

ASSEMBLE WORKSHOP

Advancing the use of scientific diving as a valid and cost-effective pan-European research tool

8-11 October 2012

To be hosted at the Scottish Association for Marine Science, Oban, Scotland
(www.sams.ac.uk)

All enquiries can be sent to diver@sams.ac.uk



Aims of workshop

- a. To assimilate the current scientific value of research supported by diving across the ASSEMBLE network
- b. To examine the current scientific diving capability within ASSEMBLE
- c. To examine how the current ASSEMBLE partnership can be best positioned to become better integrated with existing and planned EU and worldwide initiatives
- d. Examine and recommend appropriate safety and insurance provision for all divers, local and visiting scientist divers. This should also take account of any locally specific regulations at each ASSEMBLE site.

Workshop timetable (8-11 October 2012)

- 08/10/12: Workshop delegates to arrive for welcome reception in the evening.
- 09/10/12: Welcome; round-table session of presentations by the ASSEMBLE partners; discussion on how the partnership can work better together.
- 10/10/12: A practical diving session; initial outline of potential synergies; examine the potential for wider integration outside of ASSEMBLE; discuss the potential for new support initiatives.
- 11/10/12: Training and regulation of occupational scientific diving; agreement on the outcomes and the potential for future collaborations/workshops;
Participants leave after lunch

A full timetable will be circulated closer to the workshop dates.

Costs

All ASSEMBLE partners will have the travel, accommodation and subsistence costs for two participants covered up to a level determined by ASSEMBLE. Actual travel costs will be reimbursed through your own institute (ASSEMBLE, WP2 funding). Each institute will be reimbursed accordingly upon reporting these (eligible) costs to the EC at the next report. ASSEMBLE have budgeted €650 for travel per person. Any

questions regarding re-imburement can be made to: Niklas Andersson
(niklas.andersson.2@gu.se)

Additional participants, or non-ASSEMBLE members, can attend but at their own cost.

Accommodation

Accommodation for all participants has been reserved at the Ranald Hotel in Oban (www.theranaldhotel.com). The organisers at SAMS will arrange for your accommodation here; there will be no need to contact the hotel yourself.

All meals – breakfast, lunch and dinner – will be covered through the ASSEMBLE workshop, from evening meal on 8th October to lunch on 11th October.

If participants want to arrive a day or so earlier or depart a day or so after the workshop, they will have to pay themselves for the extra accommodation and meals. However, we can arrange low rate bookings at the hotel.

Travel

Oban is best served by Glasgow Airport (www.glasgowairport.com). There are daily flights to Glasgow from Amsterdam, Copenhagen, London and Paris (KLM, BMI, EasyJet, British Airways).

Oban is located about 145km north of Glasgow Airport.

ASSEMBLE will provide a dedicated bus transfer between Glasgow Airport and Oban, leaving Glasgow airport at 1630 on Monday 8th and leaving Oban at 1330 on Thursday 11th. It is hoped that the bus will cater for the following flights:

MON 08/10/12: KLM from Amsterdam (KL1477) – arrival 1605
 BA from London Heathrow (BA1484) – arrival 1535
 BMI from Copenhagen (BD1682) – arrival 1610
 EasyJet from Paris (EZY 6884) – arrival 1255

THU 11/10/12: KLM to Amsterdam (KL1478) – departs 1700
 BA to London Heathrow (BA1495) – departs 1830
 BMI to Copenhagen (BD1683) – departs 0700 (12/10/12)
 EasyJet to Paris (EZY 6883) – departs 0840 (12/10/12)

There are hotels very close to Glasgow airport if participants have to overnight for early departures on 12th October (e.g. €65 at www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/glasgow/glwre/hoteldetail)

A smaller bus may be available for other times – please let us know your travel arrangements as soon as possible.

If you can't arrange to fit the bus times, there are a number of travel options including train, bus or hire car. Please note that for bus or train, you may first have to travel into Glasgow; train and bus availability is limited (www.scotrail.co.uk; www.citylink.co.uk). There are numerous hire car companies located at Glasgow Airport.

Practical Diving Session

If enough participants show interest, then there is an opportunity for a practical diving session. This will consist of a single dive on the morning of Wednesday 10th October. Please indicate that you are interested in doing this on the registration form.

Water conditions vary a lot in Oban. Water temperature is usually around 13°C; water visibility can vary depending on the weather, but is rarely less than 4m.

The SAMS dive unit can supply tanks, weights/weight-belts, regulators, BCDs etc. You will be responsible for bringing your own drysuit/wetsuit, mask and fins.