



# **Marine Biology of the NE Atlantic Porcupine Annual Conference**

**National Museum of Scotland  
March 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> 2018**

## **Saturday 17 March 2018**

08:45 Registration & coffee  
09:45 Welcome and housekeeping

### **Session 1**

09:55 **Scottish Seagrasses - Beyond the Forth Dimension**  
Alastair Lyndon, Heriot-Watt University  
10:20 **Seasonal and Inter-annual fluctuation of microplastic in intertidal sediments from the Firth of Forth**  
Mark Hartl, Heriot-Watt University  
10:45 Refreshments break

### **Session 2**

11:15 **Marine Conservation Society in Scotland: current projects and opportunities to get involved**  
Tara Proud, Marine Conservation Society  
11:45 **Community-led Marine Conservation**  
Manuela de los Rios, Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST)  
12:05 **Missing native oyster (*Ostrea edulis L.*) beds**  
Bill Sanderson, Heriot-Watt University / St Abbs Marine Station  
12:30 Delegates photo  
12:40 Lunch

### **Session 3**

13:40 **Ecology of decommissioning**  
David Paterson, Scottish Oceans Institute, University of St Andrews  
14:05 **Offshore Energy Strategic Environmental Assessment - Benthic Studies and Monitoring**  
John Hartley, Hartley Anderson Ltd.  
14:30 **20 years of recording North Sea benthos**  
Paul Kingston, Kingston-Ambrose Ltd.  
14:55 Refreshments break

### **Session 4**

15:25 **The effects of Offshore Renewable Energy Devices (OREDs) on the commercially important brown crab**  
Kevin Scott, St Abbs Marine Station  
15:45 **The Scottish Coastal Observatory**  
Pablo León, Marine Scotland Science  
16:10 **Biological Recording at Millport Field Station - Past, Present and Future**  
Phillip Cowie, Field Studies Council  
16:35 **Shetland beneath the waves**  
Richard Shucksmith, CKOS Solutions Ltd.  
17:00 Close of day 1

**Conference dinner [Vittoria on the Bridge]**

**Sunday 18 March 2018**

09:15 Registration & coffee

**Session 5**

09:45 ***The serpulid reefs of Loch Creran***

Dan Harries, Heriot-Watt University

10:10 ***An expedition to the sea caves of St Kilda and North Rona***

Lisa Kamphausen, Scottish Natural Heritage

10:35 Refreshments break

**Session 6**

11:05 ***Scottish saline lagoons and climate change – not as simple as it looks***

Stewart Angus, Scottish Natural Heritage and Heriot-Watt University

11:30 ***Historical changes in Edinburgh's rocky intertidal macroalgae***

Aroa Sampedro-Fernandez, TCV/RBGE/SAMS

11:45 ***Porcupines in the Field – Northumberland and other recent surveys***

Frances Dipper, PMNHS

12:10 ***PMNHS AGM***

12:40 Lunch

**Session 7**

13:40 ***Observations session***

14:25 ***New insights into the lives of British shovel head worms (Annelida: Magelonidae)***

Kate Mortimer-Jones, National Museum Cardiff

14:45 ***Field work information/logistics for Monday***

14:55 Refreshments break

**Session 8**

15:25 ***NBN Atlas and Marine Data***

Paula Lightfoot & Christine Johnston, NBN Strategy Working Group & NBN Secretariat

15:55 ***Seasearch data Opens up marine conservation to everyone***

Charlotte Bolton, Seasearch

16:20 ***30 Years of Seasearch: Where stands marine conservation in Scotland in 2018?***

Natalie Hirst, Seasearch Coordinator Scotland

16:40 ***Summing up***

16:50 Close of day 2