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WORK EXPERIENCE

Responsible of data management

IFREMER [Apr 2021 – Current]

City: Brest

Country: France

- Coordination in data management at European level through projects and initiatives

Head of Services & Uptake department

Mercator Océan International [2013 – 2020]

City: Toulouse

Country: France

Missions of the department under my responsibility: guarantee the achievement of the Copernicus marine service and of the Mercator Océan service. Decide their evolution and ensure their implementation. Team of 15 people.

- European service: more than 30 000 users since its beginning (2009). Service on the shelf providing observation (in situ, satellite) and numerical modelling products of the global ocean and the European basins.
- Mercator Service: 170 different users per year. Bespoke service of numerical products of the global ocean.
- Contribution to the writing, selection and monitoring of tenders for the Copernicus development (data production, numerical service, user feedback, web upgrade ...).

Latest projects completed:

- Design and construction of a portfolio of products and information to support the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD 2008/56/EC). In collaboration with EMODnet.
- Update and evolution of the Copernicus marine service to better fit the needs of specific user communities.

Head of Services department

Mercator Océan [2008 – 2012]

Team of 10 people. Department created in 2008.

- 2009: definition of the European Copernicus marine service. Coordination, monitoring, assessment and improvement of the service.
- 2008: implementation and organisation of the team and of the different elements of the Mercator service.

Head of the modelling team of the North Eastern Atlantic region

Mercator Océan [2004 – 2008]

Team of 4 people

- Creation of the team. Hiring of staff and set up of tenders for modelling developments.
- Coordination of the development and validation of the high resolution physical model of the Irish, French, Spanish and Portuguese region.

Invited scientist at the Nansen Center

Nansen Center [2002 – 2003]

City: Bergen

Country: Norway

- Implementation of a hydrodynamic numerical model of the Norwegian coastal region.

European and international responsibilities

2014-2020: Reporting on the Copernicus marine service to the European Commission (5 meetings per year).

2011-2020: Member, and co-chair in 2016-2018, of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) working group on “operational oceanographic products for fishery and environment”.

Non-governmental organisation involvement

2015-2020: President of a cultural association, non-profit organisation, proposing activities for children and adults (100 members, 20 activities proposed, 15 animators under contracts).

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

PhD in fluid mechanics (speciality oceanography). Study of the stability of a coastal current. Physical modelling.

LEGI University [1994]

Address: Grenoble (France)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **French**

Other language(s): **English: fluent (understanding, speaking, writing).**

DIGITAL SKILLS

Microsoft Office