

**Joint IOC-WMO Marine Seminar
3 May 2017
Press Room
10- 12.30**

Staff Visiting from the IOC

Head, Ocean Observations and Services, and Director of the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) Project Office (since 2012):

Dr Albert Fischer is a physical oceanographer and climate modeler by training, and has been working in the GOOS Program Office since 2004. His engagement with the ocean observations community was broadened through his work organizing the OceanObs'09 conference (www.oceanobs09.net). He subsequently supported the team that developed a Framework for Ocean Observing, guiding the ocean observing community as a whole towards an integrated and sustained observing system covering a larger set of variables and serving a larger number of societal issues. He is also the lead contact in IOC for JCOMM and GCOS.

Head, Ocean Science (since 2017):

Dr Salvatore Arico holds a PhD in biological oceanography and further specialization in marine policy. He has served in the UN for 23 years (IOC, Convention on Biological Diversity Secretariat, Intergovernmental Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, UNESCO, the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)). Salvatore's experience also includes global change research programmes (DIVERSITAS, Future Earth) and the IPCC. He was the Executive Secretary of the former UN Secretary-General's Scientific Advisory Board.

Head, Tsunami (since 2011):

Dr Thorkild Aarup is an oceanographer, currently leading the tsunami warning activities at UNESCO. He has been with the IOC since 1999, during which time he has also been Technical Secretary for the Global Sea Level Observing System (GLOSS) programme and the coastal design panels (Coastal GOOS and the Coastal Ocean Observations Panel) under the GOOS. Prior to UNESCO he held positions at the Niels Bohr Institute for Astronomy, Physics, and Geophysics (Denmark), University of Massachusetts (USA), Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences (USA) and the Danish Institute for Fisheries and Marine Research (DIFMAR).