Norwegian Marine Data Centre project Annual Meeting, Øystese, Norway, 26-28 August.

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Brummer, G.-J.A. Shell growth in planktonic foraminifera. MARUM, Bremen, Germany, 27 February.

Brummer, G.-J.A. Shell ontogeny of planktonic foraminifera. AWI-NIOZ mini meeting, NIOZ-Texel, 24-25 November.

Brummer, G.-J.A., Feldmeijer, W., Prins, M.A., Ganssen, G.M. Proxy development and interpretation: seasonality and deglaciation northern North Atlantic. Symposium "Interglacial Climate Change", Amsterdam, 3 November.

Brummer, G.-J.A., Kucera, M. Constraining ecology and population dynamics of planktonic foraminifera as paleoproxy carriers. MoU UniB-NIOZ, NIOZ-Texel, 1 April

Brussaard, C.P.D. Can we prove virus involvement in processes? – From sequence to phenotype & ecology. NBIC (Netherlands Bioinformatics Centre) Hot Topics Meeting 'Virus discovery and beyond', Utrecht, 13 January.

Brussaard, C.P.D. Marine virus-host interactions, diversity and influence of environmental factors. Symposium on Marine Biodiversity, Biotechnology and Metagenomics, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 19 November.

Brussaard, C.P.D. Veranderingen in het voedselweb o.i.v. opwarming. Noordzeedagen, Texel, 2-3 October.

Brussaard, C.P.D. Viral parasites in microbes and their effects on ecosystem functioning. International Symposium Ecology & Evolution of Marine Parasites and Diseases, Texel, 10-14 March.

Brussaard, C.P.D. Virale ecologie tijdens klimaatverandering. Diligentia - Koninklijke Maatschappij voor Natuurkunde, Den Haag, 1 December.

Brussaard, C.P.D., Maat, D. The differential effects of nutrient-limitation and irradiance level on virus-host model systems in a changing world. ASLO Ocean Science Meeting, Hawaii, USA, 23-28 February.

Burdorf, L.D.W. An introduction to cable bacteria. School of chemistry seminar, Melbourne, Australia, 28 February.

Burdorf, L.D.W. Electricity in the sediment. Marine Masters course, Texel, 8 July.

Burdorf, L.D.W., Seitaj, D., Meire, L., Malkin, S.Y., Cook, P.L.M., Meysman, F.J.R. Cable Bacteria – a global perspective. 2nd international workshop on Microbial long-distance electron transport mediated by cable bacteria, Antwerp, Belgium, 27–30 October.

Burt, W., Thomas, H., Hagens, M., Brenner, H., Paetsch, J. Using radium and carbon isotopes to evaluate the biogeochemical impact of boundary exchanges in the North Sea. EGU General Assembly 2014, Vienna, Austria, 7-12 April.

Cadée, G.C., Spoorzoeken op schelpen. Zeeuws Landschap vrijwilligers, Vlissingen, 13 February.

Cadée, G.C., Verborgen schatten in een apothekerskabinet uit 1730 in het Rijks Museum. Ledenvergadering Doopsgezinde gemeente, Den Burg, 20 March.

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Camphuysen C.J. Lesser Black-backed Gulls under pressure: new data on population ecology in the Dutch Wadden Sea. "Vogelartenschutz im Nationalpark Niedersächsisches Wattenmeer - neue Entwicklungen", Wilhelmshaven, Germany, 19. February.

Camphuysen, C.J., Kloff, S., Marret, F., Ould Ahmed, M., Taleb Sidi, M.O. The charismatic megafauna in the upwelling zone off Mauritania: a conservation concern. Ecosystemic Seabird/Fishery interactions in West African Waters, special session during the first International conference "Ecosystem Approach to the Management of Fisheries and the Marine Environment in West African Waters (AWA)", Dakar, Senegal, 9-11 December.

Capet, A., Akoumianaki, I., Meysman, F.J.R., Soetaert, K., Grégoire, M. Benthic-Pelagic coupling in the Black Sea northwestern shelf. EGU General Assembly 2014, Vienna, Austria, 7-12 April.

Cardoso, C. Microbial mats, a population study. General Assembly MaCuMBA project, Cadiz, Spain, 21-26 September.

Cardoso, C. Microbial mats, the concept of minimal mat. MaCuMBA Exchange with University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, 4 April.

Carvalho, M., Moreira, C., Cardoso, J., Brummer, G.-J., van Gaeveer, P., Queiroga H., Talhadas Santos, P., Teodorico Correia, A. Use of stable isotopes (oxygen and carbon) in otoliths to study fish movement and connectivity in *Lipophrys pholis*. 5th International Otolith Symposium, Mallorca, Balearic Islands, Spain, 20-24 October

Caulle, C., Mojtahid, M., Koho, K., Gooday, A., Reichart, G.J., Schmiedl, G., Jorissen, F. Benthic foraminifera from the Arabian Sea oxygen minimum zone: towards a paleo-oxygenation proxy. European Geosciences Union General Assembly 2014, Vienna, Austria, 27 April-2 May.

Chivall, D., M'Boule, D., Heinzemann, S., Kasper, S., Sinke, D., Sinninghe Damsté, J. Schouten, S., van der Meer, M. Towards a palaeosalinity proxy: Hydrogen isotopic fractionation between source water and lipids produced via different biosynthetic pathways in haptophyte algae. Basis annual meeting 2014, Nijmegen, 27-28 March and . European Geosciences Union, General Assembly 2014, Vienna, Austria, 27 April-2 May.

Cimatoribus, A. Simple models of ocean circulation: an upward-driven disk as a model of convection, lecture at the "Physics of the Climate System" Summer School, organised by the Faculty of Science of Utrecht University, 21 August.

Cimatoribus, A., van Haren, H., Gostiaux, L. Comparison of Ellison and Thorpe scales from Eulerian ocean temperature observations. European Geosciences Union, General Assembly 2014, Vienna, Austria, 27 April-2 May.

Cimatoribus, A., van Haren, H., Temperature statistics above a sloping deep-ocean boundary: turbulence, convection and mixing. LPO-IFREMER, France, 26 September and IMAU-UU, 14 October.

Cook, P.L.M, Roberts, K., Kessler, A., Meysman, F.J.R., Burdorf L.D.W. Thamdrup, B., Robertson, E. Do 'Cable Bacteria' Enhance Dissimilatory Nitrate Reduction to Ammonium in a Periodically Anoxic Estuary? Goldschmidt, Sacramento, USA, 8-23 June.

Cretoiu, M.S. The environmental dimension of antibiotic resistance. Microbial Ecology Course, Institute for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Studies, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, 3 October.

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Cretoiu, M.S., Bolhuis H., Wesseling, A., Burgaud, G., Wersig, J, Kramer, D., Swiatecka-Hagenbruch, M., Cardoso, C., Grego, M., Stal, L.J. Resident communities of a coastal microbial mat as revealed by cultivation in different gradients. General Assembly MaCuMBA project, Cadiz, Spain, 21-26 September.

Cretoiu, M.S., Stal, L.J., Cardoso, C., Bolhuis, H. The metagenome of a marine microbial mat. MicroB3 Marine Metagenomics, Hinxton, UK, 24-28 March.

Davies, A., Mienis, F., Duineveld, G., Robertson, C., Ross, S.W., Rhode, M., Wolff, M., Brooke, S. Can we use historical observation data for habitat suitability modelling? A case study from Baltimore Canyon, NW Atlantic. INCISE Workshop, Edinburgh, UK, 29 September-1 October.

De Jonge, C., Hopmans, E.C., Schouten, S., Sinninghe Damsté, J.S. Novel branched glycerol dialkyl glycerol tetraethers: occurrence in the environment and implications for the use of the CBT/MBT' proxies. Workshop GDGT-based proxies: State of the art and future directions, Texel, 23-25 April.

de Leeuw, J.W. . Biomarkers, Proxies, Evolution and Paleoclimate. University of Seoul, South Korea, 20 August and ISME conference, ECORD/ICDP MagellanPlus Workshop Series Program, Advancing Subsurface Biosphere and Paleoclimate Research, Seoul, South Korea, 21-23 August.

de Leeuw, J.W. Organisch afval: Bron van de Organische Geochemie. Darwin Christmas Lecture 2014, Leiden, 21 December.

de Lima Sobrinho, R., Kim, J-H., Abril, G., Zell, C., Moreira-Turcq, P., Mortillaro, J-M., Meziane, T., Sinninghe Damsté, J.S., Bernardes, M. Seasonal and spatial contrasts of sedimentary organic carbon in floodplain lakes of the central Amazon basin. European Geosciences Union, General Assembly 2014, Vienna, Austria, 27 April-2 May.

De Paoli, H., van der Heide, T., Christianen, M., van den Berg, A., Silliman, B., van de Koppel, J. Don't Panic, Organize, Testing for the importance of self-organization for ecosystems resilience. Benthic Ecology Meeting, Jacksonville, Florida, USA, 19-22 March.

de Stigter, H.C. Polymetallic nodule mining in the Pacific: opportunities for biomonitoring? FOBIMO Workshop, NIOZ, Texel, 26-27 June

Dessandier, P.-A., Bonnin, J., Kim, J.-H., Bichon, S., Grémare, A., Deflandre, B., Sinninghe Damsté, J.S. Distribution of live benthic foraminifera off the Douro river (western Iberian margin): the importance of the terrestrial organic matter. FORAMS 2014 (international symposium on foraminifera), Concepcion, Chile, 19-24 January.

