



The International Business Alliance  
for Corporate Ocean Responsibility

## News Release

# RESEARCH ICEBREAKERS OPEN TO SHIP-TIME PROPOSALS FOR FULLY FUNDED TRANSNATIONAL ACCESS

**The World Ocean Council (WOC) is the ocean business community partner of the EU-funded Arctic Research Icebreaker Consortium (ARICE) Project, which is opening a call for ship-time proposals until 5 July 2018**

29 June 2018

**The Arctic ocean community is invited to seize the opportunity given by the ARICE consortium to access the Research icebreakers CCGS Amundsen, RV Sikuliaq and PRV Polarstern in the Arctic Ocean.** This inter-disciplinary, cross-sectorial, international cooperation based on scientific excellence offers the opportunity of long-time cruise to facilitate high-quality exchange between the industry and the researchers and, as such, warmly welcomes industry on board. These high-quality funded cruises (seven working days on an up to 2 months long cruise) will gather different working groups embarked and maximize the operational days in the working areas.

**Applications are welcome from international teams of researchers and industry partners from all career stages. Female applicants are highly encouraged to apply.**

**Check full eligibility criteria and funding conditions at:**

**<https://www.arice.eu/apply-for-ship-time>**

The funding will cover the use of the vessel (with berth limitation), full crew, fuel, victuals and other standard operating costs. For more information, please contact: [info@arice.eu](mailto:info@arice.eu)

The EU-funded Arctic Research Icebreaker Consortium (ARICE) Project enables scientists to collect more data in the Arctic by: 1) Optimizing the use of existing polar research vessels through coordination, and 2) Working through the WOC to engage commercial vessels operating in the Arctic to collect oceanic and atmospheric data.

A first step is to assess the observations that are currently conducted on board vessels operating in the Arctic, including those observations obtained for navigational purposes. This is crucial to better understand the future needs on data collection in support of safe and responsible industry activities in the Arctic region.

The ARICE project will reduce risks to industry activities by expanding the scope and scale of Arctic ocean and atmosphere observations. It will contribute to understand, model, and predict the operating conditions.

The WOC efforts in the Arctic via ARICE are part of the global WOC ‘Smart Ocean-Smart Industries’ program which works to engage ocean companies to host or deploy instruments on vessels and platforms, or share data from previous studies.

The WOC CEO will be presenting information on these efforts at the upcoming Arctic Observing Summit (Davos, 24-26 June, 2018).

The annual [WOC Sustainable Ocean Summit \(SOS\)](#), Hong Kong, 14-16 November 2018, will again include a ‘Smart Ocean-Smart Industries’ session, which this year will focus on data collection in the Arctic and the ARICE project. A separate session will concentrate on safe and sustainable development of maritime activities in the Northern Sea Route connecting Asia and Europe.

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## SAVE THE DATE

**Sustainable Ocean Summit (SOS) 2018: 14-16 Nov, Hong Kong**

**SOS 2018 Theme: “*Ocean Sustainable Development- Connecting Asia and the World*”**

Mark your calendars for this unique gathering of the global ocean business community.

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## Recent and Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement

19-21 June, BOULDER

**International Hydrographic Organization (IHO): Crowd-Based Bathymetry Working Group Meeting** (Invited Participant)

21 June, PARIS

**High Seas Conference** (Invited Speaker)

24-26 June, DAVOS

**Arctic Observing Summit** (Invited Speaker)

26-27 June, MONACO

**Transition Monaco Forum: Reinventing Business Models** (Invited Moderator for session on “Transforming the Mediterranean”)

26-28 June, BOULOGNE SUR MER

**High Seas International Conference** (invited speaker)

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### About the World Ocean Council (WOC)

*The WOC is the only international, cross-sectoral alliance for private sector leadership and collaboration in sustainability, stewardship and science. Companies from a range of industries worldwide are distinguishing themselves as leaders in "Corporate Ocean Responsibility", including: shipping, oil and gas, tourism, fisheries, aquaculture, mining, renewable energy, ocean technology, investment. WOC Members are listed [here](#), a part of the WOC Network of 35,000+ ocean industry stakeholders around the world. The WOC is a registered not-for-profit organization in the US and the UK/Europe.*

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