



2013 IOCS meeting
Some preliminary conclusions

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IOCS meeting rationale

- Ocean colour communities are differently organized across the World
 - In the US: NASA Ocean Color Research Team Meetings (<http://oceancolor.gsfc.nasa.gov/MEETINGS/>)
 - In France: A research consortium called “GIS COOC” (<http://gis-cooc.org>)
 - In Canada: emergence of a Canadian Ocean Colour Network
 - In South America: Antares <http://home.antares.ws>
 - Others ?
- Several space Agencies have launched or plan to launch ocean color sensors
NASA, NOAA, ESA/EUMETSAT, CNES, JAXA, KORDI/KARI, CNSA, INPE/CONAE
- A number of issues are faced, in terms of calibration (instr. & vicarious), building of long-term time series, data merging, distribution etc....
- These issues exist for all missions, yet each mission responds differently to them
- There is, therefore, a need for more communication / exchange / collaboration etc... among ocean color missions and communities

Hence the IOCS meeting

IOCS meeting goals

The IOCS meeting should allow

- Agencies to deliver information about their current and future missions to the scientific community (~230 participants)
 - Setting up the “big picture” of today's ocean color science (keynotes)
 - Providing a forum for discussions on various topics (very active discussions during the breakout sessions)
 - Enrolling more people into community work than is feasible through the IOCCG meetings and WGs alone
- Helping IOCCG in its oversight role
 - Building / reinforcing our community at global scale
 - Producing synthesis documents of interest for the community in question (meeting report)
 - Reinforcing our voice when it comes to high-level discussions with agencies

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2015 IOCS Meeting
Will be somewhere in the US

So, see you there !

