



# MTS/IEEE Oceans Conference 2017

## Case Study



## Overview

The MTS/IEEE Oceans 17' Conference is brought to Aberdeen through a partnership between the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) Oceanic Engineering Society (OES) and Marine Technology Society (MTS). The Oceans 17' Conference took place over four days from 19-22 June 2017 at the Aberdeen Exhibition Centre (AECC) and brought together nearly 800 professionals from the global marine community involved in all aspects of the marine engineering and science industry.

The prestigious OCEANS series of conferences is recognised as the premier forum for the international marine community to meet and discuss topical issues affecting their work, and was last held in Aberdeen in 2007, which was the first time the meeting had been held in the UK.

The programme consisted of plenary sessions, parallel technical sessions, exhibition and poster sessions as well as a social programme involving a welcome reception at AECC, ceilidh and banquet at the Beach Ballroom, with a VIP dinner in Kincardine O'Neil Castle hosted by OES/MTS.

When OCEANS visits countries outside North America it is important that the conference technical programme reflects the local and geographical interests' specific to that location. With that in mind the overall theme for OCEANS'17 Aberdeen was chosen to be "A vision for our marine future" which capitalises on the innovative and ground-breaking work still being carried out in Aberdeen and Scotland.

The event was co-chaired by Professor John Watson of the University of Aberdeen, who was instrumental in securing the conference, and David Liddle of the Society for Underwater Technology.

Key Information	
Dates	19 - 20 June 2017
Conference Venue	Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre (AECC)
Conference Dinner	Beach Ballroom
Delegates	781 delegates from 38 countries
Local Economic Impact	£5,000,000.00

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*It was great to have the CPD Service team on board from the word go in support of this prestigious International Conference. We had a very long lead time to the conference, over 3 years. Because the CPD team were in there from the start, they developed an in-depth understanding of the conference's history and profile and were able to input their expertise throughout the whole process. The team's support was invaluable to me as Chair and took a lot of the general preparation into their hands which accordingly removed a lot of stress out of running the event. I would have no hesitation in asking them to help in any future events. In fact I don't think I would do another one without them.*

**Prof John Watson, Conference Chair**



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## OCEANS CONFERENCE

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HEADLINE TECHNICAL TOPICS

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COMPANY EXHIBITIONS

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ABSTRACTS  
SUBMITTED

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POSTERS SELECTED FOR  
CONFERENCE FUNDING

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781

DELEGATES

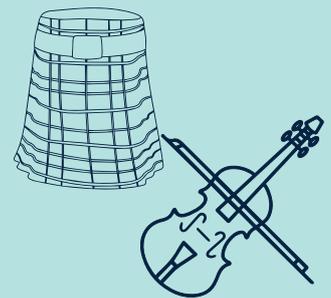
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COUNTRIES

SCOTTISH  
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BANQUET

THE BEACH BALLROOM



VIP DINNER

KINCARDINE O'NEIL CASTLE