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Alfonso Sebastien

I am Researcher in aquaculture and welfare at COISPA Tecnologia & Ricerca (Bari, Italy). I am interested on fish responses to innovative food or production systems in order to improve husbandry and management practices with the aim to maximize fish welfare, performances and ensure sustainability of aquaculture. I am currently involved in the European project FuturEU Aqua (H2020 – BG-2018-1) with the aim to promote the growth in sustainable, resilient and climate friendly organic and conventional European aquaculture.

Azzellino Arianna

Arianna Azzellino, graduated in Biology at the University of Milano in 1995. PhD in Environmental Engineering at Politecnico di Milano (Milan University of Technology), in 1999. Since January 2017 she is Associate Professor at Politecnico di Milano. She has been involved with the issue of the environmental management since 1996 when she started her PhD research aimed to developing modeling tools to quantify the habitat gain and loss as function of the streamflow under different regulation scenarios. She is currently involved in various research projects ranging through the source apportionment of pollutant loads, to development of methods to support decisions for the management and planning of environmental resources. She has been consultant for the statistical treatment of experimental data for territorial authorities and also for international research institutes (e.g. by Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, NATO Undersea Research Centre). She has also authored more than 40 conference contributions and about 38 peer-reviewed publications.
Beqiri Kristian

My name is Kristian Beqiri. I am 24 years old. I live in Lezha, Albania. I study at Agricultural University of Tirana for Aquaculture and Fishery Management in Science Master. I am in second year preparing my diploma thesis at the moment. Also I work at Regional Administration of Protected Area in Lezha as Menagement Specialist. I work there since July 2018. Right now I'm collaborating with ACEPSD (Non-governmental organisation) in a project for shark protection in the Mediterranean sea. Our work consists in collecting local knowledge. Also I'm a volunteer at DAMD-Marine Mammals Research Association, studying dolphins. I'm interested in Blue Growth to expand my knowledge in Marine Biology specially in fish products so I think this Summer School is a good chance for my career.

Blanas Georgios

Professor of Quality Management, editor of two international scientific journals, Editor of MIBES (Management of Innovative Business & Education Systems) Transactions (Founder), ISSN# 1790-9899, JEL listed in EconLit database, DAOJ listed, http://mtol.teithessaly.gr/, PRIME (Practical Research in Innovative Management & Entrepreneurship) (Founder), ISSN# 1791-5767, JEL listed in EconLit database, DAOJ listed, http://prime.teithessaly.gr/, served as Dean of the Faculty of Business & Economics, Director of the Technological Research Centre, Chartered Civil Engineer, at the JD & DM Watson International, for the study of the 376700 project on the liquid waste disposal for the greater Athens Area.

Member of the Greek Universities Steering Committee, principal researcher in the European INCO-COPERNICUS (Contract Number Copernicus PL961099 - Directorate General XII), Institutional project leader of the European SOCRATES projects “EEM” (European Engineering Manager 26395-MG2-1-96-1-GB) (1996-1999) and “VIDEO” (Virtual Development Enterprise for Europe 56434-CP-1-1998-1-ODL-ODL), TEMPUS Joint European Project BONYS (Bulgarian Open Learning Systems), TEMPUS JEP+ 0787896.

Dr. Blanas has been acting as a referee in a number of international and national conferences and has published and presented numerous articles in journals and national and international conferences. Has supervised two finished PhDs, has taught in a number of MSc programs in Management at several Universities (UCQ, Staffordshire, Coventry, Hellenic Open University, UTH, TEI of Thessaly, has been a researcher and academic in Australia. Part of his research work was on undergraduate methane emissions in coal mining operations. Has published several books, research reports and research articles.
Bougiouri Varvara

Vera Bougiouri graduated from the School of Chemical Engineering of the National Technical University of Athens (N.T.U.A./Greece), in 2005.
During her under-graduate studies, she has participated in the Double Diploma Program "TIME" (Top Industrial Managers of Europe). Her second diploma is a Master's Degree from Ecole Centrale des Arts et Manufactures de Paris (E.C.P./France). She has, also, a Master's Degree in the field of "Monuments' Protection" from N.T.U.A. She is working as a researcher/external partner, since September 2009, in the School of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering of N.T.U.A. in the Shipbuilding Technology Laboratory.
She is a member of the InnoBlueGrowth team since November 2018. She likes travelling, meeting new cultures and interact with people. As a Greek, the "blue" of the sea is her favorite color.

Caporioni Marco

Bachelor’s degree in Biological Science at Sapienza University of Rome. I am specialised in zoology, animal ecology, and biodiversity conservation, and have collaborated in research projects, coordinated by Dept of Animal and Human Biology, Univ of Rome. I got a Master degree (2007) in “Natural protected areas management” - University of Molise, and a Master degree (2017) in “EU funds manager”- Link Campus University, focusing on European Cohesion policy, Structural funds regulations 2014-2020 (ESI) and programs, developing a project idea and definition of partnership, budget, methodology, actions, and expected outputs.
I have been employed as permanent Officer, by Lazio Region (public administration), since 2005. During my assignment, in the Environment and Economic development Directorates, I have been in charge of different technical and administrative tasks with a deep knowledge of regional level processes and procedures. I have been involved in Natura 2000 network and Habitat Directive implementation, in management of structural funds (EARDF), in evaluating and monitoring projects and activities aimed to biodiversity and landscape management. In the last 3 years, I have worked at the ETC Unit, and Blue Economy Unit, with competence in coastal areas development and management, and blue economy initiatives. I have also collaborated to LIFE and Horizon 2020 funded projects, in which Lazio Region was a partner or leader, with other institutions and NGOs.
In 2019 I have been selected by EU for a 3 months training period in DG MARE, Bruxelles (NEPT program), gaining direct experience on European institutions working, European fisheries policy, and scientific advice and data collection issues. The secondment has been a very useful and stimulating experience for my job skills. I think that participating to a working / learning experience in an international and multidisciplinary environment, is an added value and a personal growth for any professional, in the public or private sector, for this reason I am attending the Blue Growth Summer School.
Capriotti Alessandra  

I’m Alessandra Capriotti from Emilia-Romagna Region. I’ve started working with my colleague Tiziana last September 2018 in the office Directorate General for Knowledge, Labour and Enterprise Economy Research, innovation, Energy and sustainable economy. I’m Project Assistant for the Mistral Project (Mediterranean Innovation STRategy for transnational activity of clusters and networks of the Blue Growth). I’m very interested in having some basic, but valuable, knowledge on Blue Energy issues and guidance throughout the implementation of the project I will be working on.

Charalambides Alexandros  

Dr Alexandros Charalambides is an Associate Professor at the Cyprus University of Technology. He is a Mechanical Engineering graduate and holds a PhD from Imperial College London. His PhD project was funded by Honda R & D Co. Ltd of Japan. He has worked at Imperial College London, at the University of Tokyo and on his return to Cyprus, at the Energy Service of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism. In 2009, he was appointed at the Department of Environmental Science and Technology and his research interests lie in the fields of solar energy, algal biofuel production and energy saving in buildings.