Dijkstra, N., Kraal, P., Rijkenberg, M.J.A., Slomp, C.P. Coupled dynamics of manganese, iron and phosphorus in the water column of the Black Sea and implications for phosphorus burial. 46th International Liège Colloquium, Belgium, 5-9 May

Frieling, J., Gebhardt, H., Adekeye, O.A., Akande, S.O., Reichart, G.-J., Middelburg, J., Schouten, S., Sluijs, A. The Paleocene – Eocene Thermal Maximum: temperature and ecology in the tropics. Climate and Biotic Events in the Paleogene, Ferrara, Italy, 1-6 July.

Galer, S.J.G., Abouchami, W., Xie, R.C., Janssen, D.J., Rijkenberg, M., Gerringa, L., Cullen, J.T., de Baar, H.J.W. Global oceanic Cadmium isotope distribution. Goldschmidt Conference, Sacramento, USA, 8-13 June

Geelhoed, J., Boschker, E., Meysman, F.J.R. Filamentous bacteria involved in long-distance electron transport in marine sediments. 46th International Liège colloquium on ocean dynamics, Liège, Belgium, 5-9 May.

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Geelhoed, J., Hidalgo, S., Tramper, A., Boschker, E. Meysman, F.J.R. Long-range electron transport by filamentous sulfide-oxidizing bacteria in coastal marine sediments. 15th International symposium on microbial ecology, Seoul, South-Korea, 24-29 August.

Geelhoed, J., Tramper, A., Hidalgo, S., Meysman, F.J.R. Targeted culturing of cable bacteria - first results. 2nd international workshop on Microbial long-distance electron transport mediated by cable bacteria, Antwerp, Belgium, 27–30 October.

Gerkema, T. Coastal and shelf-sea dynamics, Introduction: an excursion through ages and seconds. BBOS Symposium, Texel, 31 October.

Gerkema, T. Duran-Matute, M., Nauw, J.J., Van der Hout, C.M. Back and forth in the Vlie tidal inlet: transport of suspended particulate matter and fresh water. Seminar IOW, Warnemünde, Germany, 8 April.

Gerkema, T. Lecture on Internal waves. Physical Limnology course, Heidelberg University, 25-26 March.

Gerkema, T. Mathematics and internal waves. 3TU.AMI Conference "Mathematics & Water", Delft, 13 November.

Gerkema, T. The traditional approximation: from Laplace, via the Drei-Brüder-Schacht, to the oceans. Seminar IOW, Warnemünde, Germany, 12 March.

Gerkema, T. Wiskundige aspecten van interne golven. Symposium "Go with the flow", Universiteit Twente, 23 May.

Gerkema, T., Schuttelaars, H.M. The sediment balance of the Wadden Sea, NCK themadag, Leiden, 10 October.

Gollner, S. Geological settings – gas hydrates, massive sulfide deposits, ferromanganese crusts and manganese nodules. MIDAS WP6 workshop, Wilhelmshaven, Germany, 11-13 March.

Gollner, S. Vent fauna. MIDAS WP6 workshop, Wilhelmshaven, Germany, 11-13 March.

Gollner, S., Govenar, B., Martinez Arbizu, P., Mills, S., Le Bris, N., Weinbauer, M., Shank, T., Bright, M. Meiofauna and macrofauna succession after a recent eruption at the 9°N East Pacific Rise. MIDAS WP6 workshop, Wilhelmshaven, Germany, 11-13 March.

Gostiaux, L., van Haren, H. Eddy-shape signature in Thorpe's displacement profiles: advances in characterization of turbulent overturns. European Geosciences Union, General Assembly 2014, Vienna, Austria, 27 April-2 May.

Grosse, J., van Breugel, P., Boschker, H.T.S. Tracing carbon allocation into cellular compounds using LC-IRMS and GC-c-IRMS: A phytoplankton study. BASIS Meeting, Nijmegen, 27-28 March.

Hagens, M., Slomp, C.P., Meysman, F.J.R., Borges, A.V., Middelburg, J.J. Impact of hypoxia and ocean acidification on pH dynamics in a seasonally stratified coastal marine lake. Ocean Sciences Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, 23-28 February.

Hagens, M., Slomp, C.P., Meysman, F.J.R., Seitaj, D., Borges, A.V., Middelburg J. J Hypoxia and biogeochemical processes concomitantly influence acidification in the seasonally stratified coastal marine Lake Grevelingen, the Netherlands. 46th International Liège colloquium on ocean dynamics, Liège, Belgium, 5-9 May.

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Hak, K., Peperzak, L. Enforcement and control. Shipping and the Ballast Water Challenge, ProSea, Amsterdam, 23 April.

Heimbürger, L.-E., Sonke, J.E., Rijkenberg, M.J.A., Gerringa, L.J.A., de Baar, H.J.W. Mercury in the Black Sea - results of the 2013 GEOTRACES MEDBlack cruise. AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, USA, 15-19 December.

Heinzelmann, S., Villanueva, L., Schouten, S., Sinninghe Damsté, J., van der Meer, M. D/H ratios of fatty acids as a tool to infer the metabolism of microbial communities. Californian Goldschmidt, Sacramento, USA, 8-13 June.

Heinzelmann, S.M., Villanueva, L., Sinninghe Damsté, J.S., Schouten, S., van der Meer, M.T.J. Compound specific hydrogen isotopes as a culture independent method to identify core metabolisms of microorganisms *in situ*. Basis annual meeting 2014, Nijmegen, 27-28 March.

Herman, P.M.J. and Spatial Ecology Department. Speak for the worms.

How science can inform coastal management. Invited keynote lecture. Netherlands Annual Ecology Meeting, Lunteren, 11-12 February.

Herman, P.M.J. Vissen en natuur in een verander(en)de wereld. Symposium Waddenacademie over garnalenvisserij, Terschelling, 6-7 February.

Holthuijsen, S.J., Compton, T.J., Piersma, T. The Waddensea, No management without monitoring. Lecture, van Hall Instituut, Texel, 30-June.

Holthuijsen, S.J., van der Veer, H., Dekinga, A., ten Horn, J., Fey, B. Het NIOZ op de Waddenzee, SIW dag, Harlingen. 25-April.

Hörnlein, C. Rhythm on the beach. Metabolic pathways in marine microbial mats. Environmental metagenomics symposium, Wageningen, 19 September, MACUMBA General assembly 2014, Cadiz, Spain, 21-24 September.

Hummel, H. A comparison on the degree of implementation of marine biodiversity indicators by European countries in relation to the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD). 49th European Marine Biology Symposium (EMBS), St. Petersburg, Russia, 8-12 September.

Hummel, H. BES-SFE Annual meeting, joint British Ecological Society and Société Française d'écologie meeting. Invited key-note lecture at Symposium 5 "Genomics in marine monitoring: New opportunities for assessing marine health status" on "Integration of genomics and ecology, a promising though inconvenient challenge", Lille, France, 9-12 December.

Hummel, H. EMBOS Training School "Marine Biodiversity Observation: A system to bring theory and practice together". Several oral presentations on "Marine Biodiversity and the role of EMBOS (the European Marine Biodiversity Observation System) in a historical perspective", Santander, Spain, 12-17 May.

Hummel, H. EMBOS Training workshop on the EMBOS Pilot Project, several oral presentations on "Sampling Procedures and Protocols for Hard and Soft Substrata", Oristano, Italy, 17-20 February.

Hummel, H. EMBOS Workshop on the Analysis of the EMBOS Pilot data, HCMR, Gournes, Crete, Greece, 15-19 December.

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Hummel, H. EMBRC final General Assembly meeting. Invited lecture on “Proposals for Horizon 2020 challenges for marine biodiversity, ecosystem functioning and sustained coastal observation”, on behalf of MARS, MarBEF+, and EMBOS, Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn (SZN), Naples, Italy, 22-24 January.

Hummel, H. MARS Directors & WAMS International Assembly meeting: Future perspectives for marine science. Several oral presentations on “The MARS business plan”, “Research Infrastructures for integrated and sustained coastal observation.” - A must or a chance and challenge for marine stations to strengthen coastal observatories?”, “European Observatory networks: EMBOS, FixO3, JERICO”, “The role of MARS in Horizon 2020”. Amsterdam, 26-28 March.

Hummel, H. JERICO (FP7 project: Towards a Joint European Research Infrastructure network for Coastal Observatories) General Assembly, Future Strategy for biological coastal observation, Oslo, Norway, 6-7 May.

Jesus, C., de Stigter, H., Oliveira, A. Canhão Submarino de Lisboa: um depocentro de sedimentos? 3^{as} Jornadas de Engenharia Hidrográfica, Lisbon, Portugal, 24-26 June.

Kaag, K., Peperzak, L. The “Shanghai Filter Test”, a standard test beyond G8. Ballast water management, Bremen, Germany, 23-25 September.

Kaiser, J., Moros, M., Baas, M., Sinninghe Damsté, J., Pollehne, F., Arz, H. Application of the TEX₈₆ temperature proxy in the Baltic Sea: insights from surface and trap sediments, The 12th Colloquium on Baltic Sea Marine Geology, Warnemünde, Germany, 8-12 September.

Karagicheva, J., Rakhimberdiev, E., Dekinga, A., Koolhaas, A., Brugge, M., Piersma, T. Regulation of spring body mass gain in Red Knots *Calidris canutus*. 44th IWSG Conference, Haapsalu, Estonia, 26-29 September.

Kim, J-H., Schouten, S., Marino, G., Hugué, C., Helmke, P., Rampen, S., Rodrigo-Gámiz, M., Buscail, R., Hopmans, E.C., Pross, J., Sangiorgi, F., Middelburg, J.J., Villanueva, L., Zell, C., Warden, L., Sinninghe Damsté, J.S. Influence of deep-water derived isoprenoid tetraether lipids on the TEX₈₆^H paleothermometer. Workshop GDGT-based proxies: State of the art and future directions, Texel, 23-25 April.

