# BODC from an International Perspective

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#### 50 years young



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#### What is BODC?

Our history

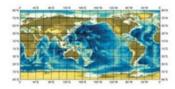
Our national role

Our international role

Freedom of Information

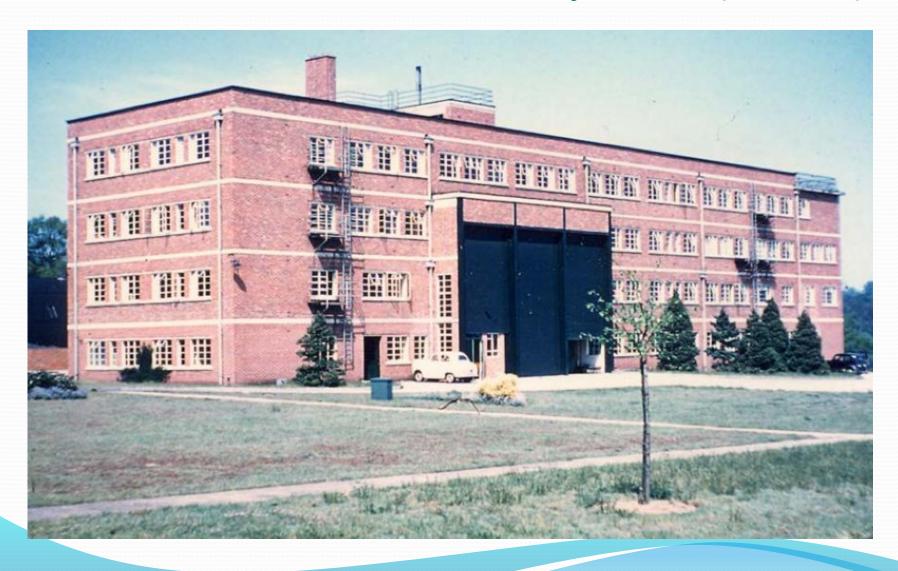
#### Our international role

As the UK national marine data centre, BODC has a range of international roles and responsibilities, which include



Sample image obtained from the GEBCO
One Minute Grid

#### BODS at NIO, Wormley, UK (1969)



#### 1969 – USA

#### **New York State**



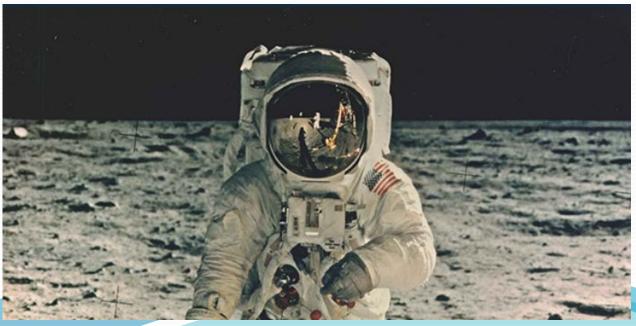
#### 1969 - USA

American Astronaut Neil Armstrong (Apollo 11 mission) became the first human to set foot on the Moon.

"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."