His dynamism and passion for sustainable development and for developing ideas and young talent are what drove him to seek out like-minded individuals and create Chrysalis LEAP, the first accelerator in Cyprus, focusing on cleantech and ENERMAP, an EU-funded spin-out from the University.
Ioannis K. Chatjigeorgiou, PhD, is a Professor in the School of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering at the National Technical University of Athens, Greece. He has been a Visiting Professor at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway; École Centrale Marseille, France; and the University of East Anglia, UK. He was awarded the Marie Curie Fellowship for outstanding researchers. His research involves among others, analytical hydrodynamics, hydroelasticity, dynamics of risers and mooring lines and marine renewable energy systems. He is a member of several professional societies and editorial boards of scientific journals. He is active reviewer in scientific journals and conference papers and he has given keynote speeches in various conferences, workshops and seminars. He has authored the monograph “Analytical Method in Marine Hydrodynamics” published recently by Cambridge University Press. He has published more than 160 papers or chapters in refereed journals, conference proceedings, and edited books.

Chatzieythymiou George

My name is George Chatzieythymiou and I am 23 years old. I am from Thessaloniki of Greece and I am a graduate of the Department of Urban Planning and Regional Development. My practice was in the Kilkis Town Hall. The environment as an object has been of interest to me from an early age. For this reason, my forthcoming Master’s degree aims at environmental protection and sustainable development. Finally, in December, I give introductory examinations on architecture, a school artistically related to urban planning and environmental protection.

In the future, I would like to work in a company focusing on the design of buildings and cities with a view to their sustainability and wider social well-being. In today’s reality the environment is an important issue even in our everyday life. The purpose of the engineer is to tackle problems to lay the groundwork for a better life with a protagonist in man.

For this reason I have chosen to participate in the conference with a view to blue energy. The knowledge we gain from this conference can be the starting point for addressing important issues and analyzing and combating problems.
Chenaker Hichem

Dr. CHENAKER Hichem carried out his studies in Algeria, at the University of Khemcha, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree and Master's Degree in Environmental Chemistry. There, he acquired his strong interest in Sustainable Development, and his will to prosecute his career on environmental fields. Afterwards, he graduated with a Ph.D. in environmental chemistry. His research and documentary production focus on The Effects of Climate Change on Water Resources in North Algeria. He has garnered over 5 years of experience as assistant professor and currently he is a research member of the laboratory of water, environment and renewable energies. He have participated in International Conferences and workshops in the fields related to water and Sustainable Development especially in Water and Energy in all over the world and he have published two articles in two different journals and he received many awards. He is activist in civil society, the founder and president of CEDAR for environmental protection & Sustainable development association, an organization member of Algerian-eco network and member of The International Union for Conservation of Nature IUCN; He is the manager of two projects: Protect the Atlantic cedar tree from extinction: Funding from The International Union for Conservation of Nature and training of youth on solar panel installation and maintenance funding from the European Union.

Cutrona Annibale

Project Manager of Partner CoNISMa

60 years old, Italian, Calabrian, married, 2 daughters. After graduating in Chemical Engineering at the Polytechnic of Turin, I worked for over 8 years in international university cooperation programs, first as a volunteer and then as an expert at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In this activity, carried out in Latin America (Costa Rica and Chile), I was in charge of the management of research and training projects in the field of environmental sciences. After my international experience I was, for 8 years, director of a service company in the field of marine research. Since 2001 I am Director of CoNISMa; I work on relations with the 35 associated universities, on the management of the main projects and I am the head of the staff. From 2003 to 2010 I was Managing Director of the shipping company that managed the CoNISMa ship "Universitatis" for oceanographic research.
De Grunt Lisa Simone  
I am 29 years old, from Amsterdam (the Netherlands) and a maritime planning and policy consultant with s.Pro - sustainable projects GmbH and the SUBMARINER Network for Blue Growth in Berlin Germany. Here, I apply my passion for maritime affairs to 'blue' projects. My work focuses on capacity building, marketing and outreach, maritime spatial planning (MSP), Blue Growth, estuary management and more. I have an international Masters degree in MSP and an academic background in Spatial Planning and Human Geography, as well as Literary Studies. In addition to my full-time position with s.Pro, I am currently pursuing a Masters in Business Administration with the Open University Business School.

De Nittis Tiziana  
Apollonia Tiziana De Nittis, working at the Regional Government of Emilia-Romagna since 2016, with a long experience in the management of projects funded within different Programme, focusing on topics ranging from Innovation of Enterprises, Corporate Social responsibility, Technology transfer, Cooperation with third Countries for Social and Economic development and Integration, Human Rights supporting actions in Palestine, Sri Lanka, to Youth Policies, Sustainable Tourism etc. Previously, Referent person for the Italian Province of Bologna for EU Policies and Programmes. Further experiences gained at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs- EU Integration Unit and at Italian Ministry of Finance, supporting PHARE countries in the implementation of the acquis communitaire. Presently project manager of 3 approved Central Europe Projects on Energy efficiency and of MISTRAL- MED Prog. as LP. Involved in the Under2Mou Coalition, leaded by Governor of California to counteract Climate change worldwide.

Diaz Martinez Hugo  
Hugo Díaz Martínez holds a bachelor and Master degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering from the University of La Coruña and the Technical University of Cartagena respectively. Most recently, he completed an Advanced Formation Diploma in Marine Renewable Energies from Instituto Superior Técnico. His education includes an exchange year in Università Degli Studi di Genova. In 2015 he joined the Centre for Marine Technology and Ocean Engineering (CENTEC) of the University of Lisbon, where he is now research assistant. During the last years, he had participated in different projects: Plenose, Arcwind, and Wecanet. His current Ph.D. research is included in the field of marine renewable energies.
Dijoux Samuel

Hi, my name is Samuel Dijoux. I am 45 and I live in Toulon, near Marseille on the French Mediterranean coast. I was born on a French island in the Indian ocean called La Reunion. I've been working for 22 years at the Ministry of ecology in local agencies, mostly in regulation enforcement and compliance in the fields of urban planning and road civil works. I am rather new to marine environment and authorisation of coastal projects, so here I am back to square "student" looking forward to join the summer school.

Dinoi Alessia

Dr. Alessia Dinoi is a Coastal and Marine Biologist and Ecologist. She was born in the cold city of Milan in Italy, but she had always been fascinated by the nature and in particular by the sea. For this reason, she built up her academic and professional career always related to the marine field. She attended the Bachelor's Degree at the University of Milano-Bicocca and the Master Degree at the University of Salento-Lecce Italy achieving high records. She collaborated with the University of Perpignan in France and with the University of Male in Maldives for different research projects. Nowadays she's finishing her third year of the Ph.D. in Marine Biology and Ecology at the University of Johannesburg in South Africa under the supervisor of Prof. P.Teske. Full of enthusiasm for her passion and her research, she wants to actively contribute in finding new strategies to preserve the marine environment and at the same time to support the development of the blue economy in a sustainable way.