Korte, L., Van der Does, M., Munday, C., Brummer, G.-J. A., Stuut, J.-B.W. Marine environmental effects of Saharan-dust deposition – changing climate through ocean fertilization? Nederlands Aardwetenschappelijk Congres 12, Veldhoven, 8-9 April and ICAR-8, Lanzhou, China, 21-25 July.

Kromkamp, J.C. Automated FRRF measurements provide an alternative means to obtain seasonal and annual marine primary production estimates. VLIZ, Oostende, Belgium, 21 March.

Kromkamp, J.C. Eutrophication in the 2-Seas area. ISECA conference, Boulogne-sur-Mer, France, 30 June-1 July.

Kwiecien, O., Tomonaga, Y., Brennwald, M.S., Randlett, M-E., Peterse, F., Bechtel, A., van der Meer, M., Stockhecke, M., Bucher, S., Anselmetti, F., Litt, T., Schubert, C.J., Kipfer, R. Geochemistry of Lake Van pore water and sediment, or how to distinguish climatic from diagenetic signals? European Geosciences Union, General Assembly 2014, Vienna, Austria, 27 April-2 May.

Lavaleye, M.S.S. De Noordzee als leefomgeving voor mollusken, historisch en ecologisch. Lustrum Weekend Nederlandse Malacologische Verenigen (NMV), Ecomare, De Koog, 20 September.

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Lavaleye, M.S.S. Geschiedenis van het molluskenonderzoek in de Noordzee en enkele resultaten van recente cruises met de Pelagia. Natuur Excursie Texel (NET), Texel, 27 March.

Lipsewers, Y., Hopmans, E.C., Schouten, S., Sinninghe Damsté, J.S. The role of anammox and denitrifying bacteria in hypoxic/anoxic and sulfidic SALINE lake sediments. Darwin Days 2014, Noordwijkerhout, 20-21 November.

Little, S.H., Vance, D., Cameron, V., Rijkenberg, M.J.A., Andersen, M.B., Lyons, T., McManus, J. Zn and Ni isotope systematics in the Black Sea, an analogue for past ocean anoxia. AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, USA, 15-19 December.

Little, S.H., Vance, D., Lyons, T., McManus, J., Rijkenberg, M.J.A. The significance of anoxic settings to the oceanic cycling of Cu and Zn isotopes. Ocean Sciences Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii, 23-28 February.

Loomis, S., Russell, J., Heureux, A., D'Andrea, W., Sinninghe Damsté, J. Seasonal variability of branched glycerol dialkyl glycerol tetraethers in a temperate lake system. Californian Goldschmidt, Sacramento, USA, 8-13 June.

Loomis, S., Russell, J., Sinninghe Damsté, J. Exploring the use of branched glycerol dialkyl glycerol tetraethers (brGDGTs) as a lacustrine paleotemperature proxy. AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, California, USA, 15-19 December.

Lubsch, A., Timmermans, K.R. 161 days NIOZ Seaweed Centre or “leaving the Stone Age”. Seagriculture, Terneuzen, 24-25 September.

Maas, L. Nortek User Meeting “Capturing the elusive spatial structure of internal waves, de Koog, Texel, 27 June.

Maas, L., Experimental falsification of internal-tide-generation paradigm, 50th anniversary of GK Batchelor Laboratory, Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics University of Cambridge, UK, 7 April

Maas, L., Physics of Estuaries, NIOZ Marine Master course, 30 June.

Maas, L., Topographies lacking tidal interaction, ENSL Lyon, France, 14 November.

Maas, L., Wave attractors, Applied Math seminar at Leeds University, UK, 19 February.

Meire, L., Meysman, F.J.R., Søgaard, D., Mortensen, J., Rysgaard, S. Glacial meltwater and primary production are the drivers of strong CO₂ uptake in Greenlandic fjords. Arctic Change meeting, Ottawa, Canada, 5-8 December.

Meysman, F.J.R., Dorina, D., Malkin, S.Y., Vasquez-Cardenas, D., Boschker, H.T.S. A new way of life detected in coastal sediments: microbial sulphur oxidation via long-range electron transport. Goldschmidt Conference, Sacramento, USA, 8–23 June.

Meysman, F.J.R., Seita, D., Malkin, S.Y., Vasquez-Cardenas, D., Boschker, H.T.S. A novel way of life emerges from hypoxic sediments: microbial sulphur oxidation via long-distance electron transport. 46th International Liège colloquium on ocean dynamics, Liège, Belgium, 5-9 May.

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Mezger, E.M. The development of Dutch barrier islands - a balance between sand and sea. The Micropaleontological Society Joint Foraminifera and Nannofossil Groups Spring Meeting, Texel, 23-25 June

Mezger, E.M., De Nooijer, L.J., Brummer, G.J.A., Reichart, G.J. Sodium in foraminiferal calcite as a direct proxy for salinity. AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, USA, 15-19 December.

Mezger, E.M., Geerken, E. Sodium in foraminiferal calcite as a direct proxy for salinity, AWI-NIOZ minimeeting, Texel, 24-25 November.

Mienis, F. Cold-water corals - Oases in the deep sea. Nortek User's Meeting, Den Burg – Texel, 25-27 June

Mienis, F. Oases in the deep-sea. Shell sensitive area workshop, Den Hoorn – Texel, 20-21 May

Mienis, F. Studie en Loopbaan. Lecture at VU University Amsterdam, 6 February.

Mienis, F. Cold-water corals in the North Atlantic Present-Past and Future. Lecture at Amsterdam University College, Amsterdam, 12 November.

Mienis, F., Duineveld, G., Robertson, C., Demopoulos, A., Davies, A., Prouty, N., Roark, B., Ross, S.W., Brooke, S. Particle transport and deposition in the Norfolk and Baltimore canyon, NW Atlantic, INCISE Workshop, Edinburgh, UK, 29 September-1 October.

Moerdijk-Poortvliet, T.C.W., Stal, L.J., Boschker, H.T.S. Tracing carbon flow in microphytobenthic communities by LC/IRMS. ASLO Ocean Science Meeting, Honolulu, HI, USA. 23-28 February.

Montserrat F., Way S., Meysman F.J.R. Enhanced Olivine Dissolution: Creating A Coastal CO₂ sink? Deltas in Times Of Climate Change II conference, Rotterdam, 24-26 September.

Montserrat F., Way S., Meysman F.J.R. Mitigation of Ocean Acidification in Coastal Systems through Enhanced Mineral Weathering – Proxies and process dynamics. Climate Engineering Conference (CEC14), Berlin, Germany, 18-21 August.

Montserrat, F., Meysman F.J.R. Mitigation of Ocean Acidification in Coastal Systems through Enhanced Mineral Weathering. Ocean Sciences Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, 23-28 February.

Moore, E. Villanueva, L., Hopmans, E.C., Rijpstra, W.I.C., Mets, A., Dedysh, S.N., Sinninghe Damsté, J.S. Abundant trimethylornithine lipids and specific gene sequences suggest Planctomycete importance at the oxic/anoxic interface in Sphagnum-dominated northern wetlands. Darwin Days 2014, Noordwijkerhout, 20-21 November.

Munday, C., Brummer, G.-J. A., van der Does, M., Korte, L., Stuut, J.-B.W. Bacterial profiling of Saharan dust deposition in the Atlantic Ocean using sediment trap moorings, ICAR-8, Lanzhou, China, 21-25 July

Mutterlose, J., Bottini, C., Schouten, S., Sinninghe Damsté, J.S. Evidence for high sea-surface temperatures during the early Aptian OAE 1a in the Boreal Realm. GeoFrankfurt 2014, Dynamik des Systems Erde / Earth System Dynamics. Goethe Universität Frankfurt am Main, Germany, 21.-24. September.

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Nauw, J. J., Philippart, C. J. M. Duran-Matute, M., Gerkema, T. Estimates of exposure times in the Wadden Sea using contrasting methods, PECS conference, Porto de Galinhas, Brazil, 19-23 October.

Nauw, J.J., Gerkema, T., Hoitink, A. J. F. SEAWATT: Sedimentation and Erosion Assessment & Wake Analysis of Tidal Turbines, Tidal kick-off Symposium, Den Oever, 12 March.

Nauw, J.J., Merckelbach, L.M., Ridderinkhof, H., van Aken, H.M. Ferry-based observations of the transport of total suspended matter through the Texel inlet, Nortek North European User Symposium, De Koog & 't Horntje , Texel, 26-27 June.

Nieuwhof, S., van Belzen, J., van de Koppel, J., Herman, P.M.J., van der Wal, D. Spatially extended ecosystem engineering by shellfish. Marine Master Course, Texel, 9 July.

Novoa, S., Wernand, M.R. The fore-ule scale converted to a modern tool for water quality monitoring by citizens, Ocean Optics XXII Conference, Holiday inn by the bay, Portland, Maine, US, October 26–31.

Oudman, T., Bijleveld, A., Dekinga, A., Cluderay, J., Hin, V., Kavelaars, M., de Fouw, J., Holthuijsen, S., Piersma, T., van Gils, J.A. Tracking red knots to explain differences in gut size and diet choice. NAEM meeting, Netherlands, 11-12 February

Peperzak, L. Experience from Facility & Research Centre with different rapid test methods. Ballast Water Workshop 2014, Kiel-Schwentinental, Germany, 2 June.

Peperzak, L. Ships and invasive species: from testing ballast water treatment systems to the development of rapid and cost-effective on-board compliance and self-monitoring techniques. International Conference on Advanced Technologies for Management of Ballast Water & Biofouling (MABB 2014) Chennai, India, 4-7 March.

Peperzak, L. Ships, invasive species and ballast water treatment techniques. How to kill 70 million plankton cells per second in 250 m³ water. Symposium Ocean Present Future, Utrecht University, Utrecht, 14 January.

