



Seventh MASTS Annual Graduate Retreat

Macdonald Aviemore Highland Resort
Aviemore, Inverness-shire, PH22 1PH
Wed 14th- Fri 16th March 2018

Sustainable Management of Marine Resources: What Does It Mean and Who Cares?

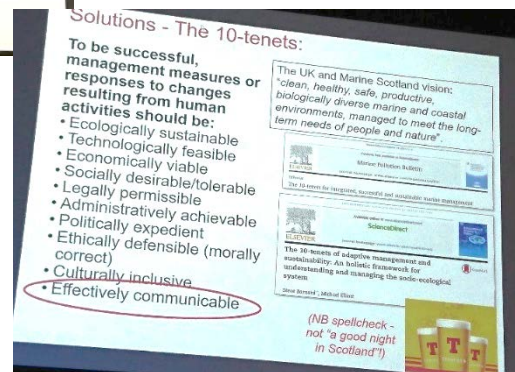
Sustainable marine management and development has been an enduring theme for the last few decades and healthy, productive, diverse seas that can support human needs are very much part of MASTS' vision.

As Britain looks towards life equipped to manage our own resources. Many of you will be careers during this time of a role in securing a safe and environment? Are you ready to of our marine environment, management practice and even convey your ideas and convince others of what is needed?



outside the EU, we must be well seas, oceans and marine graduating and embarking on new uncertainty. Are you prepared for healthy future for the UK's marine support sustainable development making necessary changes to the way we live? How will you

At this year's Retreat we will explore how Scotland is responding to the future challenges for management of the marine environment and how researchers and stakeholders can share information in a constructive and open manner, conveying convincing research messages supporting what can be done to make positive change.

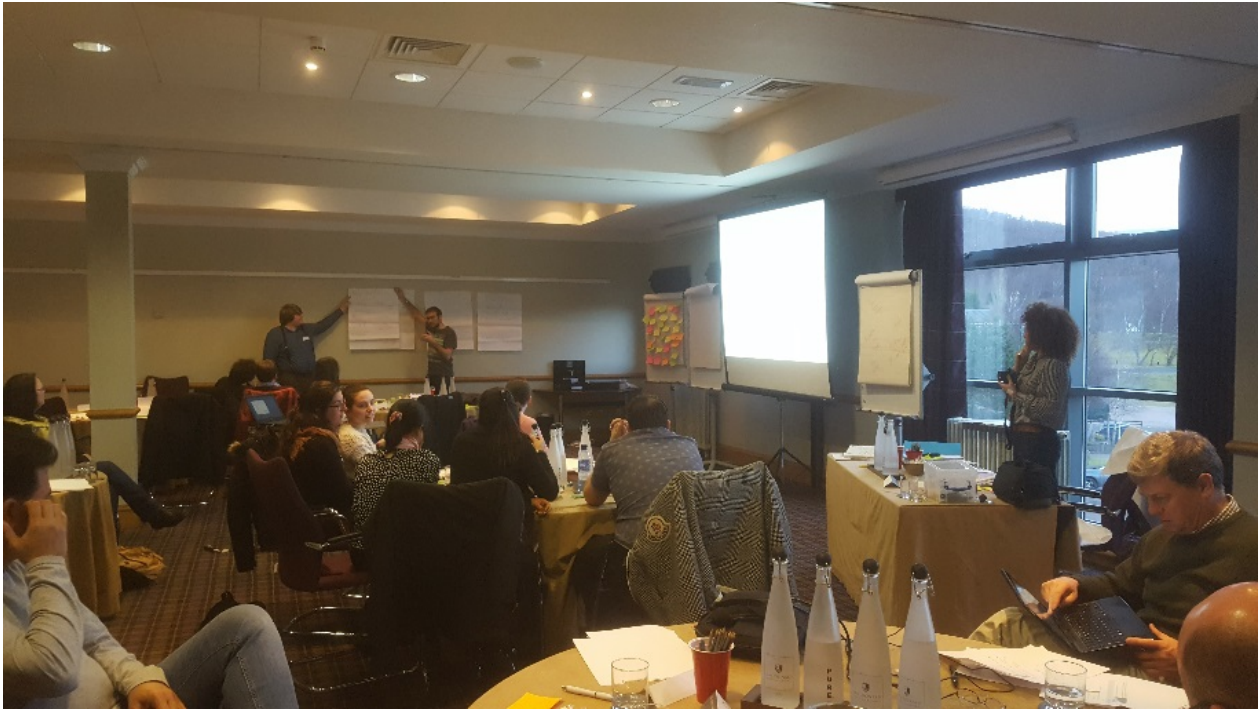


From presentations by Dr David Donnan, SNH and Prof. Colin Moffat, Marine Scotland at the 2017 MASTS ASM, Glasgow.

Join us in Aviemore for an entertaining programme of activities and perspectives, including conversation, debate, networking, skills development, building friendships and salsa!