Distefano Danilo

Coming from Italy, I got an MA graduation in “International Trade Relations” at University of Catania, precisely at the Department of Political and Social Sciences in November 2017. I have a strong interest as regards the field of (European) project management, and it can be provided by remembering my Erasmus plus traineeship at the Portuguese University of Aveiro (precisely, at the Research Support Office), as well as my experience at the Joint Secretariat of the Interreg South Baltic Programme within the Interreg Volunteer Youth initiative. In particular, I am interested in those projects aimed at supporting circular economy. At the same time, I would like to increase my knowledge and stress new specific topics connected to interesting subjects like the blue economy.
Djurovic Mirko

Mirko Djurovic has been working at the University of Montenegro - Institute for marine biology for 15 years as researcher in fisheries. After defending his PhD thesis on population biology of juvenile stages of anchovy in Boka Kotorska bay, his research interest has gone up on conservation on marine mammals and sea turtles in Montenegro. He is a member of GFCM and FAO Adriamed scientific working group for demersal and small pelagic fisheries on Adriatic sea. From 2014, he has been elected as Director of the Institute of marine biology. Over the last several years, he has led and participated into several research projects as NETCET, DEFISHGEAR, ADRIATIC+, 4PILLARS, INNOBLUEGROWTH. Since 2017, he has become Director of the project MONTEAQUA, funded by Norwegian Ministry of Foreign affair, where is planned to establish Center for biodiversity protection of Adriatic sea at Institute for marine biology. Inside of this Center will be open the first public aquarium in Montenegro and the first Rescue center for wild flora and fauna in Montenegro.

Dubreuil Céline

Céline Dubreuil has 16 years of experience in the water sector, beginning in oceanographic research then in water international politics. Holding a Ph.D. in marine environmental sciences and a MA in Environmental decisions and policies, she worked eight years for the World Water Council on different issues such as the right to water or the strengthening of local governments’ capacities in the management of water and sanitation services. Thereafter, she coordinated the political process of Local and Regional authorities for two World Water Fora (Istanbul, 2009 and Marseille, 2012), developed and managed a platform dedicated to Local and Regional Authorities (Istanbul Water Consensus). Since May 2012, she joined the Plan Bleu as “Water & Climate change” programme officer. As such, she is responsible for developing, implementing and monitoring a portfolio of projects dealing with the better management of water resources in the Mediterranean, wetlands, climate change and blue growth.
Efstratiou Chrysauola

Chrysa Efstratiou is a scientific partner of the Hellenic Centre for Marine Research and a researcher at the European Institute of Law, Science and Technology (EILST) in Athens. Much of her research concerns renewable energy from the ocean, and particularly the development of wave-energy technologies and their progression. In recent years she also collaborated with private companies and NGO’s, promoting new environmental water and energy technologies.

A core focus throughout Chrysa’s career has been the analysis of the sustainable development content, using applications of spatial analysis tools to study both regional effects and damage patterns associated with the integrated management of water, soil and energy resources. She holds a bachelor’s degree in Water and Soil Engineering (2012), specialized in Renewable Energy Technologies (2017). Chrysa’s published master’s thesis deals with wave energy applications in order to promote energy efficiency and provide alternative solutions to problems of water-supply in the coast-insular area of Greece.

Fazzini Erica

My name is Erica Fazzini, I work as EU Project Manager in a mechanical engineering company based in Northern Italy. Since 2015 our company has started to explore the field of Marine Renewable Energy by developing ECOWEC an innovative multi-purpose Wave Energy Converter. My main task is in writing a project proposal to access to Horizon 2020 SME Instrument funding program: in doing this I support the engineering team by taking care of the general project management and business development.

We already presented the proposal twice: so far we didn’t success, but we gained very good evaluations. We succeeded in our application to Proto Atlantic Fast-Track Product development, that will allow us to test our first prototype at LIR testing facility (Cork, Ireland).

I applied to the Blue Growth Summer School to learn more on the blue economy and to gain new sparks to integrate and improve ECOWEC business model and the project proposal.
Fotiadou Angeliki

Dr. Fotiadou Angeliki is a Engineer Architect. She has received her Ph.D. with the title "Doctor of Science" in the field of Computational and Environmental Architecture (a.k.a. Responsive Architecture) from the Technical University of Vienna (TUWIEN), Department of Digital Architecture and Planning, from where she also received the degree of MSc. in "Building Science and Technology". Her research interests and work involve computational architecture in terms of environmental and higher construction performance with lower energy consumption, smart systems of automation, smart materials, parametric design and software. She has been the instructor/speaker in different workshops, the (co)author of numerous of papers and has participated in various research projects as Research Associate, both of CERTH/ITI as well as Aristotle's University of Thessaloniki, Department of Architectural Technology and Design. In prior positions she has been member of the Local Innovation Committee and Assessment Board as an expert for the knowledge area of "Eco-Smart Housing for Elderly people" in the EU Project of the Periphery of Central Macedonia and the Central European Initiative (CEI), «WIDER - green groWing of SMEs: Innovation and Development in the energy sector in mEd aRea», with pilot partner Thessaloniki’s Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TCCI). Lately she has been working in the Interreg MED project “MAESTRALE” as a Research Associate of Aristotle’s University of Thessaloniki.

Georgiou Georgios

Georgios Georgiou is a Professor at the Department of Mathematics and Statistics and Director of the Oceanography Center, University of Cyprus. He has been a research associate at many universities and institutions, and a visiting Professor at various Universities (Patras, Aegean, Crete, Cyprus University of Technology, and Federal Technological University of Parana, Brasil). His expertise lies in computational rheology, numerical simulations of viscoelastic flows, numerical solution of PDEs, finite element methods, and computational oceanography. Prof. Georgiou has published more than 140 peer-review journal papers and more than 100 papers in conference proceedings. In the past 20 years he has been involved as a coordinator or partner in a number of national and European research projects. He is currently participating as a partner in the BRIDGES, Maestrale, BAAξΩΠ2, and SEA4ALL.
Gibertini Alessandro | Student

My name is Alessandro, 31 years old, I am from Italy and I live in Milan. I have studied Energy Engineer, both M.Sc. and B.Sc. at Politecnico di Milano, because I wanted to focus on renewables and innovation. After graduating I worked 3 years in the field of Energy Efficiency (mainly focusing on combined heat and power plants for the industrial sector) and then I felt the need to follow my passion for the sea, so I started the M.Sc. of Marine Sciences at Università di Milano-Bicocca. Like the field of energy, sectors related to marine environment and economy are becoming more and more crucial and so I am attending this summer school to understand how I can match my engineering background and the new marine knowledge in order to give my little contribution to the conservation and sustainable exploitation of the sea. Among main arguments that will be presented at the Summer School my favorites are “Blue Energy” and “ Fisheries & Aquaculture”. This is my 1st summer school ever, so I am happy to do it with you.

