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Francesca Alvisi



Laurea cum laude in Geological Sciences, (1988), PhD in Earth Sciences (1993) at the University of Bologna. Researcher at CNR since 2004 at the Institute of Marine Sciences for the Italian National Research Council (CNR-ISMAR) in Bologna. She has been working for about ten years on sedimentology, stratigraphy, geochemistry and palynology of alluvial and lake sedimentary record for palaeoenvironmental and palaeoclimatic reconstructions. In 1996, she started to collaborate with the CNR studying also marine-coastal and continental shelf environments. Currently she is interested in the study of marine depositional phenomena at the watersediment interface, biogeochemical fluxes, current and recent marine sedimentary processes, in particular related to anoxic phenomena, and their interaction with man and climate. She is also interested in the relationships between land use, geo(morpho)logy and landscape evolution with particular attention to the interaction between population vs. resources and migration in historical and current times. She works as a tutor and trainer in schools, in university courses, masters and courses for teachers and educators, in communication and scientific dissemination, and as a moderator of scientific meetings. She speaks English and French.

Colin Campbell

He is an Associate Professor in the Second Language Education at the University of Reading in southern England. He has taught English and trained teachers of English and also worked with international lecturers of different academic subjects who hope to teach their subjects through English. He has worked in Spain, England, Italy, Ireland, Poland and Estonia and have run workshops and delivered at Conferences in a number of others countries as well, including Brazil, Sudan, China and Azerbaijan. He has written and cowritten books for students and teachers of English.



Rebecca Daniel

She is a marine biologist, science communicator, and director of non-profit organisation The Marine Diaries. Obsessed with the ocean from a young age, she leant to dive at just 10 years old. She's turned her passion into a career, and now works tirelessly to bring the ocean to the public, spreading awareness about why we need to protect our blue planet.

Having a broad background in ocean science, she has worked with sea turtle protection in Greece and researched the effect of microplastics on marine life. Passionate about educating people about the ocean, Rebecca has spoken at numerous events and more recently started sharing her knowledge through Clubhouse.

María del Carmen García-Martínez



She is researcher at Instituto Español de Oceanografía (IEO), is the head of the Climate Change Laboratory at Oceanographic Center of Malaga, and the responsible of RADMED project, devoted to the routine observation and sampling of the Western Mediterranean. Since October 2021 she is the new Director of the Oceanographic Center of Málaga. She has written or participated in numerous research papers, congresses contributions, books and has participated in 25 research cruises. She has always developed a sense of responsibility in making science knowledge available to the general public and since March 2021 is the chair of the European Marine Board Communications Panel

Carlos Garcia-Soto



He is the Coordinator of the UN World Ocean Assessment and Associate Professor of Satellite Oceanography at the University of the Basque Country. His main research focuses on climate change and ocean sustainability. He has been an invited scientific advisor in the UN Process for Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biodiversity (BBNJ), the Intergovernmental Conference for Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14 (Oceans), and the UN Conference for Climate Change (COP) of Paris, Marrakech, Katowice, Madrid and Glasgow. He is an active disseminator of the values of marine ecology in the mass media. His last research work focuses on the current state of marine citizen science in Europe and the new technological developments enabling the participation of citizens in and coastal research (doi:10.3389/fmars.2021.621472). marine eCGarciaSoto ieo



Andreea-Stefania Ionascu

She is a psychologist and the Coordinator of the Education&Volunteering Department in Mare Nostrum NGO, one of the oldest NGOs in Constanta, Romania. She has developed over time a passion for the environment, and especially the sea, which are so interconnected with the health and welfare of human beings. Mare Nostrum opened for her new horizons related to the fascinating world of education for sustainable development, but also to environmental psychology. Andreea has been a part of Mare Nostrum NGO since 2007, dedicating her time and efforts to engaging young people, teachers, students, public authorities' representatives and the general public in taking action for the environment. She loves what she does and she strongly believes that education is the base of society and of change, for a better world.