Rabitti, A., Gerkema, T., van Haren, H., Maas, L. R. M. Internal waves and equatorial ocean dynamics. BBOS PhD's & Post Docs annual meeting, Texel, 29-31 October.

Rao, A., Malkin, S.Y., Meysman, F.J.R. The Influence of Long Distance Electron Transport on Carbonate Dynamics in Sediments and Benthic-Pelagic Coupling. Goldschmidt Conference, Sacramento, USA, 8–23 June.

Ribo, M. et al. incl H. van Haren. Morphobathymetry and formation processes of sediment waves in the Gulf of Valencia continental slope (NW Mediterranean). European Geosciences Union, General Assembly 2014, Vienna, Austria, 27 April-2 May.

Rigaud, S., Maire, O., Polsenaere, P., Meysman F.J.R. , Anschutz, P. , Deflandre, B. In situ assessment of oxygen dynamics in seagrass meadows. Ocean Sciences Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, 23-28 February.

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Rijkenberg, M.J.A., Middag, R., Conway, T.M., Bruland, K.W., de Baar, H.J.W. Excellent consistency of dissolved manganese, iron, cobalt, nickel, copper, zinc, cadmium and lead at the Bermuda crossover station of two Geotraces sections. Ocean Sciences Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii, 23-28 February.

Roark, B., Prouty, N.G.; Davies, A.J.; Demopoulos, A.; Mienis, F. Using water column characteristics to better understand the cycling of dissolved and particulate matter in Norfolk and Baltimore canyons, ASLO. Honolulu, USA, 23-28 February.

Robertson, C., Demopoulos, A., Bourque, J., Duineveld, G., Mienis, F., Davies, A., Ross, S.W., Brooke, S. Benthic community structure and function in Baltimore Canyon, USA. Ocean Sciences Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii, 23-28 February.

Robertson, C., Demopoulos, A., Bourque, J., Mienis, F., Duineveld, G., Ross, S.W., Brooke, S. Distinct benthic community trends driven by an enrichment paradox in Mid-Atlantic Bight canyons, NW Atlantic., INCISE Workshop, Edinburgh, UK, 29 September-1 October.

Rodrigo-Gámiz, M., Rampen, S.W., Schouten, S., Sinninghe Damsté, J.S. The impact of oxic degradation on the novel long chain diol temperature proxy. Californian Goldschmidt, Sacramento, USA, 8-13 June.

Rolison, J.M., Middag, R., Stirling, C.H., Rijkenberg, M.J.A., de Baar, H.J.W. Dissolved trace metal distributions in the Black Sea and Bannock Basin: results from the recent MedBlack GEOTRACES expedition. Goldschmidt Conference, Sacramento, California, USA, 8-13 June

Rush, D., Sinninghe Damsté, J., Poulton, S., Thamdrup, B., Acuna Gonzalez, J., Schouten, S., Jetten, M., Talbot, H. Anammox: Source of BHT stereoisomer in marine sediments. Californian Goldschmidt, Sacramento, USA, 8-13 June and Darwin Days 2014, Noordwijkerhout, 20-21 November.

Seitaj D., Gambari, F., Slomp, C., Meysman, F.J.R. Microbial innovation and the quest for electron donors in marine sediments. Darwin Days, Conference of Darwin centre for Biogeosciences, Noordwijkerhout, 20-21 November.

Seitaj, D., Malkin, S.Y., Schauer, R., Meysman, F.J.R. Efficient sulfide detoxification in seasonally hypoxic sediments by competing S-oxidizing bacteria. International colloquium on Low Oxygen Environments In Marine, Estuarine And Fresh Waters, Liege, Belgium, 5–9 May.

Seitaj, D., Robert, C., Aller, Jaime Soto-Neira, Qing Zhu, Meysman F.J.R. Hunting for cable bacteria in Long Island Sound. 2nd international workshop on Microbial long-distance electron transport mediated by cable bacteria", Antwerp, Belgium, 27–30 October.

Sinninghe Damsté, J. GDGT-based paleotemperature proxies: Recent developments in calibration and application. Brown University, USA, 1 August.

Sinninghe Damsté, J. New research programme: Netherlands Earth System Science Center. 12th Nederlands Aardwetenschappelijk Congres (NAC 12), Veldhoven, 8-9 April.

Sinninghe Damsté, J. Potential application of branched tetraether lipids as palaeo-environmental and palaeoclimatic proxies in lakes and marine systems. Goldschmidt Conference, Sacramento, USA, 8-13 June.

Sinninghe Damsté, J.S., Warden, L., Sollai, M., Mets, A., Moros, M. Determining the predominant cause of anoxia in the Baltic Sea over the Holocene. The 12th Colloquium on Baltic Sea Marine Geology, Warnemünde, Germany, 8-12 September.

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Soetaert, K. Invited talk. Boundary value problems in the open-source software R. International conference on numerical analysis and applied mathematics, Rhodos, Greece, 22-26 September.

Soetaert, K. Invited talk. Modeling Benthic-Pelagic coupling. 8th European Conference on Ecological Modelling. Beyond boundaries: next generation modelling, Marrakech, Morocco, October 27-30.

Soetaert, K. Invited talk. Regime shifts in tidal estuaries: biogeochemical implications. Workshop Hamburg, Germany, 4-5 September.

Soetaert, K. Invited talk. Solving differential equations in R. Use R conference, Los Angeles, USA, July.

Soissons, L.M., Li B., Han, Q., van Katwijk, M.M., Ysebaert, T., Herman, P.M.J., Bouma, T.J. Contrasting responses of two indicators in seagrass beds: Site and Timing effects. Netherlands Annual Ecology Meeting, Lunteren, 11-12 February.

Sollai, M., Hopmans, E.C., Schouten, S.; Keil, R.G., Sinninghe Damsté, J.S. Intact polar lipids as indicators of N-cycling in the Eastern tropical North Pacific oxygen minimum zone. 2014 Ocean Sciences Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, 23-28 February.

Sollai, M., Warden, L., Bale, N.J., Hopmans, E.C., Mets, A., Moros, M., Sinninghe Damsté, J.S. Heterocyst glycolipids in the Baltic Sea: species distribution and potential applications as tracers of anoxic events. Darwin Days 2014, Noordwijkerhout, 20-21 November.

Stal, L.J. MaCuMBA. 7th EFIB Industry workshop, Reims, France, 29-30 September.

Stal, L.J. Microbial mats: a living entity (keynote). FNRS Astrobiology Meeting, Liege, Belgium, 3 November.

Stal, L.J., Wijnholds, A., Grego, M. Strain selection for biodiesel production. InteSusAI project meeting, Olhão, Portugal, 8-9 April.

Steenhauer, L., Pollard, P., Carreira, C., Limpens, R., Koster, A. Brussaard C.P.D. Isolation and characterization of a virus infecting the invasive filamentous cyanobacterium *Cylindrospermopsis raciborskii* in the Netherlands. ICHA-16th International Conference on Harmful Algae, Queensland, Australia, 27-31 October.

Steinhardt, J., Cléroux, C., de Nooijer, L.J., Ullgren, J., Durgadoo, J.V., Brummer, G.-J.A., Zahn, R., Ganssen, G., Reichart, G.-J. Reconstructing eddies using Mg/Ca of multiple species of planktonic foraminifera. AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, USA, 15-19 December.

Steinhardt, J., Ullgren, J., De Nooijer, L., Cléroux, C., Durgadoo, J.V., Brummer, G.-J.A., Reichart, G.J. Tracking eddies in the Mozambique Channel based on single specimen foraminiferal Mg/Ca analyses. Nederlands Aardwetenschappelijk Congres 12, Veldhoven, 8-9 April

Stichel, T., Kretschmer, S., Lambelet, M., van der Flierdt, T., Rutgers van der Loeff, M., Rijkenberg, M.J.A., Gerringa, L.J.A., de Baar, H.J.W. The interplay between particulate and dissolved neodymium in the Western North Atlantic: First insights and interpretations. AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, USA, 15-19 December.

Stirling, C.H., Rolison, J.M., Middag, R., Rijkenberg, M.J.A., de Baar, H.J.W., 2014. Biogeochemical cycling of uranium in redox-controlled environments: A 238U/235U case study of the Black Sea. Goldschmidt Conference, Sacramento, California, USA, 8-13 June

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Sulu-Gambari, F., Seitaj, D., Meysman, F.J.R., Slomp, C.P. Sediment phosphorus dynamics in a marine coastal lake: Response to seasonal variations in bottom water redox conditions. 46th International Liège colloquium on ocean dynamics, Liège, Belgium, 5-9 May.

Svensson E., Schouten, S., Hopmans, E.C., Middelburg, J.J., Sinninghe Damsté, J.S. Compound-specific nitrogen isotope analysis of nitrogen-containing membrane lipids and their biosynthetic amino acid precursors. Basis annual meeting 2014, Nijmegen, 27-28 March.

Svensson, E., Schouten, S., Hopmans, E.C., Middelburg, J.J., Sinninghe Damsté, J.S. The $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ of intact polar lipids – method development and first results. 2014 Ocean Sciences Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, 23-28 February.

Thieltges, D.W. Introduction to the project 'Effects of invasive species on native predator-prey and pathogen-host webs', 13th Symposium Waddenacademie, Leeuwarden, 10-11 December.

Thieltges, D.W. Parasite biodiversity and the functioning of marine ecosystems, First Mares Conference Marine Ecosystems Health and Conservation, Olhão, Portugal, 17-21 November.

Thieltges, D.W. Parasites in food webs – from consumers to resources. 4th Symposium of the DFG Priority Programme 1399 on host-parasite coevolution, Noer, Germany 29 September-2 October.

Timmermans, K.R. Biomassateelt op zee , Energy Board meeting, Den Oever, 5 March.

