

Updates on

- German RVs supporting OFEG
- Science support (WTD) on German RVs
- Synthetic Cables on German RVs
- Telepresence on German RVs
- OFEGT Tech Internet Pages



R/V METEOR Replacement



METEOR replacement

- Scientific technical advisory group delivered profile of requirements
 - Details of laboratories and installed equipment
 - Details on technical capabilities of the vessel
- Call for bids pending due to delay with replacement of POLARSTERN
- RV POSEIDON
 - will terminate last cruise in December 2019
 - Ship will be sold
- RV ALKOR
 - will be send to the Mediterranean the first time
 - Three cruises in January / February 2020



Science Support on German Research Vessels - WTD



Technical Science Support

- Wissenschaftlicher Technischer Dienst – **WTD**
- Available on ocean class vessels
 - METEOR, MERIAN, SONNE - POLARSTERN - unknown
 - Employees of ship operator Briese
 - Member of ships crew
 - Support vessel installations if no demand by science
- Three fields of expertise
 - 2 Electronic Engineers
 - 1 or 2 Software Specialists (trained on ship's installations)
 - 1 Technician, Fitter

Competence of WTD

- Onboard network access (LAN, W-LAN, E-Mail, phone, etc.)
- Installation of scientists computers
- Data distribution from scientists gear on board

- Introduction to vessel owned research equipment
 - Check and prepair onboard instrumentation prior to cruise
 - Advice watch keepers

- Support mechanical installation of scientists gear on board
 - All kind of iron work possible with shipboard equipment
 - Major requests need to be discussed well in advance

- Service winch connectors and cable terminations (e.g. fibre-optic, slip ring)

Competence of WTD

- Upon request (already within cruise proposal)
 - Request for second boatswain (e.g. 24 hrs heavy gear operations)
 - Request for operator (multibeam processing and chart preparation)
- Electronic / mechanical repair support on failure of scientists equipment
 - Not on service level
 - Based on available spare parts
- During and after the cruise
 - Prepare backups of
 - DSHIP navigation and sensor database
 - Multibeam, sub-bottom profiler and other ship owned equipment

Synthetic Ropes and Cables on German RVs



Steel cables on German RVs

- Steel wires out of range at 5000 m depth
- Usually factor of safety (FS) about 3 for wires without conductor
 - Dynamic behaviour reduces FS to 2
 - Wires get stretched, uneven diameter
 - Spooling becomes bad
- Main winch manufacturer for German RVs HATLAPA
 - Has been sold
 - Spooling control device of HATLAPA
 - With diameter check, could balance unequal diameters
 - No longer supported
 - Only two spooling experts left at HATLAPA

Synthetic cables on German RVs

- Scientific community and ship owners not very enthusiastic on synthetic wires and cables

- METEOR
 - 6000 m, 8 mm, COSA aramid rope, with nylon braid and PE jacket
 - 900 m, 14 mm, SELDIS synthetic rope with PA core & PP jacket

- MERIAN
 - 3000 m, 8 mm, Dyneema, GeoSpecial Technora

- SONNE
 - 4000 m, 8 mm, Dyneema, GeoSpecial Technora

- Synthetic ropes on spare drums - not in use

Synthetic cables on German RVs

- MARUM, University of Bremen
 - MEBO 200 limited to about 2700 m water depth
 - Umbilical for greater water depth not available
- New development by Norddeutsche Seekabelwerke (NSW)
 - Carbon stick technology
 - Patent published
- MARUM, University of Bremen
 - Submission of proposal to test umbilical on MeBo 70 winsh
 - Cooperation with NSW and Briese

OFEG Tech database on winches and cables

- OFEG summary by Colin Day of 2016
- ERVO prepares new Position Paper #25 for European Marine Board
 - „**Next Generation European Research Vessels**”
 - Will include update on winches and cables
 - Last PositionPaper collection from 2007
 - **Not a live database**
- Winch and Cable Database
 - ERVO covers all EU vessels, well beyond those within OFEG
 - OFEG Tech to copy relevant parts of ERVO database?
 - Annual updates ?
 - OFEG Tech interested to maintain ERVO database?
 - Annual updates ?

