

The Newsletter

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Opening hours of the "International Meeting" Information Point

Friday 27th January: 14:00
- 18:00

Saturday 28th January: 10:00
- 20:00

Sunday 29th January: 8:00
- 20:00

Monday 30th January: 9:00
- 20:00

Tuesday 31st January: 9:00
- 19:00

Wednesday 1st February: 9:00
- 19:00

Thursday 2nd February: 9:00
- 12:00

Multimedia Facility

A multimedia facility equipped with 8 computers connected to the Internet will be available for your use.

Cloakrooms

A cloakroom is available free of charge: it is situated on the left as you enter the main hall at NAUSICAA.

EDITION

Welcome to the 3rd International Meeting «Acting Together for the Future of the Blue Planet», in synergy with the 3rd Global Conference on Oceans, Coasts and Islands which just took place at UNESCO's headquarters in Paris.

Today more than ever, the Ocean is under pressure: close to a third of corals have gone, with 60 per cent expected to be lost by 2030; pollutions, overfishing, climate change... threaten marine biodiversity and resources which are essential to the survival of Mankind. We have ten years, if we act together, to change our behaviour significantly so that our children can still enjoy the benefits of the Ocean. It is our responsibility today to act determinedly to inspire a change in planetary behaviour. Together we can reach 200 million people each year!

During these 4 days at NAUSICAA, high quality speakers and Global Forum experts are highlighting and explaining current challenges while the exchanges between participants will allow an in-depth exploration of selected themes such as biodiversity, climate change, Ocean resources, and marine and land pollution. Together, we establish a worldwide plan of actions to raise public awareness on better behaviours on these issues.

This daily newsletter is an information resource and a link between all of us, but also a notice board where anyone can express proposals, ideas, hopes, and wishes... If something is getting on your nerves, express it on these pages!

Thank you for being with us, for taking part in the World Ocean Network's great adventure, for the future of the Ocean... and of our children.

Philippe VALLETTE
World Ocean Network, Co-Chair

Tonight :

7:30: Mini-Forum and Welcome Diner in NAUSICAA's entrance hall.



MINI FORUM

Dont' Forget: this evening beginning à 7:30 p.m. in NAUSICAA's entrance Hall, some participants to the 3rd International Meeting will present their actions and best practices. Some presentations will take the form of films and power point presentations. The showing programme can be found near the International Meeting information point and in the entrance hall.

Workshop registration

Workshop registrations will be dealt with at the "International Meeting" Information Point. Remember to register for the workshops that you want to attend!

Reports

Reports on the workshops will be available from the "International Meeting" Information Point and in the workshop rooms.



PRATICAL INFORMATION

Participants are received at NAUSICAA, in the media library, where the programme/welcome booklets will be provided along with your badges, meal tickets and geographical information. Here you will find full information about your registration and your accommodation. The receptionists will also be at your service, for any queries regarding your stay in Boulogne sur Mer: information on restaurants, places to visit, medical assistance, police, etc. We recommend that you call at the "International Meeting" Information Point every day, to check on any alterations to the programme and register for workshops. A board is set up there for little notices.

EVENTS

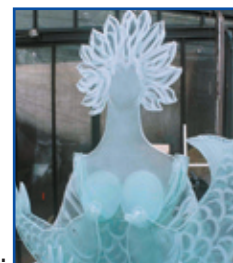
Evening of the Ocean - Wednesday 1st February, 2006

On the occasion of this 3rd International Meeting, an Evening of the Ocean is proposed to the general public on Wednesday 1st February, 2006. Jean-Michel COUSTEAU as well as other participants of the Meeting - representatives from all over the world - will explain why the Ocean is everybody's concern. Mauritians, Indians, Canadians, Americans, Europeans... will testify and tell how people in their country (or region) are concerned by the Ocean.

"MARCOVILLE" Exhibition

During the 3rd International Meeting, NAUSICAA, in collaboration with the musée de France d'Opale-Sud in Berck-sur-Mer, hosts the "MARCOVILLE" glass sculptures exhibition.

Marcoville-sur-mer is the results of two years work inspired by Berck's ancient navy, as illustrated by paintings of the Museum's collection. Hanging on the siren's song, 9,700 glass fish give the pitch of an unusual installation.



PORTRAIT : Jacques ROUGERIE



Sometimes life is a stroke of luck. As France, his native country, was recovering among the ruins of World War Two, the architect Jacques ROUGERIE came into the world. Nineteen years later, he begins his studies at the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des beaux-arts, studying successively Urbanism in Vincennes, then at Paris Oceanographic Institute, before attending his viva in Architecture and Urbanism in 1972.

Soon, the five continents will welcome his exhibits and conferences. During the 60s, as he told in a recent interview, «one dreamed of new cities, totally unaware of the environment to tell the truth ; it was done in good faith, as no one knew at this time these great ecological constraints». In 1981, he designed Osaka's Sea Pavillion (Japan), accumulating works such as Marseille's World Fair's floating port (1982), Oman's Sea Centre, as well as numerous marine and maritime resorts. He also designed NAUSICAA - The French National Sea Experience Centre and the future Sea Museum and Cultural Centre in Sagres (Portugal) or the Trocadero's Aquarium in Paris. If one tries nowadays to better understand our cities' design, this is the way Jacques ROUGERIE sees it : «One of today's great utopias is the green utopia, the blue utopia, the Great Blue ; it is the air, it is this planet, this living lung, and it is readjusting a way of life».