



Communiqué - Save the date - Sea Tech Week® 2020: A unique format for the 12th edition

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The 12th edition of Sea Tech Week® will indeed take place from 12 to 16 October 2020, in what will be a unique format. Within the current health context, this international event, which every two years gathers together over a thousand participants – companies, research centres and laboratories, as well as students... - has reinvented itself in a virtual format embodying the theme “Marine observation: from seabed to space”. A local event involving protagonists from the Campus mondial de la mer community is due to be hosted in Brest in the run-up to the event.

In order to bring together all the expertise of the Campus mondial de la mer community and build up international collaborations, Sea Tech Week® 2020 is sticking to its usual winning formula, albeit with virtual tools : the conference, comprising over 30 scientific and technological sessions, will take place via videoconferencing technology with thirty or so of the trade show's exhibitors getting together online and 200 BtoB meetings scheduled to take place on the dedicated platforms.

Country of honour: Australia

Following on from Brazil, Canada and Norway, it will be Australia's turn to take up the role of guest of honour this year. The conference will notably shine a spotlight on protagonists from Flinders University, in collaboration with the ENSTA Bretagne, a multidisciplinary graduate and postgraduate engineering school and research institute. Members of the CSIRO (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation) will also be in attendance digitally.

Marine observation: from seabed to space

This 2020 edition will be devoted to “Marine observation: from seabed to space”. A vast topic, it will shine a spotlight on numerous local, national and international protagonists, through challenges related to data, observation structures, space technology, marine renewable energies and underwater robotics.

The leading Brest-based and Breton structures will naturally be present too. These range from laboratories and research centres (Ifremer, Université de Bretagne Occidentale and France Energies Marines among others) to companies like CLS (Collecte Localisation Satellites) and Sabella and its tidal turbine. The companies working in the field of Big Data and AIS data (automatic identification system) will also be able to play their card.

The powerful marine sector boasts 40,000 jobs

Michel Gourtay, President of the Brest Technopôle : *“The Campus mondial de la mer community is immense: we boast 40,000 jobs and over 2,700 establishments, who work in Finistère's marine sector. Among them are major groups, like Thales and Naval group, as well as microbusinesses and SMEs. We created Sea Tech Week for this community, so that everyone involved can make a contribution to the development of the blue economy, particularly within the context of European and international partnerships”.*

Registrations and informations: www.seatechweek.eu