## **THEMES**

## **OVER 25** TALKS

## SIX INVITED **SPEAKERS**

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Joaquim Garrabou Vancells (Spanish National Research Council - CSIC) is applying a multidisciplinary approach to the study of global change effects in the NW Mediterranean. More particulary he is studying the effects of mass mortality events on gorgonian species and their possible association with the current warming. The ultimate objective of his research is to contribute to the conservation of Mediterranean biodiversity.

> **Lenia Marques** is a Senior Lecturer in Events and Leisure at Bournemouth University and has been teaching and developing research in the fields of tourism, leisure and events. Her work considers local touristic and leisure practices in a global framework, and it seeks to contribute to support the industry in developing integrated, responsible and sustainable products, responding to the challenges of a changing world.

> > **Géradine Fauville** has a background in marine biology as well as in Education, communication and Learning and is finishing up her Doctoral studies at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden. She studies the use of computer-based learning resources for marine education in high schools. Géraldine co-founded the European Marine Science Educators Association with Fiona Crouch and Evy Copejans in 2011, is work package leader in the EU-funded project Sea Change and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the U.S. National Marine Educators Association (NMEA).

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Pascal Van Erp is a technical diver with a strong preference for wreck diving. He co-founded a Dutch North Sea cleanup project in 2009 and became driven by the removal of lost fishing gear in the North Sea. In 2012, he decided to dedicate his diving exclusively to environmental conservation and started the Ghost Fishing Foundation — an international non-profit executed by volunteer technical divers which initiates, supports and promotes lost fishing gear removal initiatives. Together with this dedicated team he recently launched unique collaborations with wide known organizations like the Healthy Seas Initiative, Greenpeace, WWF and World Animal Protection. He led numerous marine protection operations in Dutch and German North Sea MPAs and last year for the first time ever a pilot environmental project off the Orkney Islands.

Veronika Mikos is an economist working for ECNC-European Centre for Nature Conservation. She has 10 years of experience in managing big international projects related to nature conservation. Veronika is the project coordinator of Healthy Seas since it was established at the beginning of 2013. The initiative collects waste fishing nets with the help of divers and fishermen in order to create healthier seas and recycle marine litter into new textile products. Veronika enjoys spending time at the sea, doing various water sports as well. She got so much nice experience there and wants to give something back. Helping to keep the seas clean and healthy is one way to do it.

Chloë Harvey is a Marine Biologist and professional diver. Alongside UNEP, Chloë and her team at The Reef-World Foundation have been working to develop and establish the Green Fins initiative to promote environmental stewardship and compliance to best practice within the dive tourism industry globally. Chloë has worked with over 500 dive centres and government agencies in 8 countries to build the capacity for sustainability within the industry.

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