Girasella Elena | External Evaluator

Graduated in Political Science - economic branch, she's strengthened her training by attending many relevant courses such as the Master Degree on Innovation and Technology Transfer organized by the Politecnico of Milano and the 'Global Village for Future Leaders of Business and Industry' organized by the Iacobca Institute of the Lehigh University, Pennsylvania – USA. She started her professional career working for public Italian Institutions operating at local, regional and national levels and aiming at the promotion and the support of territorial development programs. For three years, starting from 2001 she has been involved as a Tutor in The National Committee of the underground economy, located by the Italian Prime Minister’s Office, working along with the Department of Labor and economic development upon provision of the Italian Prime Minister. During her career she has gained skills linked to entrepreneurship and economic development related in particular with innovation and technology transfer opportunities. Starting from 2009 up to today, she's responsible for the technology transfer activities of the University of Messina for which she's also in charge to promote and manage external funds provided by EU projects.
Guzzon Claudia  

Project Manager of Partner CPMR  

Holding a Master’s Degree in International Relations and Development (specialization in EU External Action) from the Autonomous University of Barcelona, Claudia currently works as Project & Policy Officer at the Intermediterranean Commission of the CPMR, where she is responsible for developing, implementing and monitoring a number of EU-funded cooperation projects. Prior to joining the CPMR, she was Programme Officer at the Joint Secretariat of the Interreg Italy-France Maritime Programme and also had the opportunity to approach another Interreg Programme (SUDOER), particularly focusing on capitalisation of territorial cooperation projects’ results. In the past, she also worked as International Project Consultant for a European consulting firm based in Brussels, gaining valuable experience in project drafting & management. Enthusiastic about regional & local development and interested in the Mediterranean area, Claudia has a broad knowledge of the procedures of donor-funded programmes & projects, having dealt with International & EU funding organisations, local & regional entities and policy-makers. Fully proficient in English, French and Spanish, she has been studying and working in international contexts for the last 10 years and really enjoys multicultural and multilingual environments.

Hernandez Gilda  

Professor  

Gilda Hernandez-Maskivker hold a PhD in Tourism and Leisure from the Rovira i Virgili University (URV), Tarragona, Spain. She also has a degree in Tourism and a Master’s Degree in Analysis Techniques and Innovation in Tourism. She was a visiting professor at different universities worldwide such us The Maldives National University or Calabria University, Italy. In 2013 completed a research stay at California State University Long Beach (USA). She was the Director of Official Masters in Hotel Management and Innovation in Hospitality at the School of Tourism and Hospitality Management Sant Ignasi, Ramón Llull University, Barcelona. Hernandez-Maskivker is lecturer in sustainable tourism, marketing and research methods. Her main research lines are on consumer behavior, tourism marketing and sustainable tourism. She has participated in numerous seminars and conferences, and published papers in high impact journals.
Hussein Doaa M. A.  

Student

I am Doaa M. A. Hussein a Palestinian student from Gaza Strip – Palestine, studying a PhD program at Roma Tre University in Quality, Sustainability and Innovation Environment.

I have obtained a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration in 2011, in 2012 I obtained advanced postgraduate Diploma in Sustainable Agriculture from Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari, Italy, in 2018 I obtained two Masters degrees in Sustainable Management from Sapienza University of Roma and advanced second Master’s degree in Sustainable Blue Growth organized by the National Institute of Oceanography and Trieste University in Italy. Before obtaining an external leave in order to obtain my Master’s degree and Doctorate, I was working as a Manager Department of Strategic Management of Water Resources at Palestinian Water Authority.

Ikica Zdravko  

Project Manager of Partner UoM

Dr. Zdravko Ikica was born in 1978 in Split, Croatia. He holds a Master-equivalent (dipl. ing.) degree in Marine Fisheries and Bachelor’s-equivalent (ing.) degree in Nautical Sciences, both obtained at the University of Split (University Centre for Marine Sciences and Nautical Faculty, respectively). He defended his doctoral thesis at the University Centre for Marine Studies of the University of Split in 2013 (PhD in multidisciplinary sciences).

Zdravko Ikica has been a member of the staff of the Institute of Marine Biology of the University of Montenegro since December 2008, first as a Research Assistant – PhD Student (2008-2016), and then as Research Associate (2013–). He works in the Laboratory of Ichthyology and Marine Fisheries, and his activities mostly deal with research and data preparation and processing on population dynamics, reproductive and fishery biology, and biomass estimation of species exploited in small-scale (artisanal) and demersal fisheries in the south Adriatic Sea (Montenegro).

He is author and co-author on over 50 scientific monographs, articles and studies, and a member of working groups on several national and international bodies.
Joksimović Aleksandar  
**Project Manager of Partner UoM**

PhD. Aleksandar Joksimović studied at the faculty of Natural-Mathematical Sciences in University of Kragujevac, where he graduated in 2000. Doctoral dissertation, entitled “Population dynamics of red mullet, Mullus barbatus, Linnaeus 1758 on the Montenegrin shelf” defended in 2005 at the Faculty of Biology, University of Belgrade. Since 1996, has been working at the Institute of Marine Biology, University of Montenegro, where he passed through all the stages of scientific research, from assistant to PhDs. Since 2006 he is head of the Laboratory of Ichthyology and marine fisheries, and from 2007 to 2013, he was Director of the Institute. The area of scientific research, PhD Joksimović are marine biology, fisheries and ichthyology, biology and ecology, population dynamics of economically important species of fish, crustaceans and molluscs, marine fisheries resource assessment, assessment of biological permitted use (MSY - (Maximum Sustaineble Yield). He has author or co-author of 109 scientific papers published in international and national scientific journals, monographs, scientific presentations at conferences and symposia, expert studies and reports. He is a member of the following international and national labor bodies: 1.Vice-chair of Compliance Committee of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM-FAO RIM) 2008- 2. Coordinator of the Working Group on fisheries and mariculture the Forum Chambers of commerce of the Adriatic-Ionian region 3. National Scientific focal point in Montenegro in the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean, based in Rome. 4. Member of the National Council for Sustainable Development and Climate Change Montenegro 5. The head of the working group for the preparation of negotiations with the EU for chapter Fisheries.