# R/V Neil Armstrong





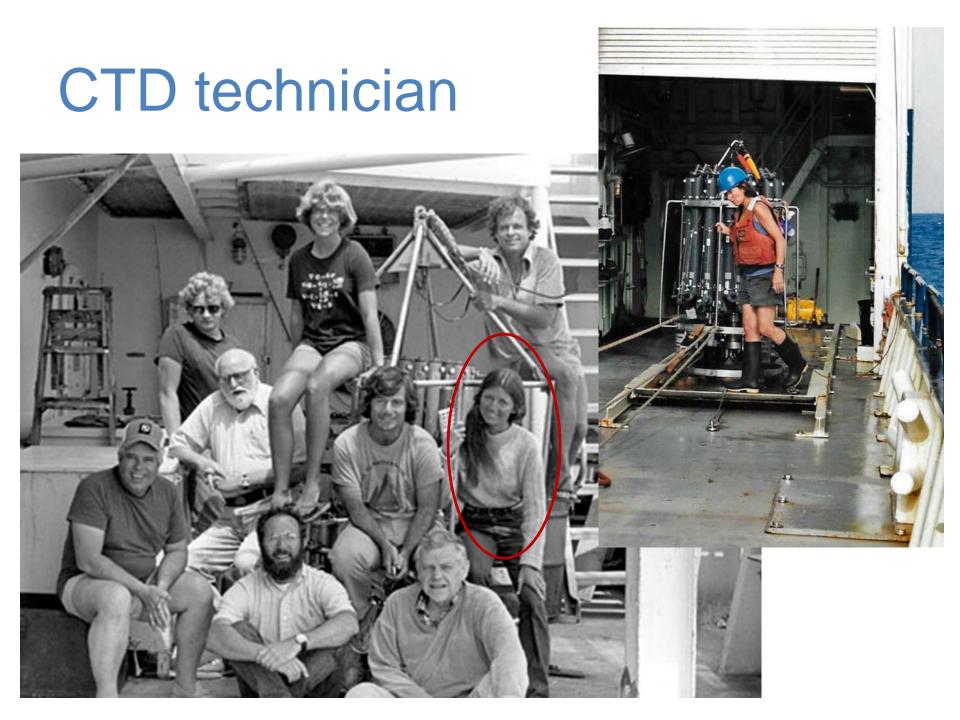


#### Princess Polychaete









#### **US JGOFS**



#### U.S. Joint Global Ocean Flux Study Data Management Office





# BODC . . . from an International Perspective

# RESPECT GRATITUDE

When research assistants at WHOI are told to get data from BODC, they feel as though they've been commanded to go to Mt Olympus!

#### BODC . . . respect and gratitude

- \* sharing data management expertise
  - \* staff participation in activities, initiatives and programs outside the UK
- courage to seek out improvements
  - allocating resources for innovation constant tension between providing robust services and exploring ways to innovate

#### BODC . . . respect and gratitude

BODC has set the bar very high

## BODC and the NOC values



Sign on the door of the Robert H. Corkan Room (2015)

#### BODC . . . respect and gratitude

- \* reputation for excellence developed, earned and sustained over time
- **leadership** in the UK, and globally

BODC has inspired and helped others to achieve excellence as well.

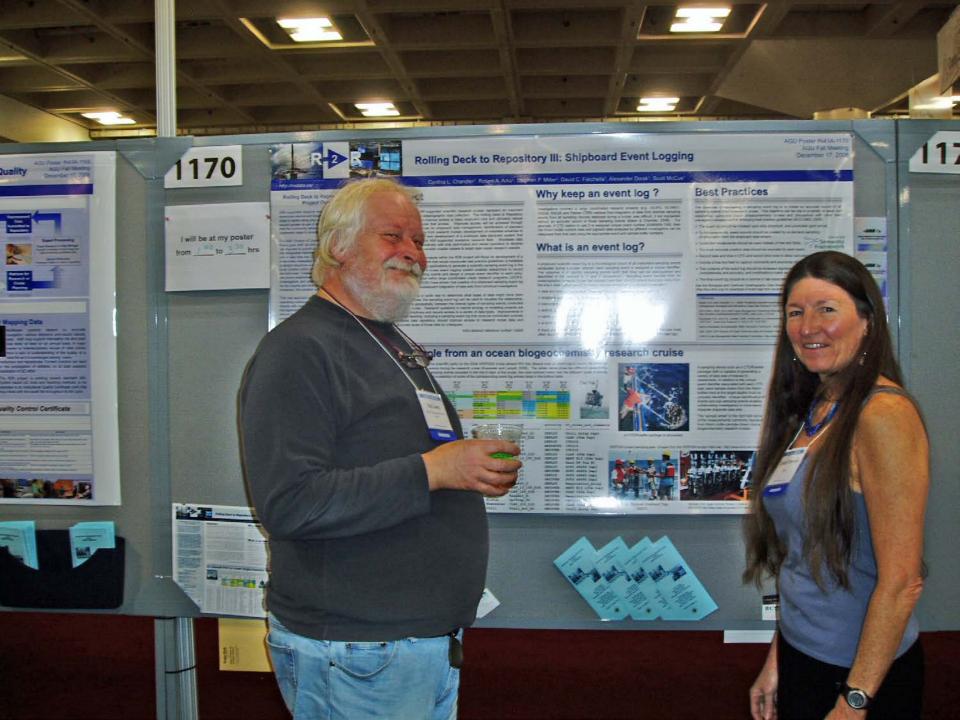
#### From my perspective . . .



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It's all about the people of BODC.



#### Roy Lowry



Knowledge Transfer



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### Gwen Moncoiffé IODE groups







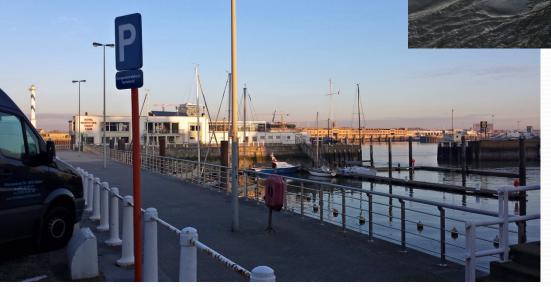




Groups of Experts
Working Groups
and Task Teams







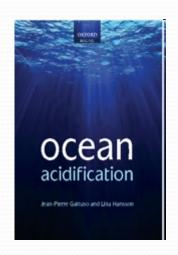
Lesley Rickards (BODC) IODE co-chair (2005-2008)



#### Contributions to . . .





















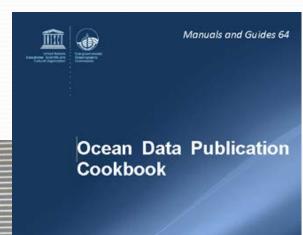
Helen Glaves (BGS)



