

IODE Associate Information Units

a new opportunity for marine information managers to participate at the global level

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Presentation outline

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IODE

- IODE is the International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange programme of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC).
- IODE network structure has National Oceanographic Data Centres and IODE National Coordinators, including 42 National Coordinators for Marine Information Management.
- IODE established Associate Units **to broaden participation beyond** the national centres and coordinators.
 - Associate Data Units (ADUs) approved in 2013. There are now 26 ADUs.
 - Associate Information Units (AIUs) approved in 2017. There are now 2 AIUs.

Associate Information Unit (AIU)

- AIU is an organization/institution/project/programme with a marine science information activity and that has agreed to the Terms of Reference.
- AIUs provide an opportunity for libraries to collaborate and create projects using our expertise of metadata, document repositories, data management practices, and the organization of knowledge.

An invitation

IODE invites any organization, institution, project or programme that performs a marine science information management function and/or provides marine information services or products to apply to join IODE as an Associated Information Unit (AIU).

By creating AIUs, the goals are to:

- Promote greater communication with the global marine information community
- Provide the community with a stronger voice to influence the planning of data and information products and services.

Terms of Reference (1)

- I. Be national projects, programmes, institutions or organizations, or regional or international projects, programmes, institutions or organizations (including academia) that carry out marine information management functions, and/or provide marine information services/products.
- II. Be staffed by at least one marine information professional (by qualification or experience).
- III. Demonstrate active digital development: online information services and products.
- IV. Promote Open Access to information. In this context “Open Access” is defined as “unrestricted access and unrestricted reuse” to/of information.

Terms of Reference (2)

- V. Display a collaborative and networking ethos through:
 - Membership/partnership of professional library/information networks to enrich their own as well as the entire IODE community.
 - Sharing expertise and experience with other AIUs, and IODE National Coordinators for Marine Information Management.
 - Sharing information on new digital initiatives implemented within the AIU, with the IODE community.
 - Encourage organization staff to submit to OceanExpert.
- VI. Receive information on, and contribute to, IODE standards and best practices related to marine information management.

Terms of Reference (3)

- VII. Be welcomed to participate in training activities, organized within the framework of the IODE OceanTeacher Global Academy programme.
- VIII. Be welcomed to participate in IODE workshops and projects.
- IX. Agree to display the IODE/AIU decal logo on your webpage and on marine information products developed in collaboration with IODE.
- X. Agree to make available information management documentation (standards, practices, guides...) used by the AIU for the wider marine science library and information community.

Benefits

- Be part of an international marine data and information vision
- Influence the future digital direction of marine information and knowledge organization
- Participate in innovative projects, meetings, training courses, workshops
- Share and gain experience in new technology applications
- Be part of a professional network of global marine information managers

Application process

1. Complete application form available at: <http://www.iode.org/aiu>
2. Submit to Peter Pissierssens, IODE Programme Coordinator,
p.pissierssens@unesco.org
3. GEMIM-in-T reviews application using the Terms of Reference and Criteria.
4. GEMIM-in-T submits recommendation to IODE Management Group for approval.
5. Applicants will be contacted in writing by Peter Pissierssens.
6. If application is approved, then information about the new AIU will be posted on the IODE site and a Certificate of Accreditation issued.
7. Accreditation is reviewed every 5 years.

Progress to date

30 invitations sent. Two applications received. Both were accepted.

- [MBLWHOI Library](#)

Marine Biological Laboratory Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
Woods Hole, Massachusetts, United States
Contact: Lisa Raymond

- [INSTM Library](#)

Institut National des Sciences et Technologies de la Mer
Salambo, Tunisia
Contact: Saida Messaoudi

For more information

- Application form and details available at: <http://www.iode.org/aiu>
- Interested applicants can contact: p.pissierssens@unesco.org

Thank you for listening.

Any questions or comments?