Karathanasi Flora  
**Mentor**

Flora Karathanasi, Research Assistant at HCMR. I am a Rural & Surveying Engineer (2009) with MSc in Marine & Ocean Technology & Science (2013) from the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA), Greece. Since 2014, I am a PhD candidate at the Department of Naval Architecture & Marine Engineering (NTUA), working on my thesis entitled “Stochastic modelling of linear and directional wind and wave data with application to coastal environment studies”. I have considerable research experience, working at the Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR) since 2014. Through my employment at HCMR as a research assistant, I have participated in 8 European and National funded research projects mainly related with assessment studies of marine renewable energy resources (including offshore wind, waves & currents) in the Mediterranean Sea and numerical wave modelling. I have co-authored 13 papers in scientific journals and I have 8 contributions in scientific conferences.
Kefala Evanthia  
**Teacher, Primary Education – Special Primary School of Larissa**

**A. Qualifications**
1. 2018, MSc in Mental Health, Dept. of Nursing, TEI of Thessaly, Greece,
2. 2011, Graduate Diploma in Special Education, “Demetrios Glenos” Teaching College, Greece
3. 1993, Diploma in Teaching, Primary, University of Ioannina, Greece

**B. Experience**
- Sept. 2003 – today, Teacher in Primary Schools
- Nov. 1991 – July 1996, Civil Servant in several managerial positions within local government

**C. Relevant Projects**
- 2017-2018 Walking my ancestors' paths
- 2017-2018 Water as a life fountain for nature and living organisms
- 2015-2016 Fruits of Earth
- 2014-2015 Water energy sources – water uses
- 2012-2013 Child in Nature – Environmental paths
- 2007-2008 The Forest

Kratbi Ali  
**Student**

Ali KRATBI is an environmental expert from Algeria with more than 10 years of experience in environmental consultancy expertise focused on environmental assessment, green economy, MSP/GIZC and climate change issues, enrolled in Master's degree in Climate Change & Sustainability. He has contributed to the main expertise missions with Algerian Environmental Ministry by coordinating the National Environmental Report establishment (MEER/Enabel 2019), providing a technical assistance for Algeria in the framework of 'Readiness' project (GCF/2018 - 2020), and also for the SCP Ministry Conference (SCP 12) and its preparatory process (UNEP-AHC/2018). He has ensured a key role in other international expertise missions, as the definition of National Pilot Plan for MSP and ICZM, in the framework of Regional Policy Dialogue Mechanism on Maritime Policy / Climate Change - BAT IMP / BE (UE/Atkins-2019). For the local and regional environmental issues, the technical assistance provided is focusing on waste management technical assistance for local Authorities and the establishment of the various regulatory environmental studies (IEA) for industrial companies in different sectors. Ali has a particular interest in Blue Growth domains and different sectors, aware about the key role for Med South Countries in such scheme, expresses its willingness to support and share high-qualified personal knowledge and expertise to favor and facilitate Algeria development and empowerment in the topics concerned in the view of futures challenges of our Mediterranean Region!
Lanfredi Caterina

Caterina graduated in Marine Biology at the University of Padova in 2007 and obtained the PhD with Honours in Environmental Engineering in 2014. The main issue of her PhD, financed by the U.S. Office of Naval Research, is the Environmental Impact Assessment of anthropogenic underwater sound emission and the development of predictive tools for assessing and managing the risks due to sound emissions on the marine environment. Her main research interest is the management of marine environments and particularly the study of the potential impacts of anthropogenic activities on the marine environment (e.g. anthropogenic sound emission such as military sonar, geophysical explorations, maritime traffic and human pressure such as off shore and inshore constructions, marine litter, coastal tourism activities). She has been involved in several international projects on the topic of mitigation of impact by anthropogenic actives and Maritime Spatial Planning. She worked the Research Assistant Program at the NURC, NATO Undersea Research Centre (La Spezia, Italy) within the framework of the MMRP, Marine Mammals Risk Mitigation Project. During the PhD she collaborated with the SCRIPPS Institution of Oceanography (USA) and the Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research (Germany). She also collaborated as an Independent contractor with the Wood Hole Oceanographic Institution (USA). Currently she is contracted at CONISMA with the framework of the Med Interreg Project AMAre where she is working of the identification of Land-Sea Interactions (i.e. Pollution from Agriculture, Tourism, Coastal Developments) influencing Marine Protected Areas. She is Member of Board of Directors the Tethys Research Institute (Italy). She has been involved in several field projects all around the world (Mediterranean Sea, Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean, Southern Ocean, Antarctic Peninsula).

Le Bihan Anaël

Anaël Le Bihan works as Area Manager, in the Projects & International Cooperation Area of ASCAME - Association of the Mediterranean Chambers of Commerce and Industry. She is in charge of the development, management and implementation of international projects related to business, blue economy, entrepreneurship, environment, social and women equality in the Mediterranean region (€6M). All these projects are financed by different programs (European Neighbourhood Policy, ENI CBC MED, Interreg, H2020, EuropeAid, among others). Currently, she is also working on defining strategies within the Secretariat (setting-up new initiatives), as well as, financial matters. Her professional career has been mainly focused on the European project management applying her knowledge in important public and private institutions. Moreover, she holds a Master’s degree in Administration Management & Economics Organisations, with a speciality in European Programme Management and Territorial Development.
Le Lay Anne-Laure

My name is Anne-Laure, I am 26 years old & I am from France. Currently studying a MSc in Industrial Risk Management at Mines ParisTech, I also work at SANOFI’s legal department as a Legal counsel regarding all the chemical industry compliance, which includes maritime transport of dangerous goods. Last year I graduated from a Master of maritime & transport law of the Aix-Marseille University in France. I am well aware of the challenges facing the maritime community, especially, those regarding the Environmental energy efficiency or the EHS compliance. It is mainly the reason why I aspire to develop my skills with high-quality technical knowledge. By the end of the year, I want to work for the shipping industry.

Malatesta Stefano

Stefano Malatesta is a Geographer, expert in Island Studies and Environmental Policies of Small Islands States. He is Senior Researcher at the Dipartimento di Scienze Umane per la Formazione “Riccardo Massa” (“Riccardo Massa” Department of Human Sciences for Education), University of Milano-Bicocca, ITALY. He is a member of the Scientific Staff of the Marine Research and High Education Center (MaRHE) based in Faaft-Magoodhoo (Rep of the Maldives). He is a member of the current Executive Board of International Small Islands Studies Association (ISISA), and Vice-Coordinator of Post-Graduate Course in Marine Sciences (University of Milano-Bicocca).

He teaches Human Geography of Small Islands Systems and Coastal and Maritime Tourism. He is chair of the Working Group on Small Islands and Archipelagic States (Associazione dei Geografi Italiani). He serves as advisor for UNESCO’s projects on Education for Sustainable Development. His main research interests are: Islands Studies, Human Geography and Human Ecologies of Small Islands, Geopolitics of Indian Ocean, Environmental Policies of the Maldives, Fishing Tourism, Ocean Literacy, Marine Environmental Education.