Timmermans, K.R. Maar waarom zeewier? NIOZ, Texel, 7 July.

Timmermans, K.R. Seaweeds harvest the future , CEFAS, Norwich, United Kingdom, 27 March.

Timmermans, K.R. Zeewier: het gewas van de toekomst?" NIOZ, Texel, 4 October.

Timmermans, K.R., Seaweed cultivation, Water innovation conference Amsterdam, 11 December.

Van Avesaath, P.A. JERICO Board meeting, Oral presentation on "Development and implementation of a pan-European Marine Biodiversity Observatory System – EMBOS". Brussels, Belgium, 26 February.

Van Belzen, J., Skow, M.W., Blight, A.J., Davies, A.J., Hawkins, S.J., Herman, P.M.J., Bouma, T.J. The role of tidal settings on coastal protection services and stability of intertidal habitats. The Netherlands Annual Lunch talk, Delft University of Technology, 10 June.

Van Belzen, J., van de Koppel, J., Herman, P.M.J., Bouma, T.J. Disturbing signs: Comparing the resilience of saltmarshes using experimental disturbances. Netherlands Annual Ecology Meeting, Lunteren, 11-12 February and The Netherlands Annual Lunch talk, Utrecht University, 22 May.

Van de Koppel J., Rietkerk, M. A pretty pattern or a pivotal process? A tale of spatial self-organization in ecology. Keynote speaker. SEPM autogenic patterns symposium, Grand Junction, Colorado, USA, 5 August.

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Van de Koppel J., Rietkerk, M. Surfing the waves of spatial ecology. Keynote talk. Netherlands Annual Ecology Meeting, Lunteren, 11-12 February.

Van de Koppel, J. Does behavior matter ... in a self-organized world. Invited speaker. Movement ecology workshop. Fieldstation the Herdershut, Schiermonnikoog, 16 September.

Van de Koppel, J. Land uit Zee. Vlaams-Nederlandse Schelde Commissie, Bergen op Zoom, 5 November.

Van de Koppel, J. Lecture. University College Roosevelt, 10 February.

Van de Koppel, J. Mussel beds: As strong as steel. Keynote lecture. IMARES annual meeting, IJmuiden, 15 April.

Van de Koppel, J. On mussels and patterns. Invited talk. Analysis and Dynamical Systems group, Leiden University, 17 November.

Van de Koppel, J. Ruimte! Essentieel voor getijdenatuur. Zeeuwse province and NGO's at the NIOZ-Yerseke, 20 February.

Van de Koppel, J. Salt marsh dynamics; A tale of troubles. Invited lecture. University College Roosevelt, 13 April.

Van de Koppel, J. Spatial self-organization of intertidal systems. Invited talk. Ghent University, Terrestrial Ecology Unit, 16 April.

Van de Koppel, J. Spatial self-organization. On a search for general principles. Invited talk. ETH Zurich, Switzerland, 20 May.

Van de Koppel, J. Using ecological self-organization for procedural content generation in virtual ecosystems. University of Konstanz, Germany, 23 May and Utrecht University, 28 May.

Van de Koppel, J., Rietkerk, M. Marine animals, living in an invisible world. Invited talk. Wageningen University, 14 February.

Van de Koppel, J., Rietkerk, M. Mechanisms of pattern formation in real ecosystems. Keynote lecture. Lorentz Workshop "Spatio-temporal dynamics in Ecology", Leiden University, 8 December.

Van der Does, M., Korte, L., Munday, C., Brummer, G.-J. A., Stuur, J.-B.W. Saharan dust and its relations to climate, ICAR-8, Lanzhou, China, 21-25 July

Van der Meer, J. A first introduction into Dynamic Energy Budget theory: assumptions and consequences. ICES WGIPM, Haarlem, 20 March.

Van der Meer, J. Some further notes on Dynamic Energy Budget theory: parameter estimation. COST Conservation Physiology of Fish, Haarlem, 22-26 March.

Van der Meer, J., Kooijman, S.A.L.M. Inference on energetics of deep-sea fish that cannot be aged: The case of the hagfish. MARES conference, Faro, Portugal, 17-21 November and OST Conservation Physiology of Fish, Thessaloniki, Greece, 20-24 November.

van der Meer, M. D/H of alkenones as proxy for paleo sea surface salinity. Stable water isotopes and climate Workshop, Stockholm University, Sweden, 20-22 October.

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van der Meer, M., M'Boule, D., Kasper, S., Chivall, D., Sinke, D., Schefuss, E., Schouten, S., Sinninghe Damsté, J. Impact of species composition on paleosalinity reconstructions from coastal δD alkenone records. Goldschmidt Conference, Sacramento, USA, 8-13 June.

van der Meer, M.T.J., M'Boule, D., Chivall, D., Kasper, S., Sinke, D., Schouten, S., Sinninghe Damsté, J.S. Developing new methods to estimate paleosalinity; understanding the past as key to future climate change. 12th Nederlands Aardwetenschappelijk Congres (NAC 12), Veldhoven, 8-9 April.

van Dijk, I., de Nooijer, L.J., Hart, M.B., Reichart, G.J. Success of foraminiferal calcification mechanisms depend on ocean chemistry. AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, USA, 15-19 December.

van Dijk, I., de Nooijer, L.J., Wolthers, M., Reichart, G.J. Decoupling the effects of seawater carbonate chemistry on foraminiferal calcification. Nederlands Aardwetenschappelijk Congres 12, Veldhoven, 8-9 April.

van Dijk, I., de Nooijer, L.J., Wolthers, M., Reichart, G.J. Towards a new proxy for ocean acidification parameters: Zn/Ca of foraminiferal calcite. The Micropaleontology Society (TMS) Spring Meeting 2014, Den Burg, 23-25 June.

van Gils, J.A. How effects of Arctic climate change on a long-distance migrant shorebird may carry-over to its tropical wintering grounds. Global and Regional Environmental Changes: Responses of Marine Ecosystems. Symposium of the Institute for Basic Science, Seoul, South-Korea. 13 February.

van Gils, J.A. Phenotypische flexibiliteit in kanoeten. Lectures for MSc students Wageningen University, 3 October.

van Haren, H. Observations on Oceanography. EUPRO-lecture, École Centrale de Lyon, France, 14 May.

van Haren, H. Energy release through internal wave breaking at underwater topography. Seminar Earth Sciences, the University of Tokyo, Japan, 8 August.

van Haren, H., Variable large internal wave breaking above a NE-Atlantic guyot. AOGS2014, Sapporo, Japan, 28 July-1 August.

Van Oevelen, D. Lecture 'Cold water coral reefs – Hotspots in the deep ocean' Utrecht University in the MSc course Marine Sciences, 13 October.

Van Oevelen, D., Cathalot, C., Cox, T., Lavaleye, L., Duineveld, G., Kutti, T., Fosså, J.H., Soetaert, K., Heip, C., Meysman, F.J.R. Reefs of the deep: Hotspots of carbon processing along continental margins. Kick-off meeting SedExSponge, Bergen, Norway, 17-19 February.

Van Oevelen, D., De Goeij, J.M., Vermeij, M.J.A., Osinga, R., Middelburg, J.J., De Goeij, A.F.P.M., Admiraal, W. Surviving in a marine desert: The sponge loop retains resources within coral reefs. Ghent University, Belgium, 26 March.

Van Oevelen, D., Soetaert, K. Cold-water coral reef communities: Hotspots in the deep ocean. Marine sciences symposium, Utrecht, 16 January.

Van Oevelen, D., Stratmann, T., Soetaert, K. How can we use modeling to define the impact of disturbance on food webs & ecosystem function? MIDAS workshop Wilhelmshaven, Germany, 11-13 March.

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Van Oevelen, D. Lecture 'Cold water coral reefs – Hotspots (of interactions) at the deep seafloor' at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam in the MSc course 'Evolution of Species Interactions Lecture', 6 November.

Van Oevelen, D. Lecture 'Deep sea ecosystems' in the MSc course "Benthic ecosystems' at the University of Amsterdam, 4 December.

Van Slooten, C., Peperzak, L. Ships and invasive species: Ballast water treatment techniques, efficacies and novel rapid methods to assess discharge water quality. Marine Invasive Species: Management of Ballast Water and Other vectors, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, 17-19 February.

van Soelen, E., Santos, R.V., Hoorn, C., Sinninghe Damsté, J.S., Kim, J-H. Paleo-environment in the Upper Amazon basin during early to middle Miocene. European Geosciences Union, General Assembly 2014, Vienna, Austria, 27 April-2 May.

Vasquez-Cardenas, D., Malkin, S., van de Vossenberg, J., Polerecky, L., Schauer, R., Middelburg, J.J., Meysman, F., Boschker, H.T.S. Microbial communities and carbon metabolism associated with electrogenic sulfur oxidation in coastal sediments. 15th International Symposium on Microbial Ecology (ISME 15), Seoul, South-Korea, 24-25 August.

Vasquez-Cardenas, D., Meysman, F.J.R., Boschker, H.T.S. Dark carbon fixation in coastal sediments. Darwin Center, NESSC & SIAM Days, Noordwijkerhout, 20-21 November.

Villanueva, L., Schouten, S., Sinninghe Damsté, J.S. Depth-related distribution of a key gene of the GDGT biosynthetic pathway in marine Thaumarchaeota and implications for the GDGT signal. Workshop GDGT-based proxies: State of the art and future directions, Texel, 23-25 April.