What Postgraduates thought about previous Retreats

"The MASTS retreat gave us an exciting overview of several career pathways that will be available to us once we complete our PhDs. It was inspirational to hear the experiences of young professionals excelling in their fields, spanning from academia to policy and consultancy".






"The retreat has been a great opportunity to establish fruitful personal and professional links within the MASTS postgraduate community, which will hopefully set the scene for future collaborations and knowledge exchange".

"I found the MASTS postgraduate retreat to be extremely rewarding because it promoted not only sharing ideas within the MASTS community, but it also opened up our horizons towards policy makers, governmental departments, charities and funding bodies. I believe such gatherings are highly valuable for our personal development and for future networking opportunities."

"The Retreat was grand, extremely interesting, well organized, [with] plenty of wonderful people. MASTS community has a real power and we can feel it, especially during this kind of event."



The Programme

Wednesday 14 th March	
11:30	Arrival
12:30	Lunch
13.30	Welcome from the Dean of MASTS Graduate School Dr Lois Calder
13:35	 Boaty McBoatface: the new Icebreaker Details confidential until the day!
14.15	IMarEST, Atkins and the world of marine engineering Dr Richard Wakefield, Principal Marine Scientist, Atkins and IMarEST Fellow, talks about the world of marine engineering.
15:15	Tea/Coffee Break
15:45	Selling and Negotiating – what’s the difference? Stephen-Mark Williams, Executive Director, Energy Technology Partnership, asks ‘How do I get a better deal? What is salami? It’s all about money, isn’t it?’ Find out the answers to these and other such questions in this interactive introduction to commercial negotiating. 
17:15	Close of formal activities
18:00	Stories from the Bar Stephen-Mark Williams, Executive Director, Energy Technology Partnership reflects on the twists and turns of his career.
19:00	Dinner
21:00	 Strictly Come Salsa in the bar with Marco “El Gaupo” Salsero With rum punch to release your inner salsa!

Thursday 15th March

08:00 **Breakfast**

09:00



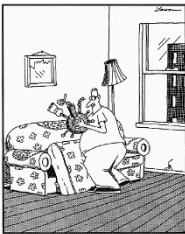
SKILLFLUENCE
Professional Development in Science

**Talking Research:
Communicating ideas with
impact**

In this interactive workshop, Lynne O'Neill, from Skillfluence, discusses communicating research, connecting with different audiences and shares strategies for delivering a compelling message. Using case studies, activities and exercises, Lynne will also explore how communication underpins leadership, influence and impact.

10:45 **Tea/Coffee Break**

11:15



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15:00

Tea/Coffee Break

15:30

Talking Research: A practical session on presenting your research

Dr Kelvin Boot will help you create a short clip for the MASTS website about your research, building on outputs from the previous session.



17:15

Close of formal activities

18:00



Stories from the Bar

Julia Horton – Freelance Environmental Journalist reflects on an international career writing about travel, the environment, international aid and human rights.

19:00	<p>Dinner with Conversation: Truth versus Advocacy</p> <p>What do you feel your responsibility is as a researcher? To provide facts and new knowledge, independent, unbiased results which others can use? To use research to provide practical advice, recommendations and solutions? How do we avoid letting our natural bias affect our research? With much public funding underpinning today's research, are we morally obliged to stand up and give an opinion, even if we know it is flawed? Voice your opinion during dinner conversation with friends and colleagues!</p>
<p>Friday 16th March</p>	
08:00	<p>Breakfast</p>
0900	<p>Video Reflections</p> <p>Kelvin Boot reviews the previous day's work on creating short research videos and highlights some key take-home messages.</p> 
1030	<p>Recent graduate perspectives</p> <p>Dr James Thorburn, Research Fellow at the University of St Andrews and recent MASTS graduate speaks honestly about the transition from studentship into the workplace.</p>
1100	<p>Tea/Coffee Break</p>
1130	<p>Academically speaking...</p> <p>Professor Ben Wilson, SAMS and UHI, gives his top tips on getting published, communicating with academic and other audiences and how to achieve greatest impact from research.</p>
1230	<p>Lunch</p>
1330	<p>Contaminants in the Marine Environment</p> <p>Dr Mark Hartl, Heriot Watt University, discusses his ecotoxicology work and gives thoughts on future directions for research, risks and challenges for the marine environment.</p> 
1430	<p>Tea/Coffee Break</p>
1445	<p>Challenges and Management for Scottish Seas and Coasts</p> <p>Sarah Brown, C2W Consulting, reflects on her work with the Clyde Marine Plan, in biosecurity planning and with the Crown Estate Scotland Pilot Asset Management Transfer Scheme and discusses the role of language and terminology in influencing the management of coastal and marine areas.</p> 

1545	Closing remarks Dr Lois Calder DGS & Prof Dave Paterson, Director of MASTS
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1600	Depart
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Saturday 17th March



Outdoor Activity organised by PGRs

Adequate winter weather clothing is essential!