Mandic Milica

Dr Milica Mandic was born in Kotor, Montenegro. Main fields of her expertise are: biology and ecology of the sea, early development stages of fishes (ichthyoplankton), population dynamics and assessment of spawning stock biomass of pelagic fishes, technology of farming of marine organisms (mariculture), marine litter, sea and coastal protection and conservation. She is author and/or co-author of more than 90 scientific papers, expertise and Studies, reviewer in several international scientific journals and scientific member in number of international and national professional bodies. She is employee of the Institute of marine biology since 2006, with the position as Head of the laboratory of developmental research and mariculture since 2012.
Maniscalco Emmanuel  
Project Manager of Partner CPMR

Emmanuel Maniscalco has been working for the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe (CPMR) for four and a half years, first as Policy Analyst for the Atlantic Arc Commission (IMC), then as Programme & Policy Officer for the Intermediterranean Commission for two years. During his experience within the IMC team, he coordinated the participation of the IMC in 3 EU projects funded under the Interreg MED Programme, including 2 on sustainable maritime and coastal tourism and one on energy efficiency in public buildings and contributed to the follow-up of the Interreg MED PANACeA and InnoBlueGrowth horizontal projects on Biodiversity Protection and Blue Growth, in which the IMC is involved as partner, as well as the Axis 4 PANORAMED project in which the IMC participates as associated partner, and the development of new project proposals. In January 2019, he was appointed Senior EU Programmes Officer at the CPMR General Secretariat. As part of his new position, he keeps coordinating some IMC projects and is also in charge of developing a CPMR-wide strategy for community programmes, monitoring programmes and opportunities and ensuring the financial and legal monitoring of EU programmes, among others.

In addition to this, Mr Maniscalco gives lectures on “Cooperation in the Mediterranean” every year to the students of the Aix-Marseille University’s Masters’ of European Studies. Emmanuel holds a Degree in Hispanic Philology and another one in Foreign Applied Languages (English-Spanish). He completed a Masters of European Studies and EU project management at Aix-Marseille University in 2015.

Méndez Roldán Sara  
Student

I am a Spanish Senior Consultant currently working in Gibraltar for Ramboll, a Danish multidisciplinary company, where I manage and deliver environmental studies. I get involved in the planning stage of new developments, including marine and coastal works, and also provide support to Government Departments. Before I joined Ramboll in Gibraltar, I spent over five years in the UK, working for a marine consultancy.

In my spare time, I learn flamenco dancing and attend French lessons. I also enjoy travelling and a good mystery novel. I look forward to learning more about blue growth potential in the Mediterranean region, sharing my experience and learning from others.
Morrison Lourdes  
Project Manager of Partner CoNISMa

Graduated in Metallurgical Engineering from the Technological Institute of Costa Rica-Cartago.
In my working career, I have mainly dealt with technical aspects related to both scientific and administrative data processing.
At the University of Concepcion-Chile and successively in Italy for service companies in the field of marine environmental research, I worked in the field of the elaboration of geographic information systems and of geo-referenced data elaboration collected within oceanographic campaigns.
At the Ministry of the Environment and Protection of the Land and Sea-Italy, I have carried out technical support activities for the ICZM working group. Currently for over 10 years in CoNISMa I deal with database management and as technical support in National and International project activities.

Nikitacos Nikitas  
Professor

Prof. N. Nikitakos is a graduate of Hellenic Naval Academy (1980) and holds a B.Sc. in Economics (University of Piraeus, 1986) and 2 M.Sc. from Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA, USA (M.Sc. Electrical Engineering and M.Sc. in Appl. Mathematics). He spent 25 years as Naval Officer (Captain H.N. ret.) and participated in several NATO and EU committees. He received a Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering from National Technical University of Athens (1996). He is currently Professor of Shipping Informatics and New Technologies and was, also, Head of the Dept. of Shipping Trade and Transport in the University of the Aegean (2005-2009). He was AMMITEC’s (Association of Maritime Managers Information Technology Electronics and Communication) president from 2006-2010 and President of Aegean Institute of the Law of the Sea and Maritime law in Rhodes (2009-2015). He participated in more than 50 European research project and studies. He holds 3 international patents on renewable energies at sea and he was awarded from Lloyd’s List on Maritime Technological Innovation in 2006. He has published 5 books and many articles in international referred journals and conferences. Since 2009 he is research fellow at the Center for Security Studies - KEMEA of the Hellenic Ministry of Public Order and Citizens Protection. He holds ISPS, PMP and PMI-RPM certifications.
Nunes Elodie  

Elodie Nunes has a research background in Humanities, particularly English and Spanish Philology from the University of Lyon and the University of California at San Diego (UCSD), with a focus on American History, Activism, Ethnic studies and Local communities. She also specialized in International Relations, European Studies and Project Management at the University of Strasbourg. She collaborated on several initiatives at the Council of Europe, including the right to education and the No Hate Speech Movement in Europe and beyond.

Elodie has joined the CPMR Inter-Mediterranean Commission (CPMR-IMC) back in 2014, where she has been evolving from Policy and Project Officer to Policy and Programs Officer, to recently become its Executive Secretary in 2019. She now coordinates the activities of the CPMR-IMC, a network of more than 40 Mediterranean regions from both shores of the Mediterranean basin, dealing with a broad range of themes going from territorial cooperation, to governance and macro-regional/sea-basin strategies, sustainable transports and accessibility, maritime innovation, marine energies, sustainable tourism, fisheries and aquaculture, maritime education, integrated territorial development, social and solidarity economy etc., thus working for an improved cohesion of the Mediterranean basin. She is also the coordinator of the InnoBlueGrowth project for the CPMR-IMC and has been ensuring a follow-up of other projects and initiatives such as PLATFORMA on integrated territorial development, PANACEA on biodiversity protection, Co-Evolve, Co-Evolve4BlueGrowth and MedCoast4BlueGrowth on sustainable tourism, SHERPA on energy renovation in buildings, Vasco Da Gama on maritime education and mobility, among others.