Vogels, S.A., Ganssen, G.M., Brummer, G.J.A. Effect of seasonal acidification on the calcification of *Globigerinoides ruber sensu stricto* and *Globigerina bulloides*. Nederlands Aardwetenschappelijk Congres 12, Veldhoven, 8-9 April

Warden, L., Sollai, M., Mets, A., Bale, N., Hopmans, E., Moros, M., Sinninghe Damsté, J.S. Determining the predominant cause of anoxia in the Baltic Sea over the Holocene. Gordon Research Seminar on Organic Geochemistry, Holderness School Plymouth, NH, USA, 2-3 August.

Weber, Y., De Jonge, C., Hopmans, E.C., Sinninghe Damsté, J.S., Gilli, A., Lehmann, M.F., Niemann, H. In situ production of branched GDGT in lakes: New insights from sediments and soils of the Swiss Alps. Workshop GDGT-based proxies: State of the art and future directions, Texel, 23-25 April.

Weber, Y., De Jonge, C., Hopmans, E.C., Sinninghe Damsté, J.S., Gilli, A., Lehmann, M.F., Niemann, H. Lipid-based palaeotemperature reconstruction in lakes: New insights on the applicability of branched GDGTs in lacustrine sedimentary archives. European Geosciences Union, General Assembly 2014, Vienna, Austria, 27 April-2 May.

Welsh, J.E., van der Meer, J., Brussaard, C., Thielges, D.W. Biodiversity & Disease Risk: If only it were so simple! 7th International Symposium on Aquatic Animal Health. Portland, Oregon, USA, 31-5 August.

Welsh, J.E., van der Meer, J., Brussaard, C., Thielges, D.W. Biodiversity & Disease Risk: If only it were so simple! 49th European Marine Biological Symposium. St. Petersburg, Russia, 8-12 September.

Wernand, M.R., Aquarelleren met Poseidon – kleur de zee. World Ocean Day 2014, NIOZ Texel, June 7.

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Werne, J., Woltering, M., Halbur, J., Sinninghe Damsté, J., Schouten, S., Munoz-Ucros, J. Hicks, R. Why does the TEX₈₆ seem to work in sediments of Lake Malawi? Goldschmidt Conference, Sacramento, USA, 8-13 June.

Werne, J.P., Woltering, M., Halbur, J., Sinninghe Damsté, J.S., Schouten, S., Munoz-Ucros, J., Hicks, R., Loomis, S., Caballero, M., Lozano-Garcia, S., Correa-Metrio, A. Applications of GDGTS as paleothermometers in lakes. Workshop GDGT-based proxies: State of the art and future directions, Texel, 23-25 April.

Wijnholds, A., Stal, L.J., Increasing the lipid production of *Phaeodactylum tricornutum*. InteSusAI project meeting, Olhão, Portugal, 21-22 October.

Wijnhoven, S. Identifying the gap between the rivers and the sea. Invited speaker at SEFINS Cluster Conference 2014; 'Bridging the Gap: Working together to tackle invasive non-native species in Europe', Norwich, UK, 24 September.

Wijnhoven, S. Mesozoöplankton; Resultaten MONEOS Westerschelde monitoring 2011-2013 in relatie tot de evaluatie van het Schelde-estuarium volgens de Evaluatiemethodiek. Invited speaker at MONEOS workshop, Roosendaal, 23 September.

Wu, Y., Goldstein, S.L., Pena, L.D., Hartman, A.E., Rijkenberg, M.J.A., de Baar, H.J.W. How Well Do Neodymium Isotopes Trace AMOC Mixing? A Test in the Southwest Atlantic. AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, USA, 15-19 December.

Xie, R.C., Galer, S., Abouchami, W., Rijkenberg, M., De Jong, J. Cadmium isotope distribution along the western boundary of the South Atlantic. Ocean Sciences Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii, 23-28 February.

Xie, R.C., Galer, S.J.G., Abouchami, W., A., R.M.J., de Jong, J., de Baar. Biogeochemical and circulation control on cadmium isotope distribution in the western South Atlantic. Aquatic Sciences, Portland, Oregon, USA, 18-23 May.

Zaaboub, N., Bejaoui, B., Khalfallah, W., Rijkenberg, M.J.A. Phosphorus cycling in sediment gulf of Gabes (Eastern Mediterranean Sea, Tunisia) and Modeling of phosphorus dispersion. Challenger Society Conference, Plymouth, UK, 8-11 September.

Zetsche, E. Applications of digital holographic microscopy in the marine sciences. 2nd international workshop on "Microbial long-distance electron transport mediated by cable bacteria", Antwerp, Belgium, 27-30 October.

Zetsche, E. SNOW-FLOW: Characterizing flow and diffusion around and within marine snow aggregates as a function of porosity and TEP content. Seminar, Lovén Centre, Tjärnö, Sweden, 14 April.

Zhu, Z., Bouma, T.J., Cao, H., Ysebaert, T., Zhang, L., Herman, P.M.J. Seed dynamics in tidal salt marshes: identifying key factors: Governing seedling establishment of *Spartina*. 4th International Conference on Invasive *Spartina*, Rennes, France, 7-10 July.

Zhu, Z., Cozzoli, F., Ysebaert, T., Zhang, L., Herman P.M.J., Bouma, T.J. Physical force and ecosystem engineers can act in synergy in seed burial in tidal habitats. Coastal Ecology Workshop, Saint Malo, France, 28-30 October.

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Technology: Designs, prototypes and patents

Wernand M.R., COmpact Remote Sensor for Aquatic Intelligent Radiometry (Corsair), low-cost 7-channel spectroradiometer for water color measurement – prototype.

Wernand M.R., Modern Forel-Ule Scale Toolkit for a simple determination and classification of the colour of natural waters. it includes the Modern Forel-Ule Scale with a colour palette of 21 different colour bars ranging from indigo-blue (index 1) via green (index 10) to cola-brown (index 21) and a Secchi Disk (30 cm in diameter) with an attachment mount to connect weight and rope. Commercially available and manufactured by ATELIER VIX, Amsterdam, <http://forel-ule-scale.com/>

Posters

Abril, G., Martinez, J.-M., Artigas, L.F., Moreira-Turcq, P., Benedetti, M.F., Vidal, L., Meziane, T., Kim, J.-H., Bernardes, M.C., Deborde, J., Lima Souza, E., Albéric, P., Landim de Souza, M.F., Roland, F. Wetlands as a large carbon source for inland waters. European Geosciences Union, General Assembly 2014, Vienna, Austria, 27 April-2 May.

Achterberg, E.P., Li, K., Gledhill, M., Rijkenberg, M. Influence of ocean acidification on trace metal speciation. Ocean Sciences Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii, 23-28 February.

Avesaath, P. van , Engelberts, A., Hummel H. Scientific highlight: Tourism and the nuisance of Pacific oysters. Local stakeholders have taken up the battle, but not only with the oysters. Vectors GA meeting 18-19 November.

Bale, N., Hopmans, E., Villareal, T., Zell, C., Sinninghe Damsté, J., Schouten, S. Novel lipid biomarkers for past oceanic N₂ fixation. AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, California, USA, 15-19 December.

Bijl, P., Sluijs, A., Schouten, S., Brinkhuis, H., and a team of collaborators. Significant continental ice volumes on mid-Paleocene Antarctica? Latitudinal temperature gradients, sea level change and the carbon cycle. Climate and Biotic Events in the Paleogene. Ferrara, Italy, 1-6 July.

Bijl, P.K., Schouten, S., Pancost, R.D., Hollis, C.J., Pross, J., Contreras, L., Sluijs, A., Bendle, J.A.P., Huber, M., Brinkhuis, H. A summer bias in southern high latitude GDGT-based marine and terrestrial temperature proxies? Some new insights from terrestrial palynomorphs and climate model simulations. Workshop GDGT-based proxies: State of the art and future directions, Texel, 23-25 April.

Bijl, P.K., van der Werf, A., Schlupepmann, H., Reichart, G.J., Brouwer, P., Nierop, K.G.J., Hellgardt, K., Brinkhuis, H. The potential of the fresh-water fern *Azolla* in aquatic farming systems. European Geosciences Union General Assembly 2014, Vienna, Austria, 27 April-2 May.

Bolhuis, H., Hörnlein, C., Cretoiu, M.S., Cardoso, D.C., Stal, L.J. The Genome of *Lyngbya aestuarii*: An ecological perspective. 9th European Workshop on Molecular Biology of Cyanobacteria (9EWMB), Texel, 7-10 September.

Borges, A.V., Meysman, F.J.R., Darchambeau, F., Beulen, A., Roland, F., Harlay, J. CO₂, CH₄ and N₂O dynamics and fluxes in the brackish Lake Grevelingen (The Netherlands). EGU General Assembly 2014, Vienna, Austria, 7-12 April.

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Boye, M., Dulaquais, G., Carton, X., Rijkenberg, M., de Baar, H. First assessment of the dissolved cobalt partitioning between the soluble and colloidal fractions in the upper westnorthern Atlantic. Ocean Sciences Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii, 23-28 February.

Brenner, H., Braeckman, U., Le Guitton, U., Meysman, F.J.R. Alkalinity release from sediments and impact on the water column CO₂ system in the North Sea. Ocean Science Meeting, Honolulu, USA, 23-28 February.

Bruin, T.F. de. Data van een veranderende Noordzee. Noordzeedagen 2014, NIOZ, Texel, 2-3 October.

Burdorf, L.D.W., Malkin, S.Y., Seitaj, D., Meysman, F.J.R. The effect of oxygen availability on long distance electron transport. International colloquium on Low Oxygen Environments In Marine, Estuarine And Fresh Waters, Liege, Belgium, 5–9 May.

Cadée, G.C., Grazing periwinkles *Littorina littorea* produce holes in Pacific oyster shells. Annual meeting Palaeontological Association, Leeds, UK, 16-19 December.

