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FEC moved but the support continues

Future Earth Coasts (FEC) has been key to the establishment of Lagoons for Life and it still continues to support the initiative through various means, including access to networks and maintaining the L4L website domain. Following four successful years hosted by the MaREI Centre for Marine and Renewable Energy, Environmental Research Institute, University College Cork, Ireland, the FEC International Project Office (IPO) became a multi-organisational IPO with its Executive Directorate hosted in the Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research (ZMT), **Germany**. Four “satellite IPOs” were also created as follows:

- State Key Laboratory of Estuarine and Coastal Research (SKLEC) jointly with the Key Laboratory of Coastal Environmental Processes and Ecological Remediation (KLCEPER), Yantai Institute of Coastal Zone Research, **China**,
- Southern Cross University, **Australia**,
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), **USA**,
- University of Maryland Centre for Environmental Science Integration and Application Network (UMCES IAN), **USA**.

Lagoons for Life extend a big thank you to the ex-FEC IPO Director, Dr Martin Le Tissier, and ex-FEC Communications Officer, Ms Hester Whyte, for their valuable contributions to the L4L initiative, and welcome the new FEC IPO staff to their new roles. We look forward to a fruitful collaboration.

Join Lagoons for Life

Membership of the Lagoons for Life forum is open to anyone with an interest in contributing to the sustainability of the world’s coastal lagoon systems. To join please [contact us](#).



Funding news | The H2020 CERTO project

Led by Plymouth Marine Laboratory, UK, the H2020 “Copernicus Evolution: Research for harmonised Transitional water Observation” (CERTO) project, will undertake the research and development necessary to produce harmonised remote sensing water quality data from three Copernicus services (Copernicus Marine, Copernicus Climate Change and Copernicus Land) that are suitable for transitional waters, including coastal lagoons. CERTO will kick-off in January 2020 and will run for three years. Lagoons for Life is a project partner with responsibility to link the coastal lagoons community to the data providers and also develop a lagoon-tailored global index to assess social-ecological system vulnerability.

Next Lagoons for Life Meeting

Last month Lagoons for Life celebrated its second birthday. The time has come to review our progress in the last two years and develop the roadmap for the next two. As a result, **you are cordially invited to the second Lagoons for Life meeting on Friday 24th January 2020**. The meeting will be collocated with EuroLag9 (<https://www.eurolag9.it/>), 20-24th January 2020, Venice, which is organised jointly by ISMAR CNR (Institute of Marine Sciences National Research Council), CORILA (Consortium for coordination of research activities concerning the Venice Lagoon system) and University of Venice Ca' Foscari. For more information about the next L4L meeting click [here](#).



We will be at...

- * [EuroLag9](#) 20-24 Jan 2020
- * [Lagoons for Life Meeting](#) 24 Jan 2020

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