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Letizia Artioli



(Architect, Graduated at ENSASE Ecole Nationale Superieure d'architecture de Saint Etienne) works at the intersection of architecture and data interactive installations in public spaces, in between Venice and Den Haag, always below sea level.

She is currently PhD candidate at IUAV University in Venice. Her projects focus on dichotomies between data spatialisation and climate change emergency, Hoping to transform contemporary emptiness in anthropocenic public spaces and create raising awareness-tools for the incoming climate changed future through beauty.

Previous works include: ARS ELECTRONICA 22; Milan Design Week D.O.S. 2022, #MakesUsVisible NYC 2022, Laguna Festival 22, Ars Electronica Garden NYC 2021, MMMAD Madrid, LABA Valencia Augmented Worlds, DIVAGO Genova, CHEAP! Fest Bologna, Art for the Future Biennale, LaCapsula@BASE Milano. She is founder of Venice Climate Change Pavilion project (EU4Ocean Award 2022) and Youth4Ocean Forum Member.

Colin Campbell



He is an Associate Professor in the Second Language Education at the University of Reading in southern England. He has taught English and trained teachers of English and also worked with international lecturers of different academic subjects who hope to teach their subjects through English. He has worked in Spain, England, Italy, Ireland, Poland and Estonia and have run workshops and delivered at Conferences in a number of others countries as well, including Brazil, Sudan, China and Azerbaijan. He has written and co-written books for students and teachers of English.

Rebecca Daniel



She is a marine biologist, science communicator, and director of non-profit organisation The Marine Diaries. Obsessed with the ocean from a young age, she learnt to dive at just 10 years old. She's turned her passion into a career, and now works tirelessly to bring the ocean to the public, spreading awareness about why we need to protect our blue planet.

Having a broad background in ocean science, she has worked with sea turtle protection in Greece and researched the effect of microplastics on marine life. Passionate about educating people about the ocean, Rebecca has spoken at numerous events and more recently started sharing her knowledge through Clubhouse.

María del Carmen García-Martínez



She is researcher at Instituto Español de Oceanografía (IEO), is the head of the Climate Change Laboratory at Oceanographic Center of Malaga, and the responsible of RADMED project, devoted to the routine observation and sampling of the Western Mediterranean. Since October 2021 she is the new Director of the Oceanographic Center of Málaga. She has written or participated in numerous research papers, congresses contributions, books and has participated in 25 research cruises. She has always developed a sense of responsibility in making science knowledge available to the general public and since March 2021 is the chair of the European Marine Board Communications Panel.

Carlos Garcia-Soto



He is the Coordinator of the UN World Ocean Assessment and Associate Professor of Satellite Oceanography at the University of the Basque Country. He is currently working as senior researcher in the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC-IEO). His main research focuses on climate change and ocean sustainability. He has been an invited scientific advisor in the UN Process for Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biodiversity (BBNJ), the Intergovernmental Conference for Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14 (Oceans), and the UN Conference for Climate Change (COP) of Paris, Marrakech, Katowice, Madrid and Glasgow. He is an active disseminator of the values of marine ecology in the mass media. His last research work focuses on the current state of marine citizen science in Europe and the new technological developments enabling the participation of citizens in marine and coastal research (doi:10.3389/fmars.2021.621472). @CGarciaSoto_ieo

Iwona Gin



She is Head of International Relations at Nausicaa, National Sea Experience Centre in France. She holds Master's degrees in Business Management and Administration, International Relations, Intercultural Cooperation and Applied Linguistics. She has developed, managed and supervised marine science communication projects funded by the European Commission (Horizon 2020, Interreg, EMFF, private foundations): H2O:Source2Sea, Blue Nights, Valgorize, Aqua-Lit, Sumaris, Marina, Sea for Society, Accent, Choose the Right Fish campaign and Ocean Info Pack. Iwona has also been in charge of the international non-profit organisation World Ocean Network, European partnerships, the Youth4Ocean Forum, international conferences and expert group meetings, including participatory workshops, learning labs and the Blue Planet Forum. Her expertise is mainly in stakeholder engagement and general public empowerment to inspire a behavioral change for sustainable management of the oceans and seas.

