



Announcement: 11th International Marine Technicians Symposium, INMARTECH 2018

Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) and the University-National Oceanographic Laboratory System (UNOLS) are pleased to announce the dates and location of the 11th International Marine Technicians Symposium, INMARTECH 2018. The Symposium will be held at the Sea Crest Hotel in North Falmouth, Massachusetts, USA with additional sessions, tours, and a reception on the WHOI campuses in Woods Hole, Massachusetts. The dates of INMARTECH are Tuesday-Thursday, October 16-18, 2018.

INMARTECH Symposia were initiated with the purpose of providing a forum for marine technicians to meet and exchange knowledge and experiences, thereby aiming to improve equipment performance, deployment and operational techniques during scientific cruises on research vessels. INMARTECH Symposia are held biannually and have been hosted internationally in Norway, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, France, Japan, and USA.

Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, the site of this year's INMARTECH, was founded in 1930 and is one of the world's leading, independent non-profit organizations dedicated to ocean research, exploration, and education. WHOI has an annual operating budget of \$215 million and employs close to 1000 individuals, including more than 500 scientists, engineers, ship's crew, and technicians. WHOI operates the Global Class research vessel *Atlantis*, Ocean Class research vessel *Neil Armstrong*, the coastal vessel *Tioga*, as well as the National Deep Submergence Facility that includes the human-occupied submersible *Alvin*; the remotely operated vehicle (ROV) *Jason/Medea*; and the autonomous underwater vehicle (AUV) *Sentry*. Additional information about WHOI is available at: <http://www.whoi.edu>. Tours of the WHOI vessels (that are in port) and facilities are planned as part of the INMARTECH program.

In the coming months additional information about the INMARTECH 2018 Symposium program, registration, and logistics will be provided at: <https://www.unols.org/event/meeting/2018-inmartech>. We expect registration to open in early April. Information about sponsorship opportunities is coming soon.

We hope that you will join us for the INMARTECH 2018 Symposium!

Best regards, on behalf of the INMARTECH 2018 organizing committee.

