2013 IOCS meeting
Some preliminary conclusions

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IOCS meeting rationale

Ocean colour communities are differently organized across the World

- In France: A research consortium called “GIS COOC” ([http://gis-cooc.org](http://gis-cooc.org))
- In Canada: emergence of a Canadian Ocean Colour Network
- In South America: Antares [http://home.antares.ws](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
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!