Telepresence on German RVs



- German RVs with C-Band capabilities
 - POLARSTERN, METEOR, SONNE
- Vessels equipped with antennas (C-Band) only
 - 10 Mbit about 50k€/ 4 weeks
 - True band width unstable
- GEOMAR operates two mobile Systems
 - Rx / Tx boxes for 4 HD channels
 - SRT coding
- MARUM and AWI
 - SRT based hardware
 - 3 Mbit, full HDTV underwater video transmission

Main problem is latency

– ROV has passed point of interest when displayed on shore

Testphase 1: MARUM - 2018 aboard RV Sonne SO263, Central Pacific:

first realtime 1280/720p feed live during 2 last dives
encoding software based, max.1.5 Mbit/s per stream (tunneled)

Testphase 2: GEOMAR – aboard RV Sonne SO268, Central Pacific

First Science Application: MARUM, coop. with AWI - April/May 2019
aboard RV Polarstern, PS119, South Sandwich Islands:

- SRT based hardware encoding with 3 Mbit upload per stream, full HDTV underwater video transmission
- First applied remote science with low latency video, audio conference, data file exchange, and interactive GIS (QGIS)
- Repeated public live transmissions to locations in Bremen, Hamburg and Berlin



AWI MARUM IFREMER Cooperation – next steps:

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- after successful tests and application during PS119 we suggest to
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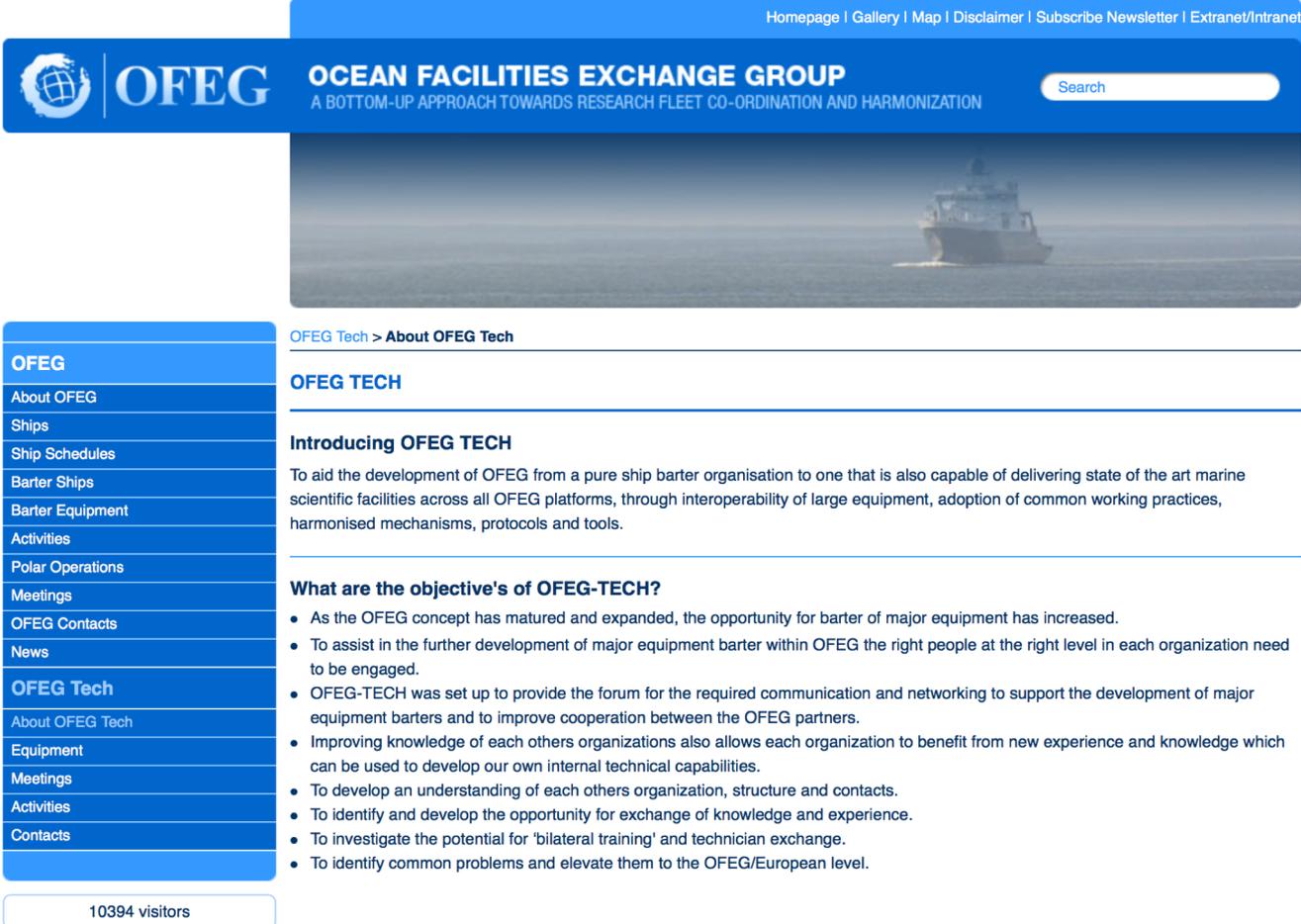
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What are the objective's of OFEG-TECH?