Izabela Kotynska-Zielinska

She is a founder of the Today We Have, a coordinator of the I live by the Sea Project and an Ocean Literacy Educator.

Izabela is an author and co-author of workshops, exhibitions and popular science events, which have been realized internationally, in e.g. New York, Brussels, Rostock, Lisbon and Warsaw, among others. Her work has been presented at various international conferences.

She is and has been involved in many national and international projects Ocean of Changing, OceaneHome, I live by the Sea Project, workshops for children and young people on the broadly understood marine environment, climate and arctic changes. Izabela created the I Live by the Sea Project and has run it since 2015. Here goal is to educate kids and teenagers all over the world to realize that We all live by the Sea, no matter where we live next to the beach or far away in the mountains, we still have a great impact on it.

Her motto: You can never be overdressed or overeducated - Oscar Wilde.



Heike Lippert

She is a marine biologist who has been working in the North Sea, the Arctic Ocean and the Baltic Sea for many years. She accomplished her doctoral thesis in polar research on Spitsbergen and focused on shipworm at the Baltic coast during the last several years. Her most favourite research tool still is scuba diving. Recently she started an educational and teaching degree.

Christine Santora



She is Assistant Director at the Institute for Ocean Conservation Science at Stony Brook University. Christine earned a Master's degree in Marine Affairs from the University of Rhode Island with a focus on ocean policy and endangered species bycatch. She has over fifteen years of experience in ocean conservation, policy, and science. Since 2015, Christine has focused on advancing science-based marine protected areas at the United Nations through the 10 x 20 Initiative and the Ocean Sanctuary Alliance.

She also manages outreach and communications for the Shinnecock Bay Restoration Program. Christine was the Project Director of the Lenfest Forage Fish Task Force from 2008-2012, a major project of IOCS that developed recommendations and ecosystem-based standards for the management of forage fish populations worldwide. Christine has coauthored dozens of peer-reviewed papers and reports over the course of her career, including a flagship paper on Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management published in the journal Science.



Tymon Zielinski



He is a leader of the Climate and Ocean Research and Education Unit at IO PAN, where he has a position of an associate professor and director of the Ph.D. program. Tymon has published over 80 research papers. Since 2016, Tymon is a member of the UN Group of experts of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment.

Tymon has been involved in many research and educational projects focused on climate change issues in the marine environment. He has organized numerous meetings workshops and conferences and has been a Pl in a number of national and international projects. Tymon, since the beginning of his career has been involved in educational activities, both in formal and non-formal teaching.

He has organized and/or lectured during numerous non-formal educational events, such as Science Fairs, workshops, exhibitions for general public, etc.

Margherita Zorgno

She graduated in Marine Ecology and Resources Management in The Netherlands and since then she has been following her passion, the ocean. She is currently Science Officer at EurOcean, working in European marine projects and services, implementing especially communication and outreach tasks. She has started her career in Indonesia, where she was working for a local NGO in a project aiming to improve traceability in the tuna market chain. She then joined the Dutch NGO Goodfish Foundation working on a sustainable seafood guide for consumers and retailers in the country. Before she moved to Portugal for joining EurOcean, she came back to Italy to work in a programme focussed on the management of Pelagos Sanctuary for Marine Mammals in the Ligurian Sea. She believes in Ocean Literacy as the right tool to empower citizens to protect our ocean, and she promotes it both in her work and in her daily life.



Małgorzata Żywicka

She is an oceanographer with a specialization in marine biology. Since 2006, an employee of the Gdynia Aquarium Education Center of the National Marine Fisheries Research Institute. The co-author of exhibitions, nature workshops for children and adults, organizer of specialist training courses and information campaigns for the protection of wildlife. Since 2010, coordinator of the student internship program and volunteering for the Gdynia Aquarium. From 2020, a member of the European Marine Science Educators Association (EMSEA).