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**3rd International Meeting
Acting together for the future of the Blue Planet
January 29th - February 1st, 2006**

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Dear colleagues,

The World Ocean Network www.worldoceanetwork.org and partners are organizing the 3rd International Meeting "Acting Together for the Future of the Blue Planet" at NAUSICAA, Centre National de la Mer, Boulogne sur Mer, France, from 29th January to 1st February 2006.

The World Ocean Network operates in synergy with the Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts and Islands which was established at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg in 2002 to promote international ocean stewardship.

All institutions addressing the general public and raising their awareness of the Ocean with the aim of guaranteeing its sustainable development are invited to participate in the Meeting.

Specialists and witnesses will share their views about topics such as biodiversity, sea and earth pollution, Ocean resources and climatic change.

Participants will contribute to the elaboration of a three-year action plan targeted at the information and education of the public in order to trigger environment-friendly behaviours and to favour a reasonable and sustainable use of the Ocean resources. Our ambition is to reach 200 million people every year.

The Event, under the aegis of the IOC/UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission and of the United Nations Environment Programme as part of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities will immediately follow the Global Conference on Oceans, Coasts and Islands www.globaloceans.org that will take place at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris.

If you wish to receive a more detailed programme of the meeting, feel free to e-mail us with your complete contact details at meeting@nausicaa.fr

We look forward to seeing you again soon for an even stronger cooperation!

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