

NERC moorings workshop

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- The NERC moorings workshop was set up to exchange experience between NERC institutes on mooring issues as some of our experienced mooring staff approached retirement age.
- The group has been the forum for developing a 'NERC Moorings Policy' with the approach of applying best practice principles from sharing knowledge and experience.
- The remit of the group has widened to include such areas as risk management, equipment success and failure, and mooring design.
- The 2010 workshop was held at NOCS attended by around 50 delegates from the UK, Netherland, France, Norway, South Africa & Germany.
- Topics covered included:
 - Focus on policy and legislation
 - Examination of common failure modes
 - Risk management issues
 - Report on current technologies and practices

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- It is proposed to develop a website to allow the group to publish information and outputs from the workshops.
- Web site content could include information such as;
 - Contacts,
 - Mooring locations,
 - Environmental information,
 - Failure notices,
 - Success notices,
 - Equipment sourcing lists.

The question!

- Could the Moorings workshop information be hosted on the OFEG / OFEG-TECH website?
- The existing OFEG / OFEG-TECH website is to be migrated to the Eurocean web portal in 2011 (<http://www.eurocean.org/>), which will be jointly funded by the OFEG partners.
- The Moorings Group and OFEG-TECH share a number of common aims, such as technology development, knowledge transfer and sharing of experience.
- Membership is also common with representation from some of the major European institutions.
- It is these factors that I believe would make OFEG-TECH an ideal platform for the website making the information more available and involving more partners.
- Comments?