



Agenda for 10th Marine Renewables Emerging Technologies Industry Forum, 2019

FREE ENTRY to all interested in the industry

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*In collaboration with **ProtoAtlantic** and **MaREI - Eirwind***

Venue: The Alex Hotel¹, Cumberland Street, off Merrion Square, Dublin 2
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Date: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1st, 2019

Time: 09.00 sharp; ends at 3.30 (includes light lunch)

RSVP: chairman@mria.ie if you have not already done so



¹ Previously: *The Alexander Hotel*

09.00: Opening of Forum

Chair: PETER COYLE, Chairman, MRIA

EAMONN CONFREY, Principal, Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment

VAL CUMMINS¹ on behalf of ProtoAtlantic and MaREI - *EirWind*, joint sponsors of the Forum

Session 1: ‘What are the key developments concerning the industry?’

Chair: SIMON DE PIETRO, Chief Executive, DP Energy and Co-President, Ocean Energy Europe

Ireland: JIM GANNON, Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland

Scotland: JAN REID, Scottish Enterprise

Europe: REMI GRUET, Chief Executive, Ocean Energy Europe

UK generally: SUE BARR, UK Marine Energy Council

Panel Discussion led by Simon de Pietro

10.20–10.50 Coffee

Session 2: ‘Technology and project progress’

Chair: SAM MCCLOSKEY, Director, *Centre for Advanced Sustainable Energy*, Queens University Belfast

- *Aquanet:* ALI BAGHEI, CEO
- *SBM Offshore:* AMBROISE WATTEZ Business Development Manager Renewables & Offshore Energy Systems
- *Caelum’s view of opportunities in wave and tidal energy:* MAX CARCAS, CEO
- *Simply Blue Energy:* SAM ROCH PERKS, CEO
- *Bluwind:* TOM KIRRANE, CEO
- *Wave Energy Scotland:* TIM HURST, CEO
- *Ocean Energy:* TONY LEWIS, CTO

5 Minute Snapshots:

- *Exceedence, our experience of crowdfunding:* RAY ALCORN, CEO
- *Saitec Offshore Technologies deployment plans:* DAVID CARRASCOSA, CTO

¹ Dr Cummins is Senior Lecturer, Marine Governance and Innovation at University College Cork and Principal Investigator on both the ProtoAtlantic and the EirWind projects

- *Our expectations for marine renewables* JULIE ASCOOP, Arup
- *Coastwatch's thoughts about offshore renewables* KARIN DUBSKY, Coastwatch Ireland
- *Dublin Offshore Consultants and the marine renewables emerging technologies:* DARREN HAYES
- *Preparing for the skill needs of marine renewables:* CORMAC GEBRUERS: Director, National Maritime College of Ireland
- *Waveforce Energy's Mk 2 WEC:* JOHN MILLER
- *Progress of Marine Spatial Planning:* PHILLIP NUGENT, Principal Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government
- *MRIA's view of Marine Spatial Planning:* ANNE MARIE O'HAGAN, MaREI and Hon. Deputy Secretary of MRIA
- *Projects and progress at the SmartBay Marine and Renewable Energy Test Site, Galway*
: JOHN BRESLIN, CEO
- *Marine Energy Alliance:* IRIS HOEFNAGELS
- *How nature and marine renewables can live together:* SIMON BERROW, Irish Whale and Dolphin Group
- *Lir and MaREI update:* JIMMY MURPHY, Principal Investigator MaREI and Head of Lir National Ocean Test Facility and GILLIAN BRUTON, Centre Manager, MaREI
- *GKinetic moves forward:* VINCENT MCCORMACK, CEO

Closing remarks for morning sessions: DECLAN MEALLY, Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland

13.30 -14.00: Light lunch

Session 3: 'MaREI – a centre of excellence for marine and renewable energy'

Chair: JIMMY MURPHY Principal Investigator, MaREI and Head of the Lir National Ocean Testing Facility

- GORDON DALTON, UCC - *MaREI participation and contribution to the MEA project*
- STEPHEN NASH, NUIG - *Tidal energy research in MaREI*
- GREGORIO IGLESIAS, Professor of Marine Renewable Energy at UCC - *Vision for MRE research in Ireland*
- LI GUO WANG (Maynooth University) and MATTHIEU ANCELLIN (UCD) - *Optimisation of a hinge-barge wave energy convertor in the BenchWEC project*
- ZOE O'HANLON, UCC - *A comparative insight of Irish and Scottish regulatory frameworks for offshore wind - An evidence -based approach*
- *General discussion on research collaboration in MRE in Ireland* led by JIMMY MURPHY

Forum ends at 3.30

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