

What Questions Can We Answer Through Cross-Networking? An Ocean Observatories Initiative Facility Board (OOIFB) Town Hall to Strengthen Connections and Foster Innovation Across the Observing Community

When: Tuesday, February 24, 2026, 12:45-1:45pm GMT

Where: Scottish Event Campus (SEC), Room Carron

Light refreshments will be available for Town Hall attendees

Town Hall Objective(s):

- Build connections within the observing community
- Communicate successes
- Discuss ways to address the common challenges that different groups may be facing. Spotlight how cross-network collaboration can advance ocean observing, focusing on shared challenges and opportunities associated with data sharing, joint field operations, and advancing technology.

Agenda Outline:

- Welcome and Brief OOI/OOIFB overview, Dax Soule- 10 min
- Panelist Introductions- 5 min
- Facilitated Panel Discussion- 25 min
 - Moderator: Dax Soule, OOIFB Chair, Queens College
 - Panelists:
 - Jim Edson, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI), Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI)
 - Meaghan Paulson, Ocean Networks Canada (ONC)
 - Lucie Cocqempot, French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea (IFREMER)
 - Sebastiaan Swart, University of Gothenburg
 - Yavor Kostov, British Antarctic Survey
- Open Q&A with Town Hall Attendees- 15 min
- Wrap-up, Stay Connected- 5 min