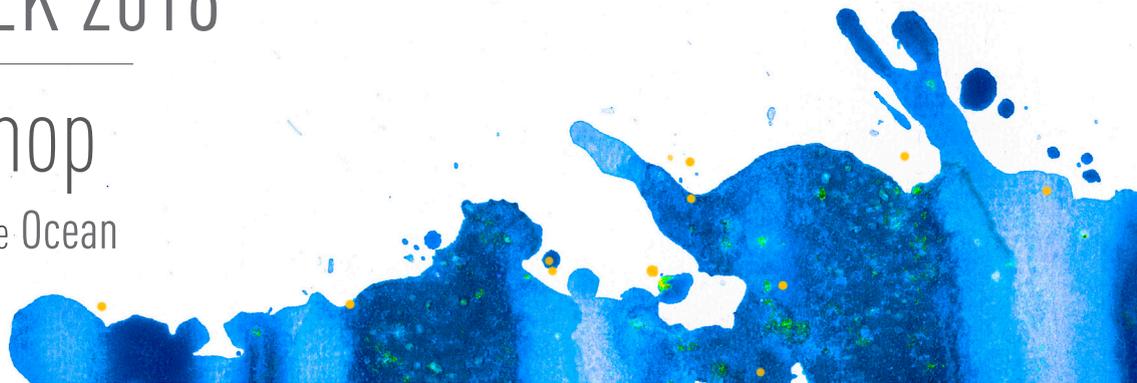


OCEAN WEEK 2018

Workshop Plastics and the Ocean



INTRODUCTION

There will be a workshop on Plastics in Ocean on Wednesday May 9th. The workshop will be dedicated to remediation of the present situation regarding plastics in the ocean. We will prepare for a fruitful discussion between business leaders, acknowledged researchers, and enthusiastic students.

The discussions will be inspired by the descriptions from the Ocean Week parallel session Clean Ocean on Tuesday 8th, and by the Norwegian Government's Political Platform:

"The government will strengthen Norway's international leadership in the work against marine litter, and lead the way with proactive national measures. The government will reduce littering, clean up the pollution, and start using alternatives to fossil plastics. This can provide opportunities for innovation, new companies and green growth."

We will also invite international leaders to inspire and bring new perspectives into the discussion.

The workshop will be a mix of short, plenary, inspirational addresses, group discussions, and opportunities to mix and discuss across the group borders.

THEMES AND EXPECTED RESULTS

Among the various themes, we have selected the following:

- How to change consumer behaviour – how to reduce the inflow of new plastic waste?
- How to collect plastic waste and litter from the sea or from the coastal areas?
- How to utilize the collected plastics?
Burn, identify and recirculate valuable fractions, etc.

There will be three groups per selected theme, each group consisting of 5 persons.

We have knowledge of a substantial set of sources for funding on both research and development, and remediation actions. The aim of the workshop is to support the transition from describing the unwanted situation into actions with shorter and longer time scale. We anticipate that the outcome will be:

- Project ideas, improved project ideas, drafts and outlines of project proposals.
- Recommendation on focal areas for further studies and research, political initiatives, etc.
- Communication as in recommendations and decisions.

DOCUMENTATION

All projects and ideas are stored digitally during the working session, through various means. This will be available for participants during the workshop. All documentation will be available for participants, Innovation Norway, and NTNU after the workshop. Project ideas that the groups themselves don't want to refine, will be openly available for others to work on.

The projects and the workshop will also be documented in the film format, both the workshop itself through interviews with the participants and other interested parties. In addition, a 30 seconds presentation of each idea will be recorded and presented at the end of the workshop.

PARTICIPATION

Business representatives, researchers and students with a motivation to participate in the workshop should signal their interest below.

By indicating their background and primary interest area we can assemble the groups into good working groups. An indication of their individual aims of participating in the workshop will further ease this process.

REWARDS

All participants will receive a knowledge package with description of different financing sources for further development of the project or funding of the proposed action.

All participants will also have priority in meetings with relevant persons at NTNU.

A jury will evaluate the different ideas, naming a winning group. They will receive extended advisory service from Innovation Norway, nationally and internationally, and NTNU resources. All free of charge.