Paifelman Elena  

Elena Paifelman is graduated in Mechanical Engineering 'cum laude' at Sapienza University of Rome where she also attempted her doctoral studies in Theoretical and Applied Mechanics. During the master's degree she developed a thesis in Mechanic of Vibrations and her work was aimed to study by experimental analysis the acoustic energy transfer by frictional contact in collaboration with the Institut National des Sciences Appliquées de Lyon in the frame of the Erasmus scholarship. During the PhD studies she developed, with the group of Vibrations, Control and Mechatronics at Sapienza University, a novel Optimal Control algorithm for systems with memory effects in the field of Marine Robotic, in collaboration with the Institute of Marine Engineering of the National Research Institute of Rome (CNR-INM). Now she has a Postdoctoral research fellow at CNR-INM in Rome, where she is also working on the Blue Growth strategies and initiatives with particular focus on Blue Energy and Maritime Surveillance sectors. During her career she participated in many different European and Italian research projects and she also organized many activities and festivals in the frame of Blue dissemination.
Papa Edoardo

Journalist, 47 year old, CoNISMa's press officer since 2003. He collaborates since 1998 with the Faculty of Engineering of the "Sapienza" University of Rome as a consultant for many important European research projects. Since a very young age he collaborated with cultural sector newspapers, becoming the head of the cultural section of the first national online weekly for Italians in the world "Qui Italia". He was a political reporter for the newspaper "Nuovo Oggi" and was the curator of exhibitions and related catalogs of the "Museo Nazionale dell'Antartide". He loves playing the piano, reading, but above all, the blue of the sea, the white of the sails of his old wooden "Vaurien" and the smoke of his inseparable pipe. He hates confusion, noise, the crowd, the bullies and the rude. He has few certainties & many doubts, he is said to be likeable, ironic, generous and eclectic, but prefers not to know what his closest friends think of him.

Patrizi Nicoletta

Nicoletta is a post-doc researcher at the Department of Physical Sciences, Earth and Environment of the University of Siena. Her research activities focus on the development and application of environmental sustainability indicators such as Life Cycle Assessment, Energy Evaluation, Ecological Footprint, as well as Water and Carbon Footprint. As a part of her PhD program, she spent several months at Global Footprint Network where she worked with Mathis Wackernagel (co-founder of Global Footprint Network and co-creator of the Ecological Footprint) and his research team. She has many international collaborations and acts as reviewer for numerous international peer review scientific journals. As post-doc researcher, she contributed to the development and implementation of national and international research projects on different thematic such as food, energy, second generation biofuels production, vertical greener systems. Nicoletta has also teaching experiences as she regularly contributes to the LCA course held by Prof. Bastianoni at the University of Siena as well as to the University's apprenticeship schemes; she is also responsible for a course on LCA of energy systems in a higher education institute. Currently she is the Local Coordinator of the MAESTRALE project (Interreg-MED programme) and member of the Lead partner team.
Penca Jerneja

Jerneja Penca is a research fellow and the head of academic affairs at the Euro-Mediterranean University (EMUNI), including a set of trainings on blue economy. Her expertise is in international environmental law and governance, with particular focus on the role of private actors. She holds a PhD in international law from the European University Institute (Italy), an LLM in Environmental Law from the University of Nottingham (UK) and a BA in International Relations from the University of Ljubljana (Slovenia). She has over 10 years of research and managerial experience within interdisciplinary research groups and intercultural environments, as well as within the non-governmental sector. She is involved in the COST Action Ocean Governance for Sustainability – Challenges, Options and the Role of Science and is a member of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law, including its Specialist Group on Ocean, Coasts and Coral Reefs.

Pincini Michele

My name is Michele, I come from Italy and I live in Verona where I work as a research support officer, in the clinical research field. My job consists in helping researchers and clinicians who need administrative, juridical and financial support (administrative management of R&D projects, relationship management with sponsors, local and institutional bodies, management of public and private funding).
My previous work experiences were focused on R&D, EU Funds and go to market of products and services. In fact, I am interested to drive innovations “from lab to market”. In other words, I am keen on investments and grants from private and public sectors, business plan and financial models. I am still a “Junior” in this field and I have just a good background, but I am highly committed to my job. I have strong organizational and planning skills, I have a good problem solving ability, and I believe team building is a good strategy for solving any kind of problem.
During my free time, I like to practice snorkelling and hiking. I love travelling and discovering new cultures and wonderful landscapes.
Pistocchi Rossella  Professor

Rossella Pistocchi holds a PhD in Cell Biology and Physiology and is Associate Professor of Botany at the Alma Mater University of Bologna. She leads the laboratory of Algal Biology (ALGOLAB) in the Ravenna campus, performing research on growth and biochemical responses of cultured microalgae to environmental parameters, and is part of the Teaching Staff of the PhD Course in Sciences of Earth, Life and Environment. Presently, she is coordinator of the Master Degree in Marine Biology, which hosts a program on “Blue biotechnologies”, and is coordinator of the Phycological group of the Italian Botany Society. She is Member of the Interdepartmental Centre for Industrial Resear.

Praticò Caterina  Project Coordinator Lead partner CoNISMa

Caterina Praticò specialized in business management in Milan before getting a PhD in urban planning with a research focus on social boundaries in the urban contexts. During her professional experience she has refined skills on management of specific interventions on the following themes: Sustainable development, Blue growth, Blue energy, Urban infrastructures, Local development, Innovative urban services, Rural development, Creative enterprises, Innovative crafts, Economy of knowledge, Sharing and collaborative economy, Security and legality. She has also set up and coordinated inter-institutional and multilevel partnerships for the implementation of complex projects of local development and European cooperation projects. She worked as a manager (or as a consultant) for public institutions like ministries, regions, municipalities, provinces; with territorial stakeholders as chambers of commerce, associations of category etc. and with research institutions such as the national research council, universities & consortia.

Prem Marko  Speaker

Deputy Director at Priority Actions Programme/Regional Activity Centre (PAP/RAC) of UNEP-Mediterranean Action Plan since 2000, based in Split, Croatia. From 2009-2011 Director ad interim.

Main projects: Integrated coastal zone management in Mediterranean countries; assistance to countries to implement the ICZM Protocol by developing policy instruments and providing technical support, implementing Coastal Area Management Programme - CAMP projects in various Mediterranean countries; spatial planning, landscape management, methodological components for ICZM, training activities.

He was/is involved in many EC projects dealing with ICZM.

Degree in Agriculture, B.Sc. (1990), Degree in Landscape Architecture, B.Sc. (1993). University of Ljubljana, Slovenia; MSc in Environmental Policy and Management, University of Hull, UK (1995); PhD in Geography, University of Primorska, Koper, Slovenia (2016). From 1995-2000 employed at...
the National Office for Spatial Planning, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning, Slovenia, as a Senior Adviser for landscape, nature protection and natural resources.

Radosavljević Ivana          Student
My name is Ivana Radosavljević. I am a young aspiring biomedical researcher (graduated from University of Montenegro), double - volunteer (analyst at Water supply and Management Lab and biology tutor at Khan Academy).
During my free time, I am an amateur science writer, photographer, videographer and soon-to-be science blogger. Longlife learner thriving and sharpening skills through exploration, trial, and error always bringing value. So far, my scientific contribution was online research and empowering others. Hopefully, together we will build something bigger soon. Let's meet at ivanabiologist@gmail.com.

