

PORTWIMS

Your quarterly bite of Project News – December 2018



Welcome to the first project e-newsletter, your quarterly slice of bite-size project news. The newsletter provides quick and accessible updates with links to our project website where more information can be found. If you would like to submit a news story please email portwims@pml.ac.uk

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Message from the Project Coordinator

The project got off to a flying start with a collaborative kick-off meeting in Lisbon in October 2018 and since then we have been making great progress. In the same month, Steve Groom and I attended a Twinning Coordinators day where we met our project officer and picked up some useful tips on running a project like ours.

Thanks to everyone for the hard work so far and seasons greetings, Vanda



PORTWIMS KO meeting

PORTWIMS Book Launch

In December, Project Coordinator Vanda Brotas launched a children's book "The girl who could see the sea with different colours", which aims to raise awareness among 8-11 year old's of the role of phytoplankton in the marine ecosystem and the way Earth Observation is used to monitor our oceans.

The PORTWIMS team is planning to translate it into English in 2019. The book is sponsored by Ciência Viva, the major Portuguese Governmental Agency in Science Communication and Outreach (read more).



Vanda at book launch



Vanda with Andreia Tracana and Afonso Ferreira

First Exchanges Successful

Andreia Tracana and Afonso Ferreira had the 'experience of a lifetime' (Andreia) as the first participants to benefit from a PORTWIMS exchange. They set sail on-board RRS Discovery on the Atlantic Meridional Transect (AMT) research cruise in September.

"The opportunity to participate in AMT 28 was unique, and I hope to be fortunate enough to repeat the experience in the future" (Afonso) (Read more).

Future Exchanges

Mara Gomes is excited to be one of the students who will benefit from an exchange in 2019.

"I am thrilled to know that I will be crossing the Atlantic Ocean on board the Polarstern cruise in July 2019. The best of all is that this learning experience will have the goal of doing great science. The opportunity to participate and work with a multidisciplinary team will definitely be very enriching."

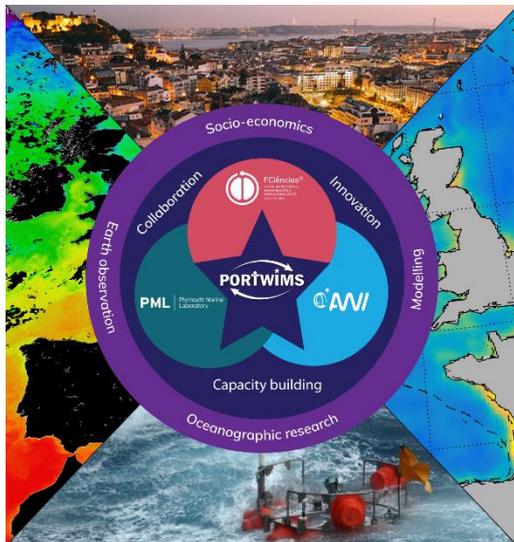


Mara Gomes

2019 Summer Schools

Planning is well under way for two PORTWIMS summer schools. The first will take place in June 2019 in Lisbon and will cover the basic principles of remote sensing, data access, and introduce open source software and transferable skills in programming and data analysis (read more).

The second will be held from 28 June to 8 July 2019 at the German High Sea Island Heligoland and will focus on techniques in long-term in-situ and remote sensing observations of phytoplankton diversity and abundance detection as well as industrial applications (read more).



New PORTWIMS Leaflet

A new brochure has been created for the project to help raise awareness of its aims and objectives to external groups and colleagues. The brochure can be downloaded from the [PORTWIMS website](http://portwims.org) or copies can be requested from the Plymouth Marine Laboratory communication team by emailing portwims@pml.ac.uk. The brochure includes a new graphic to demonstrate the focus of the project.



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