- As the OFEG concept has matured and expanded, the opportunity for barter of major equipment has increased.
- To assist in the further development of major equipment barter within OFEG the right people at the right level in each organization need to be engaged.
- OFEG-TECH was set up to provide the forum for the required communication and networking to support the development of major equipment barter and to improve cooperation between the OFEG partners.
- Improving knowledge of each others organizations also allows each organization to benefit from new experience and knowledge which can be used to develop our own internal technical capabilities.
- To develop an understanding of each others organization, structure and contacts.
- To identify and develop the opportunity for exchange of knowledge and experience.
- To investigate the potential for 'bilateral training' and technician exchange.
- To identify common problems and elevate them to the OFEG/European level.

<http://ofeg.eurocean.org/np4/17>

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DOCUMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Below are documents associated with the various OFEG TECH meetings.

2018 OFEG TECH

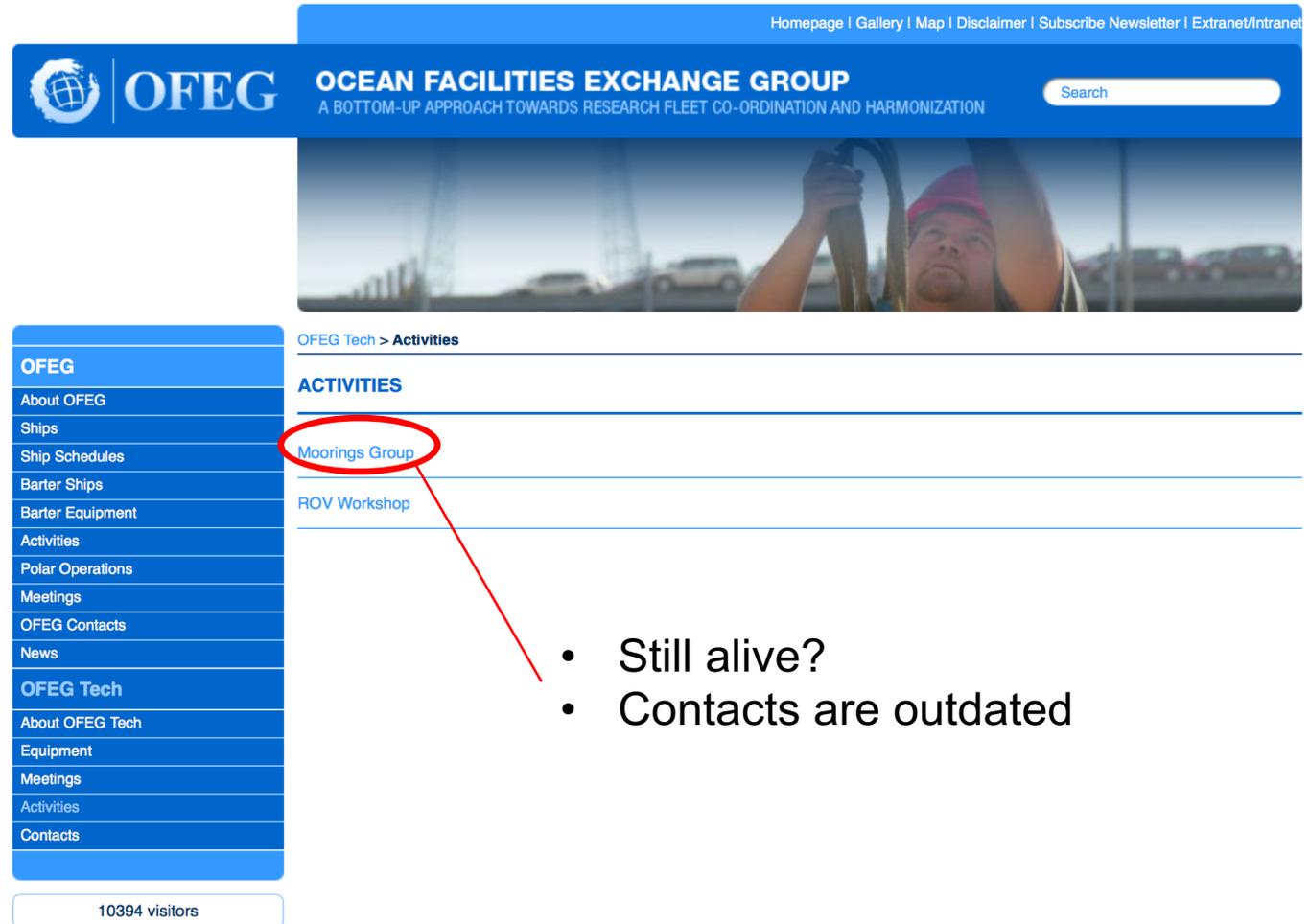
La Seyne sur Mer, France | 6 March 2018

Documents

Description	Author	Member
Agenda [PDF]	Colin Day	NERC
What is OFEG-TECH? Why are we here? [PDF]	Colin Day	NERC
IFREMER: Overview of Toulon, IFREMER operation [PDF]	Jan Opderbecke	IFREMER
NERC, NOC: Overview of NOC, NMF autonomous capability and development [PDF]	Maaten Furlong	NERC
IFREMER: hybrid ROV results [PDF]	Jan Opderbecke	IFREMER
Germany: AUV development at GEOMAR [PDF]	Joerg Bialas	GEOMAR
NERC, NOC: Autonomous vehicle mission planning / NERC Oceananids C2 project [PDF]	Maaten Furlong	NERC
IMR: What's new! (New equipment, points of interest for OFEG-TECH) [PDF]	Dag Hellesnes	IMR
IFREMER: Development of the IFREMER 6000m AUV [PDF]	Jan Opderbecke	IFREMER
Equipment developments in CSIC [PDF]	Javier Prades Villarroya	CSIC
