

Surface Ocean CO₂ Variability and Vulnerabilities Workshop

IOCCP, SOLAS, IMBER and GCP are very pleased to announce a workshop entitled 'Surface Ocean CO₂ Variability and Vulnerabilities', which will be held April 11-14, 2007 at UNESCO headquarters, Paris France. This meeting will bring together more than 50 experts on ocean carbon measurements, physical and ecosystem modelling, atmospheric data, data managers and policy makers. An international meeting with over 20 nations represented, it will aim to present the current state of knowledge of ocean carbon fluxes, how the fluxes have varied in the recent past, and to analyse and discuss the potential effects of climatic variability on the future fluxes.

Outputs from the workshop will include the creation of working groups to address important scientific issues such as identifying the key regions susceptible to change in fluxes, to develop strategies to improve the observing system and to identify opportunities for data synthesis. Also, a meeting report and volume of meeting proceedings or a special issue of a refereed journal will be produced.

Contributions are welcome for short oral presentations in the ocean vulnerabilities section, and for poster presentations for the other sections of the meeting. Original abstracts should be submitted to r.dargaville@unesco.org (max. 250 words in English) no later than February 24. Only a limited number of presentations and posters can be accepted due to space and time limitations so please

More information, including the provisional agenda is available at the workshop website: http://www.ioc.unesco.org/ioccp/pCO2_2007.htm