Andreea-Stefania Ionascu



She is a psychologist and the Coordinator of the Education&Volunteering Department in Mare Nostrum NGO, one of the oldest NGOs in Constanta, Romania. She has developed over time a passion for the environment, and especially the sea, which are so interconnected with the health and welfare of human beings. Mare Nostrum opened for her new horizons related to the fascinating world of education for sustainable development, but also to environmental psychology. Andreea has been a part of Mare Nostrum NGO since 2007, dedicating her time and efforts to engaging young people, teachers, students, public authorities' representatives and the general public in taking action for the environment. She loves what she does and she strongly believes that education is the base of society and of change, for a better world.

Angelika Jezewska



She is the Marketing Director at Storware, a company that actively supports promotional activities around the "I live by the Sea" project and other activities organized by IOPAN. Although she works in the IT industry, nature is very close to her heart. She graduated from the Warsaw University of Life Sciences with a degree in Environmental Protection. She loves nature, mountains (she has climbed her first five-thousander and quite a few lower mountains), as well as diving. Her dream is to dive in Mexican cenotes and meet eye to eye with sharks, which she loves.

Ulf Karsten



He is a full professor of Applied Ecology and Phycology at the University of Rostock, Germany. His scientific expertise lies on micro- and macroalgae from tropical to polar marine habitats, with a major focus on adaptation mechanisms against environmental stressors. He participated in and organized numerous international expeditions to the Arctic and other regions. Ulf has strong teaching duties in the biological Bachelor and Master courses at Rostock University, which he always enjoys, particularly when students get interested in his topics.

Izabela Kotynska-Zielinska

She is a founder of the Today We Have, a coordinator of the I live by the Sea Project and an Ocean Literacy Educator.

Izabela is an author and co-author of workshops, exhibitions and popular science events, which have been realized internationally, in e.g. New York, Brussels, Rostock, Lisbon, Paris and Warsaw, among others. Her work has been presented at various international conferences.

She is and has been involved in many national and international projects Ocean of Changing, Ocean@Home, I live by the Sea Project, workshops for children and young people on the broadly understood marine environment, climate and arctic changes. Izabela created the I Live by the Sea Project and has run it since 2015. Here goal is to educate kids and teenagers all over the world to realize that We all live by the Sea, no matter where we live next to the beach or far away in the mountains, we still have a great impact on it.

Her motto: You can never be overdressed or overeducated – Oscar Wilde.



Heike Lippert

She is a marine biologist who has been working in the North Sea, the Arctic Ocean and the Baltic Sea for many years. She accomplished her doctoral thesis in polar research on Spitsbergen and focused on shipworm at the Baltic coast during the last several years. Her most favourite research tool still is scuba diving. Recently she started an educational and teaching degree. Recently she started an educational and teaching degree and is at present working for the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation.



Ángel E. Muñiz Piniella

He is Science Officer at the European Marine Board (EMB) secretariat in Ostend, Belgium. He is interested in marine science policy advice and communications, and on science diplomacy. He obtained his marine science degree from the University of Vigo, Spain with specialization on biogeochemistry and marine pollution. He has, in addition, a Masters in Marine and Lacustrine Science and Management with specialization on environmental impacts and remediation from the Free University of Brussels, University of Ghent and University of Antwerp in Belgium. After conducting an internship at EMB in 2012, he has held positions at the Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ), the Research Council of Norway (RCN) and the Belgian Science Policy Office (BELSPO), as member of the secretariats of the Joint Programing Initiatives on Oceans (JPI Oceans) and Climate Knowledge (JPI Climate).



Vera Noon

She is a multidisciplinary planning expert for terrestrial and marine spaces. She began her career in Architecture, followed by Urban Design, and finally landed on Maritime Spatial Planning and Sustainable Blue Economy. Her knowledge in sustainable development principles spans various scales, covering both coastal and marine ecosystems. This back-and-forth motion between development and conservation realms allowed for a wider understanding of human activities' impacts on the natural environment.

