



Program for the workshop

“Developing tools to ensure high quality MMOs in the ACCOBAMS area”
for the 30th ECS Conference (13th March 2016, Funchal, Madeira)

VENUE

[Auditorium of Casa-Museu Frederico de Freitas](#) – Regional Ministry of Tourism, Transports and Culture (Secretaria Regional do Turismo, Transportes e Cultura). It is an auditorium located in a House Museum and it is located in Casa-Museu Frederico de Freitas, Calçada de Santa Clara, nº 7, Funchal. (GPS coordinates: N32.65031 W16.91235).

From the conference centre Hotel, it is 15 min walk. A smartphone App with interactive map is available in the ECS website.

AIM

The workshop is aimed at presenting the tools under development with professionals in order to increase certificate efficiency and define roles of the different actors and links among them.

ABSTRACT

Considering the growing numbers of seismic operations and related projects in the ACCOBAMS area and their known negative impacts on cetaceans, ACCOBAMS is developing a high quality training module to train MMO/PAM within the Agreement area (Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea and contiguous Atlantic area). This training module is composed of tools and a framework for implementation in accordance with current standards applied elsewhere in the world. Nevertheless, these tools will need to be known and accepted by professionals involved in the monitoring of noise at sea and its impact on cetaceans (scientific, political, industrial, MMO/PAM).

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE

- (1) to further develop applicable and relevant tools (the frame, the process, the role and links of actors, the certification, ...).
- (2) to identify ways for these tools to be accepted by relevant bodies and organizations
- (3) to learn from best practice to reach high quality training standards

AGENDA

Welcome / Registration : 9h00

Opening: 9h30

- 1) An introductory presentation (Round table 10' and talk, *M. Salivas*, 10')
- 2) Tools for an implementation of MMO/PAM issue in the ACCOBAMS area (actors, links, accreditation...)
 - a. Presentation of the proposition of ACCOBAMS tools, with the organigram, roles and links (*talk, Working Group MMO : C. Lanfredi 15' + A. Maglio 10'*)
 - b. Discussion for improvement
 - c. Define the tools for ACCOBAMS

Coffee Break : 11h00-11h30

- 3) Promote and acceptance by professionals
 - a. Policy maker (*talk, Working Group MMO : Silvia Frey, 10' ; A. Moulins, 10'*)
 - b. Define the ways ACCOBAMS will approach industrials and country members during the Meeting of the Parties

Lunch break : 13h00-14h30

- 4) Best practice (*and high quality training standards - HQTS*)
 - a. Review of existing standards (*talk, R. Esteban, 10'*)
 - b. Presentation of the HQTS for MMO in the ACCOBAMS area and experiences of MMO (*talks, M. Ramdani, R. Benmessaoud, M. Fouad, D. Popov, M. Paiu, M. Baines and M. Reichelt, ...*)
 - c. Discussion

Coffee break : 16h00-16h30

- d. Define the standards for ACCOBAMS
- 5) Conclusion, synthesis (*talk, chair, L. David*)

Closure : 17h30

EXPECTED OUTPUTS

- 1) For the subject : to further develop applicable and relevant tools (the frame, the process, the role and links of actors, the certification :
⇒ **Define a process, the organigram, the link and role, the accreditation for MMO, etc.- Define THE ACCOBAMS TOOLS.**

- 2) For the subject : to identify ways for these tools to be accepted by relevant bodies and organizations
 - ⇒ **Define a way toward industrials**
 - ⇒ **Define a way to promote the mandatory involvement of MMO/PAMs in any impulsive noise-generating activities**

- 3) For the subject : to learn from best practice to reach high quality training standards
 - ⇒ **Define standards and references for the ACCOBAMS area**

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