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Marine Sciences under German Leadership - IFM-GEOMAR Director Peter Herzig to become chairman of POGO -

Professor Peter Herzig, Director of the Leibniz Institute of Marine Sciences (IFM-GEOMAR) in Kiel, Germany has been elected as next chairman of the international association of marine research institutes, the Partnership for Observation of the Global Oceans (POGO). On their annual meeting in Concepcion, Chile, all directors of 25 leading marine research institutes voted for Herzig who will start his term in January 2011 in Seoul, South Korea. Professor Herzig now joins the executive committee of POGO. For the first time Germany plays a leading role in this international organization which supports a comprehensive observational concept for the world ocean. This concept comprises observing systems for the ocean and the sea floor as well as satellite based atmospheric systems. Therefore, POGO cooperates with the secretariat for Global Earth Observations (GEO) based the headquarters of the World Meteorological Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. "It will be one of my tasks to work on the integration of the existing subsystems for ocean observations in the future", Professor Herzig stated. Herzig is also coordinator for maritime affairs of the State of Schleswig-Holstein and maritime ambassador of the EU-commission in Brussels.

Background information:

Partnership for Observation of the Global Oceans: www.ocean-partners.org/

Group on Earth Observations (GEO) www.earthobservations.org/

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