Germany: Discussion - Ships over side wires, cables and ropes – Issues with Factors of Safety and operating loads [PDF]	Joerg Bialas/Colin Day	GEOMAR/NERC
IFREMER: – Overview of IFREMER ship and fleet developments [PDF]	Jan Opderbecke	IFREMER
NIOZ: Technology update and new equipment [PDF]	Yvo Witte	NIOZ

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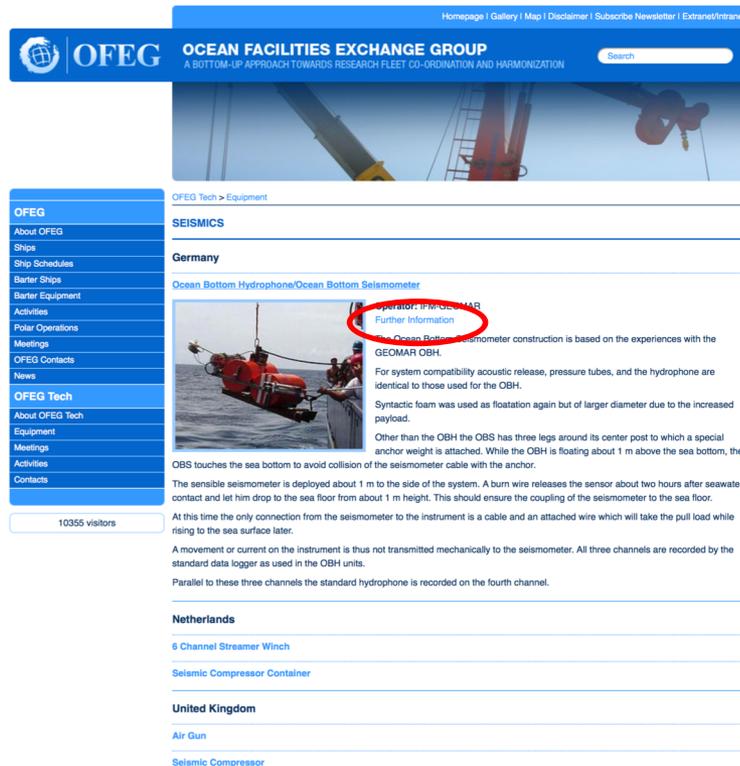
OFEG Tech > **Activities**

ACTIVITIES

- Moorings Group**
- ROV Workshop

- Still alive?
- Contacts are outdated

Links on equipment are outdated



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Equipment overview splits in

- Deep Platforms
- Seismics
- Found presentations with wrong content
 - E.g. German OBS
 - Description and picture of GEOMAR OBS
 - Link to AWI OBS – Pool
- Found most links directing to home pages or not existing

Equipment > Seismics

- Seismics, Germany
 - Ocean Bottom Hydrophones / Ocean Bottom Seismometers
 - Seismic Sources
- Seismic, Netherlands
 - - does their equipment still exist ?
- Seismic, United Kingdom
 - - „Further Information“ links are outdated

Equipment > Deep Platforms

- Deep Platforms, Germany
 - - please update link for JAGO SUB 400 „Further Information“ <https://www.geomar.de/en/centre/central-facilities/tlz/jago/>
- Deep Platforms, France
 - - all „Further Information“ links are redirected to IFREMER Home Page
- Deep Platforms, Netherlands
 - - all „Further Information“ links are redirected to NIOZ Home Page
- Deep Platforms, Norway
 - - Aglantha ROV and Kley France Calypso Corer links are outdated
- Deep Platforms, United Kingdom
 - - TOBI, BRIDGET, SHRIMP links are outdated

Links on equipment are outdated

- OFEG is aware of gaps in the informations
 - Sally Heath of NOC send out an „August reminder“ on 9th Aug.
- JB reported above listet outdated links on 9th Aug.
 - No reply so far
- Next OFEG meeting early October in Hamburg
- **Ready to take all your updates and send a bundle to Sally**
- **Will contact Sally again on maintenance of web page**