Camalich, J., Svensson, E., IJsseldijk, L.L., Brasseur, S., Witbaard, R., Schouten, S. Using $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ to study dietary habits and migrational patterns of bow caught and stranded fin whales (*Balaenoptera physalus*) in the Netherlands. European Cetacean Society Conference, Liege, Belgium, 5-9 April.

Camalich, J., Svensson, E., IJsseldijk, L.L., Brasseur, S., Witbaard, R., Schouten, S. Bulk and amino acid stable isotope analysis of fin whale baleens. European Cetacean Society Conference, Liege, Belgium, 5-9 April.

Campbell, P.L., Prouty, N.G., Mienis, F. Insights of seasonal input of organic matter to deep-sea corals through biomarker analysis. Ocean Sciences Meeting 2014, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, 23-28 February.

Campbell-Swarzenski, P.; Prouty, N.G.; Mienis, F.; Ross, S.W. Lipid biomarkers track changing organic matter loads to gulf of Mexico deep-water corals. ASLO, Honolulu, USA, 23-28 February.

Carreira, C., Staal, M., Middelboe, M., Brussaard, C.P.D. How viruses, chemical compounds and fungi shape microbial mats. ASLO Ocean Science Meeting, Hawaii, USA, 23-28 February.

Caulle, C., Koho, K., Mojtahid, M., Reichart, G.J., Jorissen, F. Live (Rose Bengal stained) foraminiferal faunas from the northern Arabian Sea: faunal succession within and below the OMZ. European Geosciences Union General Assembly 2014, Vienna, Austria, 27 April-2 May.

Chan Y.-C., Hassell C. J., Theunis P. Detecting spatial structures in shorebird populations from mark-resighting data. International Wader Study Group Annual Conference, Haapsalu, Estonia, 26-29 September.

Chivall, D., M'Boule, D., Heinzemann, S.M., Kasper, S., Sinke-Schoen, D., Sinninghe Damsté, J.S., Schouten S., van der Meer, M.T.J. Towards a palaeosalinity proxy: hydrogen isotopic fractionation between source water and lipids produced via different biosynthetic pathways in haptophyte algae. Gordon Research Conference on Organic Geochemistry, Holderness School Plymouth, NH, USA, 3-8 August.

Cimatoribus, A., Drijfhout, S., den Toom, M., Dijkstra, H., Control of the Atlantic Meridional Circulation Stability by freshwater transport: a framework to interpret results from climate models. EGU 2014, Austria, 27 April-2 May.

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Contreras Quintana, S., Werne, J., Brown, E., Halbur, J., Sinninghe Damsté, J., Schouten, S., Correa-Metri, A., Fawcett, P. Evaluating spatial heterogeneity and environmental variability inferred from branched glycerol dialkyl glycerol tetraethers (GDGTs) distribution in soils from Valles Caldera, New Mexico. AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, California, USA, 15-19 December.

Costa-Böddeker, S., Thuyên, L.X., van Gaever, P., de Stigter, H., Huy, H.D., Hoelzmann, P., Schwarz, A., Schwalb, A. Environmental assessment of a coastal zone in southern Vietnam: a multi-proxy approach. Vietnam colloquium, Leibniz Center for Tropical Marine Ecology, Bremen, Germany, 17 December.

Cretoiu, M.S., Berini, F., Kielak, A.M., Marinelli, F., van Elsas, J.D. Novel salt-resistant bacterial chitinase revealed by metagenomics. 15th International Symposium on Microbial Ecology (ISME 15), Seoul, South-Korea, 24 - 29 August.

Daggers, T.D., Herman, P.M.J., Kromkamp, J.C., Bouma, T.J., Van der Wal, D. Benthic diatoms as indicators for ecosystem structuring in tidal shallow waters. Netherlands Annual Ecology Meeting, Lunteren, 11-12 February.

De Bar, M.W., de Nooijer, L.J., Schouten, S., Sluijs, A., Reichart, G.-J. A 60 Myr sea surface temperature record of the Northern Atlantic Ocean using a multi-proxy approach (Bass River, NJ, USA). Nederlands Aardwetenschappelijk Congres 12, Veldhoven, 8-9 April and TMS joint Foraminifera and Nannofossil Spring Meeting 2014, Texel, 23-25 June.

De Jonge, C., Hopmans, E.C., Stadnitskaia, A., Schouten, S., Sinninghe Damsté, J.S. Novel branched glycerol dialkyl glycerol tetraethers: occurrence in the environment and implications for the palaeoclimate reconstructions. Gordon Research Conference on Organic Geochemistry, Holderness School Plymouth, NH, USA, 3-8 August.

De Lima Sobrinho, R., Zell, C.I., Kim, J.-H., Abril, G., Moreira-Turcq, P., Mortillaro, J.-M., Sinninghe Damsté, J.S., Corrêa Bernardes, M. Seasonal and spatial contrasts of sedimentary organic carbon in floodplain lakes of central Amazon basin. 12th Nederlands Aardwetenschappelijk Congres (NAC 12), Veldhoven, 8-9 April.

De Nooijer, L., Dijk, I.E.Y., Reichart, G.J. Ocean chemistry controls trends in foraminiferal mineralogy. European Geosciences Union General Assembly 2014, Vienna, Austria, 27 April-2 May.

De Paoli, H., van der Heide, T., Christianen, M., van de Koppel, J. Which mussel team is going to survive the terrible mudflat? Netherlands Annual Ecology Meeting, Lunteren, 11-12 February.

De Paoli, H., van der Heide, T., Christianen, M., van de Koppel, J. Don't Panic, Organize, Can subtidal mussels be used to restore intertidal mussel beds? Benthic Ecology Meeting, Jacksonville, Florida, USA, 19-22 March.

Demopoulos, A., Robertson, C., Bourque, J., Mienis, F., Duineveld, G., Davies, A., Ross, S.W., Brooke, S. Distinct benthic community trends driven by particle transport and deposition in Mid-Atlantic Bight canyons, NW Atlantic. AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, USA, 15-19 December.

Dessandier, P.A., Bonnin, J., Kim, J.H., Gremare, A., Deflandre, B., Sinninghe Damsté, J.S. Distribution of living benthic foraminifera off the Douro river (western Iberian margin): the importance of the terrestrial organic matter. European Geosciences Union, General Assembly 2014, Vienna, Austria, 27 April-2 May.

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Feenstra, E., Vonhof, H., Mienis, F., Verdegaal, S., Reymer, J. Stable isotopes of fluid inclusions: a new method to ground truth climate archives in coral skeletons. 19th International Sedimentological Conference, Geneva, Switzerland, 18-22 August.

Frieling, J., Gebhardt, H., Adekeye, O., Akande, S., Reichart, G.-J., Middelburg, J., Schouten, S., Matthew Huber, M., Sluijs, A. The Paleocene – Eocene Thermal Maximum: Temperature and ecology in the tropics. AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, California, USA, 15-19 December.

Frieling, J., Gebhardt, H., Adekeye, O.A., Akande, S.O., Reichart, G.J., Schouten, S., Sluijs, A. Absolute sea surface temperature of tropical oceans during the Paleocene-Eocene Thermal Maximum: TEX₈₆ estimates supported by Mg/Ca and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$. Workshop GDGT-based proxies: State of the art and future directions, Texel, 23-25 April.

Gerla, D.J., Baussant, T., Van Oevelen, D. Sedimentation on cold water coral. Netherlands Annual Ecology Meeting, Lunteren, 11-12 February.

Grosse, J., Boschker, H.T.S. Response of phytoplankton to resource limitation – A compound specific isotope study on shifts in macromolecule biosynthesis. Ocean Science Meeting, Honolulu, HI, USA. 23-28 February.

Heinzelmann, S.M., Villanueva, L., Schouten, S., Sinnighe Damsté, J.S., van der Meer, M.T.J. D/H ratio of fatty acids as a tool to infer the metabolism of microbial communities. Gordon Research Conference on Marine Microbes, Waltham, MA, USA, 22-27 June.

Hopmans, E.C., De Jonge, C., Kim, J.-H., Schouten, S., Sinnighe Damsté, J.S. Improved chromatography for GDGT based paleoproxies. Gordon Research Conference on Organic Geochemistry, Holderness School Plymouth, NH, USA, 3-8 August.

Hörnlein, C., Stal, L., Bolhuis, H. Rhythm on the beach. Coastal microbial mats and *Lyngbya aestuarii*. 9th European Workshop on Molecular Biology of Cyanobacteria (9EWMBC), Texel, 7-10 September.

Hörnlein, C., Stal, L.J., Bolhuis, H. Rhythm on the Beach: Metabolic Pathways in Coastal Microbial Mats. 9th European Workshop on Molecular Biology of Cyanobacteria (9EWMBC), Texel, 7-11 September.

Hummel, H. EurOcean2014: Connecting Science, Policy and People - Setting a seas and oceans research agenda for Europe. Poster presentations, “MARS: The European network of marine research institutes and stations” and “MARS – EMBOS: Towards a European Marine Observatory System”. CNR, Rome, Italy, 7–9 October.

Kandiano, E., van der Meer, M.T.J., Bauch, H., Fahl, K., Sinnighe Damsté, J.S., Schouten, S. Climatic implications of foraminiferal and biogeochemical reconstructions in the Nordic Seas during interglacial MIS 11c. The second PAST---Gateways Conference, Trieste, Italy, 23 -27 May.

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Oudman, T., Hin, V., van Gils, J.A. The effect of diet choice behaviour on prey populations (1st poster prize). Annual NVG-meeting (Netherlands Society for Behavioural Biology), 26-28 November.

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Reichart, G.-J., de Bar, M.W., de Nooijer, L.J., Schouten, S., Ziegler, M., Sluijs, A. A 60 Myr sea surface temperature record of the Northern Atlantic Ocean using a multi-proxy approach. AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, California, USA, 15-19 December.