Rudic Milica            Student
Milica Rudic was born in Podgorica, Montenegro, on the 8th of February, 1989. She graduated Architecture at the University of Montenegro and worked as an architect and interior designer on various projects. While living in a small Mediterranean country, where the sea has a strong spiritual and economical value, she expanded her interests in terrestrial planning towards the maritime area. She was granted with scholarship for the Master course on Maritime Spatial Planning and graduated in 2015 in Venice, Italy. During master studies, she had a great opportunity to work in multicultural environment and people with various backgrounds. As an intern, she worked on Adriplan project in the Institute of Marine Sciences in Venice and later within the IUAV University of Venice. She has an interest in maritime and coastal planning and maritime governance.

Smith Andrew           Mentor
Andrew is the Former Head of the £103m Renewable Energy Investment Fund run for the Scottish Investment Bank - investing debt and equity in a range of marine, low carbon and community owned renewable energy projects - and former Head of Investment for DP Energy - a renewable energy and sustainable development specialist operating in sites across the world - and is now running his own consultancy – Deja Blue Consulting – helping shape projects & businesses and raising finance for them and their projects and an Associate of Greenbackers Investment Capital specialising in raising -finance for low-carbon, cleantech and climate change businesses.
He is also part of the expert group advising on the new EU Innovation Fund and a regular speaker and the DG Mare Blue Invest events.
Sole Mariella  
*Student*

Mariella Sole received her Laurea (M.S.) degree and her Dottorato di Ricerca (Ph.D.) degree in telecommunications engineering from the University of Cagliari, Italy, in 2010 and 2014 respectively. Since 2014, she has been a research assistant in the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, University of Cagliari; she is also the CEO of Hedya, a spinoff of the Telecommunications Lab. Her research interests are in the area of wireless networks, sensor networks, IoT and smart cities. Dr. Sole is member of IEEE.

Soukissian Takvor  
*Professor*

Dr. Takvor Soukissian holds a PhD in Ocean Hydrodynamics from the Dept. of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering at the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA). He was Associate Professor at the Dept. of Marine Sciences, University of the Aegean and he is currently Research Director at the Institute of Oceanography of the Hellenic Centre for Marine Research. He teaches “Marine Renewable Energy sources” in the post graduate studies program "Marine Science and Technology" of the Dept. of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering. His current research interests include marine renewable energy sources (mainly offshore wind and wave), stochastic modelling and forecasting of sea states and extremes of environmental parameters. He is reviewer in 30 scientific journals and author of more than 110 peer reviewed publications in journals and international conferences.

Türkmen Ant  
*Student*

I have a PhD degree in zoology and my thesis was about taxonomy and ecology of marine benthic invertebrates. However, I pursued my career in the projects about ecology of marine/coastal/protected areas, biodiversity monitoring, planning and monitoring of marine protected areas and fisheries, habitat mapping, coastal sensitivity mapping, etc.
Veldeki Georgia

I am Georgia Veldeki. I hold a BA in International and European Studies from Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, focusing mainly in law of the sea, environmental law and international relations. I have obtained a MA in Ocean Governance from University of Malta in collaboration with International Ocean Institute. I have participated in various summer schools and academies, such as Summer Academy on the continental shelf, Rhodes Academy on Oceans Law and Policy and Summer School on European Union and the Law of the Sea. Currently, I am working in Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR) in an Interreg Med Project PELAGOS (Promoting innovative networks and clusters for marine renewable energy synergies in Mediterranean coasts and islands).

My main interests are blue energy, law of the sea and governance, protection of the marine environment, underwater noise.

Vicinanza Diego

Ph.D. in Coastal Engineering (1997). Actually Associate Professor at Università degli Studi della Campania Luigi Vanvitelli (Italy), official teacher for the courses of Coastal Engineering, Maritime Hydraulics and Maritime Structures. Official teacher for the course of Coastal Risks and Dynamics for the degrees in Marine Science, Milano-Bicocca University, Milano, Italy. Associate Professor, Aalborg University, Department of Civil Engineering, Aalborg, Denmark (2012-2013). Partner/Coordinator of several national and EU projects in the last 20 years. Visiting Scientist/Professor at the following research centers/universities: HR Wallingford, Edinburgh University, FZK University of Hannover, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Aalborg University, Centre for Ships and Ocean Structures of the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Scientific Association to the Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn, Naples, Italy (2016-2019). Scientific Association to the CNR-INM, Institute of Marine Engineering - National Council for Research, Italy (2019).

Member of CoNISMa (Italian National Inter-University Consortium for Marine Sciences) and part of the Directive Committee and of the Administrative Council (2016-2019). Author/Co-author of 180 papers (SCOPUS h-index 25). See a complete list of the national and international research projects and papers at ORCID Researcher ID http://orcid.org/0000-0002-2033-1902.

Member of the Editorial Board of Renewable Energy, Sustainability, Journal of Marine Science and Engineering. Associate Editor of the International Marine Energy Journal.

Member of the Technical Program Committee of ISOPE (International Society of Offshore and Polar Engineering).

Member of the Technical Committee of EWTEC (European Wave and Tidal Energy Conference).
Vuković Stevan

My name is Vuković Stevan. I studied political science in Vienna and Diplomacy and civil security in Belgrade. Worked in Montenegrin embassy and permanent mission of Montenegro to the UN and OSCE in Vienna. Passionate freediver and in love with the sea.

Zafeiriou Varsami

My name is Zafeiriou Varsami (but everybody calls me Ersi). I am 26 years old, I’m from Volos, a city in Central Greece and I live in Thessaloniki. I recently graduated from University of Thessaly, in Volos Greece, of Department of Urban Planning and Regional Development. I entered the University of Thessaly in 2010 in the faculty of Electrical and Computer Engineering for two years and afterwards, at 2012 I changed sector as I was by far more interested in urbanism, planning and environmental subjects. In the academic year 2019-2020 I intend to take introductory exams at Civil Engineering department, on December, while I am attending a Master degree in environmental protection and sustainable development at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. During my studies I participated in workshops regarding environment, spatial planning, tourism, economics and demographics. There was also a course that demanded the study of Interreg Programs, in which I’ve worked on the Interreg of Croatia 2014-2020 and the cross border coordination program between Greece and North Macedonia. The subjects of these programs are really interesting and I believe that the summer school will be a good opportunity for us participants to enrich our knowledge on such subjects like blue energy and other innovations. Another interesting subject we’ve worked on at the University of Thessaly was resilient and sustainable cities, which is highly attached to environmental and energy issues.

In the future, I see myself working in environmental projects through urban planning. As planners we aim to create and develop cities that are environmentally friendly and "smart", so that citizens can be part of the world changing view for a better life. Thus, my purpose of attending conventions regarding different subjects towards this scope.

This Summer School is a great opportunity for me to attend a course abroad and in a different language. Foreign languages are a field that intrigues me and I enjoy much communicating with people from other countries and share interests and thoughts, especially on the field. The fact that the School takes place in Montenegro was a bit of a “push” for my attendance, as travelling is in my opinion an experience that helps young engineers and science better understand the world and acknowledge the differences between spaces and means.