Bob Arko (LDEO)

#### Data Publication





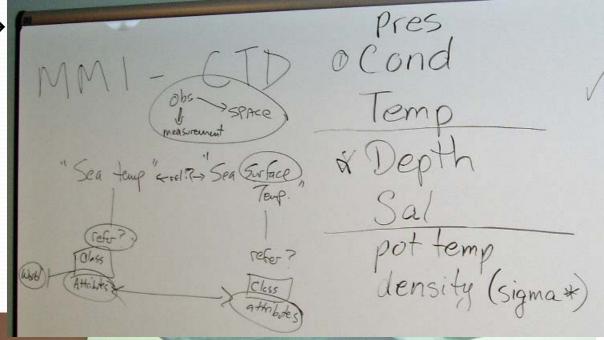
UNESCO



2005, Boulder, CO, USA →

# Controlled Vocabularies

2015, Liverpool, UK





Parameter Mapping

SeaDataNet

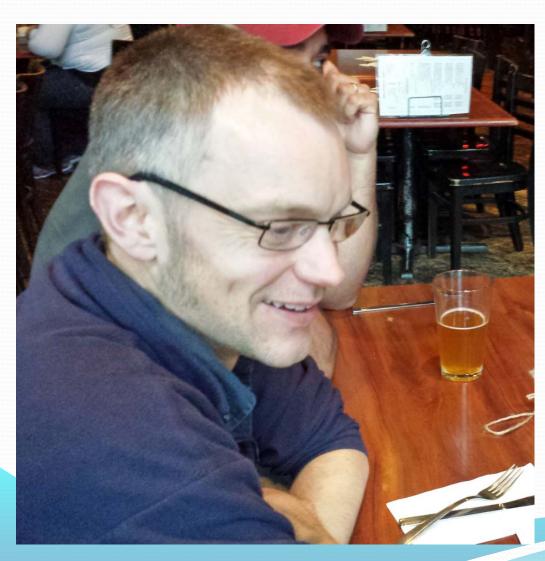
- · Observable property identification issues
  - Different words for the same thing such as 'optical backscatter' and 'optical side-scatter'.
  - Loose labelling by scientists such as calling 'nitrate plus nitrite' 'nitrate'
  - A natural urge to use semantics to differentiate rather than to aggregate
  - Requirement for extreme depth and breadth of domain knowledge

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#### Vocabularies



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# Semantics & Ocean **Informatics**

## Semantics Smackdown 2014 JUNE 10 - 13<sup>th</sup> ... an Agile exercise in Smacking down, and

**RPI/Tetherless World Constellation** 

Marking up, Ocean Science research data"

#### TUESDAY

9:30 Triplestore, SPARQL Review

Noon Lunch (catered)

Review cont'd 1:30

3:30 **Geospatial Linked Data** 

Schema.org Dataset 4:30

7:00 Dinner at Dinosaur BBQ

#### **FEATURING**



Ocean Data Interoperability Platform (ODIP) Student Fellows

#### WEDNESDAY

9:30 SAMOS Linked Data by Nkem Dockery (FSU)

10:00 Harmonizing Use of Common Vocabularies for Ocean Data

Noon Lunch (catered)

1:30 Harmonizing cont'd

3:30 Prizms & PROV Pingback

Linked Data APIs by Linyun Fu (RPI) 4:30

7:00 Dinner at Finnbar's Pub

with SPECIAL GUESTS Patrick West & Stephan Zednick

#### **THURSDAY**

Semantic Entity Matching by Yu Chen (RPI)

10:00 O & M / PROV / EarthCube-OceanLink / Ocean Data Ontology

Noon Lunch (Red & Blue Chinese Restaurant)

Linking actual oceanographic data (not just metadata) 1:30 R2R Vocabulary term matching by Renata Ferreira (SIO) 3:00

Persistent IDs for People & Organizations 3:30

4:00 Closing: Wrap-up & Documentation

Dinner at Jose Malone's 7:00

#### FRIDAY

9:00 S2S + BCO-DMO

For more information, see:





Presented by ODIP R2R BCO-DMO BODC TWC LDEO FSU SAMOS SIO WHOI

#### Informatics knowledge transfer



#### Vocabularies





### Ocean Data Interoperability Platform

- Identify a common framework to facilitate the global exchange of oceanographic data and information
- EU funded project, coordinated by British Geological Survey (BGS),
   with technical coordination by Marine Information Service (MARIS)
- Originally (ODIP) included partners from Europe, USA and Australia and International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange (IODE) committee of the International Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC of UNESCO)

#### **BODC & RDA**



- Justin Buck ARGO float data use case
- Lesley Rickards repository certification
- Adam Leadbetter, Rob Thomas, Alexandra Kokkinaki





## knowledge transfer



### The Roy Lowry Methodology



# Best wishes BODC for the next fabulous 50 years



# ... and THANK YOU!

