



Welcome back!

The Institute for Coastal and Marine Research (CMR) wishes all of its members a happy and prosperous 2019! The Office has been very busy since retuning from holiday. We have exciting news to share, as well as a few friendly requests. Please enjoy this first newsletter for 2019!

Directorship

2018 saw the end of the first three-year period of increased activity for the CMR since it was placed under the portfolio of Prof. Andrew Leitch, the DVC: Research and Engagement. As such, the initial Directorship put in place in 2016 needed revision. Prof. Leitch advertised the CMR Director position to CMR members at the end of 2018, and we are pleased to announce that **Dr Berny Snow** has been appointed as the CMR director for 2019-2021. We look forward to many successes during this term! The CMR bid farewell to Prof. Pierre Pistorius as Acting Deputy Director. He is enjoying a sabbatical in New Zealand for all of 2019. We also congratulate Prof. Janine Adams on her appointment as Deputy Director. Since she is the interim Chair Holder for the SARChI Shallow Water Ecosystems group, the CMR will be appointing another Deputy Director in due course to share duties.



Upcoming Events

The CMR and Nelson Mandela University, in collaboration with the UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Perth Programme Office (IOC PPO), will be co-hosting the **International Indian Ocean-2 (IIO-2) conference**. This is an annual gathering of around 100 senior scientists and managers representing research projects throughout the entire Indian Ocean. The conference will take place from 11-15 March at the North Campus Conference Centre, with smaller demonstrations being hosted at the Ocean Sciences Campus. Any queries can be directed to Prof. Mike Roberts or Dr Bernadette Snow (Mike.Roberts@mandela.ac.za / Bernadette.Snow@mandela.ac.za).

The CMR will host a **SASUF workshop** in May. Dates will be communicated soon! The CMR's annual **Research Symposium** will again take place in November. This year, we celebrate Diversity. This will be an exciting event with numerous plenary speakers, and should not be missed! Details will be shared in due course.

Project Successes



In November the CMR received the exciting news that its **One Ocean Hub** proposal submitted to the Research Council United Kingdom Global Challenges Research Fund, was successful. The CMR and Nelson Mandela University form part of a £20 million (R358 million) programme aimed at addressing threats to the world's oceans. Areas of research include plastic pollution, rising sea levels, ocean acidification, overfishing and local communities. This interdisciplinary project will span five years.

The **WIOMSA Cities and Coasts** proposal was also received favourably. Links between the environment, society, and the economy in urban cities are crucial, and this project aims to better understand the interdependencies of these sectors in the region of the Western Indian Ocean. Understanding this will inform planning and policy procedures in environments where local communities rely heavily on the ocean for their livelihoods.

Research Diving Unit

This is a notice to inform all that the RDU is temporarily closed. Mr Anton Cloete left the employment of the University at the end of 2018, and we wish him all the best with his future endeavours. The CMR is working closely with experts to develop a sustainable model for the RDU, particularly in light of the role it plays at the Ocean Sciences Campus. Any diving enquiries can be directed to the CMR Director.



Annual Research Report

The CMR Office is in the process of compiling its Annual Research Report, to be submitted to the Department of Research Management and Senate. The CMR membership has grown tremendously over the past few years, and we currently have over 200 researchers, academics, students, colleagues from other national and international research institutions and members of the public that form part of the CMR. We are incredibly proud of the innovative work done by our members, and we need to report on these activities. All staff, students, Research and Professional Associates, Research Fellows and postgraduate students (Masters, Doctoral, Post-Doctoral) within the CMR and registered at the Nelson Mandela University, are urged to please submit their 2018 research outputs and activities for capturing. Mrs Liza Rishworth will be circulating the draft report to members for input shortly.



Housekeeping

CMR members are kindly requested to include the CMR in all affiliations and addresses. This is particularly important with regards to academic publications. Please use the full 'Institute for Coastal and Marine Research' title. Another reminder that all CMR members must please adhere to the Nelson Mandela University's new branding, look and feel. Please do not abbreviate the University's name to 'NMU'. CMR and University logos, as well as various PowerPoint and letterhead templates, are available for download from the CMR website.

Please refer to this page for branding and other membership information:

<https://cmr.mandela.ac.za/Members-Page>

Thank You

The CMR looks forward to another year packed with enriching activities. Thank you to our members for all your efforts! If you have any news or exciting events to share, please send details to Liza by e-mail (Liza.Rishworth@mandela.ac.za) and she will include this in the next newsletter.

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