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IO PAN -, The Institute of Oceanology of the Polish Academy of Sciences the largest marine-oriented research institute in Poland was founded in 1983, as the successor to the Marine Station of the Academy, in existence in Sopot since 1953

staff - **189** employees, **13** professors, **18** associate professors, **44** PhD degree, **36** PhD Students (December, 2012)



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The Institute's mission

To conduct research focusing on processes occurring in the marine environment in order to expand existing knowledge of the processes and phenomena taking place there.

The results of our work support the sustainable use of marine resources and the conservation of the marine environment



Research is conducted in 15 laboratories in 6 departments

The Institute Departments:

Physical Oceanography Marine Physics Marine Pollution Laboratory Marine Ecology Marine Chemistry and Biochemistry Genetics and Marine Biotechnology



Scheme of organisation of the Institute of Oceanology PAN, Sopot 2010



Research strategic directions

Statutory research is carried out according to yearly (tasks) and multi-year (themes) plans. At present there are 64 tasks, grouped in 17 themes. These, in turn, are grouped around four 'strategic directions'. :



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I. The role of the ocean in shaping climate and the effects of climate change on European Seas

II. Natural and anthropogenic variability in the Baltic Sea environment

III. Contemporary changes in shelf sea ecosystems

IV. Genetic and physiological mechanisms governing the functioning of marine organisms; fundamentals of marine biotechnology

Main research areas



The Institute of Oceanology conducts scientific research in the Baltic and European Arctic Seas in cooperation with many Polish and international Institutions



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Funding of research:

The Institute receives funding from :

• the Ministry of Science and Higher Education (within the framework of statutory research);

• the National Science Centre (NCN) and the National Centre for Research and Development (NCBiR)

• the European Union (from European Structural Funds and framework programmes 7PR UE, BONUS Plus);

• the Norwegian financial mechanism;

• bilateral contracts with institutions in the United States of America, Norway and Canada

SatBałtyk project: **Satelite Monitoring** of the Baltic Sea Environment



Satelitarna Kontrola Środowiska Morza Bałtyckiego nr projektu POIG.01.01.02-22-011/09-00





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Coordinator: **IO PAN** Budget: 38 mln PLN Implementation time: 31.12.2009 - 31.12.2014

Project goals:

The aim of the SatBałtyk project is to prepare the technical infrastructure and set in monition practical operational procedures for the efficient, routine monitoring of the stage of the Baltic Environment, i.e. the production of maps of its structural and functional characteristics, including the inflow and characteristics of radiant energy (PAR, UV), temperature distributions, the dynamic stage of the sea surface, the concentrations of chlorophyll and other phytoplankton pigments, blooms of toxic algae, the occurrence of upwelling events, the appearance of pollutants such as oil slicks, and the characteristics of the primary production of organic matter. The development and possible practical application of remote sensing for assessing the ice cover in the Baltic is anticipated.

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sensed distribution of total primary production of the Baltic ecosystem on 10 May 2002 calculated from the **DESAMBEM** algorithms

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Infrastructure

The Institute's infrastructure consists of a modern complex of high quality buildings (built 1992-2008) with a total floor area of **5100 m²** (well equipped laboratories(clean rooms, culturing rooms, isotope room); conference rooms, mechanical workshop)



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large, audiovisual-ready conference room (capacity – ca 120 people)

2 seminar rooms (capacity – 30 people each)



RESEARCH VESSEL s/y Oceania

The Institute is the owner and operator of the research vessel s/y *Oceania*, built in 1985, fully renovated in 2010. The Oceania accomodates 14 scientific crew members.



Name: s/y Oceania Owner: Polish Academy of Sciences, Institute of **Oceanology, Sopot, Poland** Harbour: Gdańsk - Nowy Port Dimensions: **48.9 m / 9.0 m / 3.9 m** Main engine: Diesel, 600 kW MTU Masts: 3, each 32 m high Sails: 280 m², electric setting Cruising speed: 9 kts Max. speed: 12 kts Crew: 13, Scientists 14 Endurance: 1 month Range: unlimited (except polar area in winter)

RESEARCH VESSEL s/y Oceania



Research areas: Baltic Sea and European Arctic Seas







Annually ~14 cruises of "Oceania", 240 -270 sailing days, 70 in Artic, 170 in the Batic Sea

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In 2010 the Institute celebrated the 25th anniversary of the raising of the Oceania's flag.

During 25 years of operation she has completed more than 330 cruises (including 24 AREX expeditions), spent about 4500 days at sea, sailed 300 000 nautical milesand welcomed more than 4200 scientists (including 400 from abroad) on board

Educational activities

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IO PAN is authorised to confer PhD and Dr hab (habilitation) degrees in the Earth Sciences (Oceanology).

The institute conducts a PhD Study Course designed to educate highly qualified young scientists in the field of oceanology. The fouryear course provides experimental and theoretical training in all the fields of marine sciences practised at the Institute.

Most often a group of 10 PhD students enters a study course each year





Publishing activities

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Oceanologia, an English-language, peer-reviewed quarterly journal, has been published since 1971. Oceanologia is open to contributions from all over the world. The journal is listed in the ISI Science Citation Index Expanded. Its five year Impact Factor – 1.10 (2012)

'Dissertation and monographs', published since 1990, in Polish or English, one or two issue(s) per year.



Dissemination activities

Annual Baltic Science Festivals / Sopot Science Day

Cooperation with secondary schools



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IO PAN was selected the winner of the "2008 Best Science Promoter" and "2012 Best Science Promoter" contests, organized by the Polish Press Agency and the Ministry of Science and Higher Education













Oceanographic database

At present the database includes physical oceanograph numerical modelling, marine ecology parameters data gathered at the Institute over many years

IT infrastructure was significantly improved during the realisation of The project ZSPDO (Development and implementation of the Integrated Oceanographic Data Processing System) (2009-2012) granted by Ministry of Science and Higher Education from the EU fund - European Regional Development Fund (20 mln PLN)







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Thank you for your attention



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