

Celebrate a new era in oceans research and development

Advance invitation:

Dalhousie Oceans Week: Halifax Marine Research Institute launch and Oceans Gala Dinner (June 2, 2011)

Oceans research and development in Nova Scotia takes a major leap forward with the launch of the Halifax Marine Research Institute (HMRI) on June 2. The day's events will also include the inaugural HMRI Research Symposium attended by industry, government and international scientific partners. Following the symposium, the launch of the HMRI will be celebrated, along with many other oceans-related initiatives, at an Oceans Gala Dinner -- the signature activity for Dalhousie Oceans Week.

Dalhousie Oceans Week will recognize the importance of science, research and innovation to the oceans sector in Nova Scotia, Canada and internationally. Mark your calendars now for this event -- the first of its kind in Nova Scotia -- being held June 2-8, 2011. Activities will include:

- HMRI launch and HMRI Research Symposium: June 2
 - Pooling the expertise of top oceans experts, the HMRI will deliver advanced research that will inform public policy, build synergies with industry partners, and draw world attention to Nova Scotia's renowned marine research sector. HMRI's partners include leading marine scientists and scholars from Dalhousie and other Maritime universities, the Government of Canada and the oceans industry sector.
- Dalhousie Oceans Week Gala Dinner, Cunard Centre: June 2
 - Celebrate Dalhousie's contributions to oceans research, including the Canada Excellence Research Chair in Ocean Science and Technology; the university's position as global headquarters for the Ocean Tracking Network; the 25th anniversary of our Marine Affairs Program and 40th anniversary of the Oceanography Department; partnerships with government, industry and other academic institutions; and the university's leadership position in Halifax's world-class marine research cluster. Municipal, provincial and federal government officials; local and international scientists; and industry representatives will attend this event, which will feature a keynote address by an internationally-recognized oceans expert.
- The Ocean Tracking Network (OTN) Canada science workshop: June 1 -3
 - Attracting scientists from across Canada and headquartered at Dalhousie, OTN is a global marine environmental research project that tracks the movements of marine animals and changes in the ocean environment. It will generate about \$20 million in procurement from Nova Scotia's ocean industry sector over the next four years.
- Canada-Germany Workshop on co-operation in marine science: June 3 – 4

- Celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Canada-Germany Science and Technology Agreement, 17 researchers from Germany will join Canadian scientists to discuss strategic priorities and collaboration.
- Elizabeth Mann Borgese Ocean Lecture Series: June 8
 - A special public lecture being held on the United Nations' World Oceans Day. Hosted by Dalhousie's Marine Affairs Program and the International Ocean Institute.
- Public lectures: June 1, 3 and 6
 - Leading Dalhousie marine scientists will deliver insights into some of our greatest marine challenges and opportunities.
- School visits: June 6 - 8
 - Hundreds of school children from across Nova Scotia will visit the Dalhousie campus, discovering the adventure and excitement of our oceans.

Never before has Nova Scotia celebrated its oceans expertise so boldly. Join us as we gather the marine experts, researchers and thinkers who will help ensure a strong, prosperous future for all marine-related sectors, provincially and nationally.

We are proud to invite you to the launch of the Halifax Marine Research Institute and the Dalhousie Oceans Week Gala. Mark your calendars now and watch for more information.