In the past few years, she has worked as a consultant for UNEP MAP PAP/RAC, UNESCO IOC, the UfM, and collaborates closely with the Honor Frost Foundation on topics related to Maritime Cultural Heritage. She has given trainings on the topics of MSP, Blue Economy, Blue Planning in Practice, and is a guest lecturer at the American University of Beirut in the Maritime Cultures and Science Master course. She is currently working at ACTeon on topics such as Ocean Literacy (EU4Ocean coalition, BlueSchoolsMed, Bluenights...) and Marine Policy (MSFD Evaluation, MSP and EBA, CrossGov...). Painting and photography have been lifelong hobbies, and she constantly strives to connect ocean science and art through her work.

Christine Santora

She is Assistant Director at the Institute for Ocean Conservation Science at Stony Brook University. Christine earned a Master's degree in Marine Affairs from the University of Rhode Island with a focus on ocean policy and endangered species bycatch. She has over fifteen years of experience in ocean conservation, policy, and science. Since 2015, Christine has focused on advancing science-based marine protected areas at the United Nations through the 10 x 20 Initiative and the Ocean Sanctuary Alliance.

She also manages outreach and communications for the Shinnecock Bay Restoration Program. Christine was the Project Director of the Lenfest Forage Fish Task Force from 2008-2012, a major project of IOCS that developed recommendations and ecosystem-based standards for the management of forage fish populations worldwide. Christine has co-authored dozens of peer-reviewed papers and reports over the course of her career, including a flagship paper on Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management published in the journal Science.

Jan Seys

He is Head of Science Communication & spokesperson of the [Flanders Marine Institute \(VLIZ\)](https://www.vliz.be). Former chair of the European Marine Board Communications Panel (2010-2017). Trained as a marine biologist, educational experience as a teacher, tourist guide and developer of learning platforms. Wide-ranging expertise in communicating scientific information to policy-makers, researchers, schools and the public at large. One of the pioneers of the Ocean Literacy movement in Europe, organizer of the First Conference on Ocean Literacy in Europe (12 October 2012, Bruges) and of the international CommOCEAN 2016 conference on marine science communication. Marine citizen science 'believer' and practitioner. Member of UNESCO's Group of Experts on Ocean Literacy.



Tymon Zielinski



He is a leader of the Climate and Ocean Research and Education Unit at IO PAN, where he has a position of an associate professor and director of the Ph.D. program. Tymon has published over 80 research papers. Since 2016, Tymon is a member of the UN Group of experts of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment.

Tymon has been involved in many research and educational projects focused on climate change issues in the marine environment. He has organized numerous meetings workshops and conferences and has been a PI in a number of national and international projects. Tymon, since the beginning of his career has been involved in educational activities, both in formal and non-formal teaching.

He has organized and/or lectured during numerous non-formal educational events, such as Science Fairs, workshops, exhibitions for general public, etc.

Margherita Zorgno



She graduated in Marine Ecology and Resources Management in The Netherlands and since then she has been following her passion, the ocean.

She is currently Science Officer at EurOcean, working in European marine projects and services, implementing especially communication and outreach tasks. She has started her career in Indonesia, where she was working for a local NGO in a project aiming to improve traceability in the tuna market chain. She then joined the Dutch NGO Goodfish Foundation working on a sustainable seafood guide for consumers and retailers in the country. Before she moved to Portugal for joining EurOcean, she came back to Italy to work in a programme focussed on the management of Pelagos Sanctuary for Marine Mammals in the Ligurian Sea. She believes in Ocean Literacy as the right tool to empower citizens to protect our ocean, and she promotes it both in her work and in her daily life.

Małgorzata Żywicka



She is an oceanographer with a specialization in marine biology. Since 2006, an employee of the Gdynia Aquarium Education Center of the National Marine Fisheries Research Institute. The co-author of exhibitions, nature workshops for children and adults, organizer of specialist training courses and information campaigns for the protection of wildlife. Since 2010, coordinator of the student internship program and volunteering for the Gdynia Aquarium. From 2020, a member of the European Marine Science Educators Association (EMSEA).