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Rolison, J.M., Middag, R., Stirling, C.H., Rijkenberg, M.J.A., de Baar, H.J.W. MedBlack GEOTRACES Expedition: Distribution of dissolved Aluminium. Ocean Sciences Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii, 23-28 February.

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Stal, L.J., The rate of gas influx into the heterocysts of a thermophilic cyanobacterium, *Fischerella*, is regulated. 9th European Workshop on Molecular Biology of Cyanobacteria (9EWMBC), Texel, 7-11 September.

Steenhauer, L.M., Brussaard, C.P.D., Pollard, P.C. Viral dynamics in relation to bacterial and cyanobacterial hosts in a subtropical reservoirs system. ICHA-16th International Conference on Harmful Algae, Queensland, Australia, 27-31 October.

Steinhardt, J., Cléroux, C., Ullgren, J., De Nooijer, L., Durgadoo, J.V., Brummer, G-J.A., Reichart, G.J. Reconstructing eddies using Mg/Ca of multiple species of planktonic foraminifera. AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, USA, 15-19 December.

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Svensson E., Schouten, S., Hopmans, E.C., Middelburg, J.J., Sinninghe Damsté, J.S. The $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ of bacterial membrane lipids. Ocean Science meeting, ASLO conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, 23-28 February and Advances in Stable Isotope Techniques and Applications (ASITA) conference, UC Davis, CA, USA, 15-18 June.

Svensson, E., Schouten, S., Hopmans, E.C., Middelburg, J.J., Sinninghe Damsté, J.S. Compound-specific nitrogen isotope analysis of nitrogen-containing membrane lipids and their biosynthetic amino acid precursors. ASITA Conference 2014, Davis, USA, 15-18 June.

Timmermans, K.R. Duurzame zeeiwerteelt op de Noordzee. Isea conferentie, Amsterdam, 13 May.

Timmermans, K.R., Ruardij, P. "ERSEM: estimating potential for culturing seaweed, North Sea days, Texel, 2-3 Oktober.

Van Belzen, J., Nieuwhof, S., Folmer, E.O., Cozoli, F., van de Koppel, J., Herman, P.M.J., Bouma, T.J. To tip or not to tip? That is the question. Netherlands Annual Ecology Meeting, Lunteren, 11-12 February.

Van Bijsterveldt, C.E.J., Zetsche, E., Meysman, F.J.R. Long-range electrol communication turns surface layer of marine sediments into a super biofilm. Biofilms 6 conference, Vienna, Austria, 11-13 May.

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Van der Does, M., Korte, L.F., Munday, C., Brummer, G.-J.A., Stuu, J.-B.W. Saharan Dust and its relations to climate. DUST 2014 International Conference on Atmospheric Dust, Castellaneta Marina (TA), Italy, 1-6 June and Nederlands Aardwetenschappelijk Congres 12, Veldhoven, 8-9 April.

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Van der Wal, D., Bouma, T.J., Morris, E.P., Gómez Enri, J., Peralta, G., Benevente, J., de Vries, M., van Wesenbeeck, B., Hendriksen, G., Moeller, I., Spencer, T., Stanica, A., Smith, G. Foreshore Assessment using Space Technology. Sentinel-2 for Science Workshop, ESA-ESRIN, Frascati, Italy, 20-22 May.

Vasquez-Cardenas, D., Malkin, S., Polerecky, L., Meysman, F.J.R., Boschker, H.T.S. Carbon metabolism in hypoxic sediments showing long-range microbial electron transport by cable bacteria. ASLO conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, 23-28 February.

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Veenstra, T.J.T., Schouten, S., Dickens, G.R., Backman, J., Sluijs, A. Late Miocene-Early Pliocene productivity, temperature and upwelling in the Eastern Equatorial Pacific. Workshop GDGT-based proxies: State of the art and future directions, Texel, 23-25 April.

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Vellekoop, J., Smit, J., Sluijs, A., Brinkhuis, H., Weijers, J.W.H., Schouten, S., Sinninghe-Damsté, J.S. GDGT-based temperature records across the K-PG boundary: warming, cooling...or both? Workshop GDGT-based proxies: State of the art and future directions, Texel, 23-25 April.

Viada, S., Ross, S.W., Brooke, S., Baird, E., Davies, A., Duineveld, G., France, S., Howard, A., Mather, R., Mienis, F., Rhode, M., Roark, B., Robertson, C., Young, C. Atlantic Canyons - Pathways to the Abyss: A multidisciplinary study of submarine canyons off the U.S. middle Atlantic coast. INCISE Workshop, Edinburgh, UK, 29 September-1 October.

Warden, L., Moros, M., Sollai, M., Sinninghe Damsté, J. Exploring the relationship between sea surface temperature and organic carbon accumulation in the Baltic Sea using TEX₈₆-paleothermometry. Workshop GDGT-based proxies: State of the art and future directions, Texel, 23-25 April.

Warden, L., Sollai, M., Mets, A., Bale, N., Hopmans, E., Moros, M., Sinninghe Damsté, J.S. Determining the predominant cause of anoxia in the Baltic Sea over the Holocene. Gordon Research Conference on Organic Geochemistry, Holderness School Plymouth, NH, USA, 3-8 August.

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Warden, L., Sollai, M., Mets, M., Moros, M., Sinninghe Damsté, J. Reconstructing continental climate over the Baltic region during the Ancylus Lake phase using branched glycerol dialkyl glycerol tetraethers. Darwin Days 2014 Noordwijkerhout, 20-21 November.

Weber, Y., De Jonge, C., Rijpstra, W.I.C., Hopmans, E.C., Stadnitskaia, A., Schubert, C.J., Lehmann, M.F., Sinninghe Damsté, J.S., Niemann, H. Identification of a novel lipid biomarker in lake sediments: Implications for the aquatic production of branched GDGTs. Workshop GDGT-based proxies: State of the art and future directions, Texel, 23-25 April and European Geosciences Union, General Assembly 2014, Vienna, Austria, 27 April-2 May.

Welsh, J.E., van der Meer, J. Brussaard, C., Thieltges, D.W. Biodiversity & Disease Risk: If only it were so simple! 49th European Marine Biological Symposium. St. Petersburg, Russia, 8-12 September.

Wernand, M.R., Novoa, S., Participatory science and the color of natural waters; connecting past and present, Ocean Optics XXII Conference, Holiday inn by the bay, Portland, Maine, US, October 26–31.

Wijnhoven, S., Escaravage, V., Avesaath, P. van, Hummel, H. Exotic species in the Dutch delta waters. Poster pitch presentation at Science for the new regulation - BENELUX conference on invasive species, Ghent University, Gent, Belgium, 2 April

Zell, C., Kim, J-H., Balinsha, M., Dorhout, D., Santos Fernandez, C., Baas, M., Sinninghe Damsté, J.S. Transport of branched tetraether lipids from the Tagus River basin to the coastal ocean of the Portuguese margin: Consequences for the interpretation of the MBT'/CBT paleothermometer. European Geosciences Union, General Assembly 2014, Vienna, Austria, 27 April-2 May.

Zetsche, E., Meysman, F.J.R. Abundance and distribution of non-living organic matter in coral reefs. Ocean Sciences Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, 23-28 February.

Zhu, Z., van Belzen, J., Ysebaert, T., Herman, P.M.J., Bouma, T.J. The role of ragworm in pioneer seedling establishment in salt marshes. Netherlands Annual Ecology Meeting, Lunteren, 11-12 February.

Prizes

Burdorf, L.D.W. Jacques Nihoul PhD Student Poster prize, International colloquium on Low Oxygen Environments In Marine, Estuarine And Fresh Waters, Liege, Belgium, 5–9 May.

Chan Y.-C., Hassell C. J., Theunis P. Detecting spatial structures in shorebird populations from Oudman, T., Hin, V., van Gils, J.A. The effect of diet choice behaviour on prey populations (1st poster prize). Annual NVG-meeting (Netherlands Society for Behavioural Biology), 26-28 November.

De Bruin, T.F. In recognition of the contribution to ICES as Chair of the Workshop on ICES Data Guidelines (WKIDG) in 2014. 1 December 2014. Paul L. Connolly, ICES President, ICES Service Award

De Paoli, H. 1st presentation price, NIOZ Science days, Texel, 4-5 June.

Camphuysen, C.J., Kloff, S., Marret, F., Ould Ahmed, M., Taleb Sidi, M.O. The charismatic megafauna in the upwelling zone off Mauritania: a conservation concern. Oral presentation "Ecosystemic Seabird/Fishery interactions in West African Waters", special session during the first International conference "Ecosystem Approach to the Management of Fisheries and the Marine Environment in West African Waters (AWA)", to be held 9th-11th December . in Dakar, Senegal. (1st prize in oral presentation competition of side sessions)

Liu, Q-X. Chinese government award, June.

Rabitti, A., Winner of the first edition of "I'm a Geoscientist, Get me out of here", a free online event where school students get to meet and interact with geoscientists. "I'm a Geoscientist" is funded by the European Geoscience Union (EGU). <http://imageoscientist.eu/>

Sinninghe Damsté, J.S. Dr. A.H. Heinekenprijs voor de Milieuwetenschappen.

Timmermans, K.R., BAD award; 25000 euro, art project with artist Spela Petric: Naval Gazing, on exhibit in museum MU, Eindhoven, The Netherlands, 28 november.

Zhu, Z. 1st Prize of flash presentation, NIOZ Science Days, Texel, 4-5 June.

Special achievements

The Monitor Taskforce passed the reassessment of the ISO/IEC 17025:2005 accreditation by the RvA (Raad van Accreditatie) in March.

The Monitor Taskforce passed the reassessment of the NEN-EN-ISO 9001:2008 certification by KIWA in November.