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Marine Renewable Energy Technical Conference Agenda Moving to OCEANS 2013 in San Diego, CA

(Providence, RI) New England Marine Renewable Energy Center (MREC) and our University Research Partners are happy to announce today that our next technical conference will be done in partnership with the Marine Technology Society and the IEEE/Oceanic Engineering Society at the prestigious OCEANS MTS/IEEE San Diego 2013 taking place September 23–26, 2013 in San Diego, CA.

After successful discussions during OCEANS 2012 in Virginia Beach, VA the week of Oct. 14–18, MREC partners, from University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and University of New Hampshire; Maggie Merrill and Ken Baldwin proposed an exciting collaboration, that the societies could not refuse. In order to bring the technical conference to a new level and to provide participants a peer reviewed technical journal in which to publish, we have joined forces with OCEANS 2013 to bring even more Marine Renewable Energy topics to the conference next year and beyond.

The OCEANS meeting is the place for the many disciplines to cross fertilize ideas and solutions to extracting grid ready electricity from ocean processes. Connecting the knowledge base of both societies including; ocean structures, materials science, oceanographic science, marine biology, bathymetric surveying, environmental analysis, moorings and tension members, just to name a few, with the principles of electrical generation will be a powerful combination.

“OCEANS conferences in San Diego have always been innovative,” says conference chair Robert Wernli. “We look forward to continuing that tradition as we join forces with New England MREC and its partners in San Diego this September to solidify the conference’s MRE track and expand it beyond its heretofore introductory status.”

Last year there were 26 papers presented at OCEANS 2012, 2nd in quantity to the IOOS track. These sessions were well attended, but undersold to the ocean energy community at large. New England MREC and its partners will work to enhance the visibility of the ocean renewable energy agenda at OCEANS. “We will coordinate and

engage with industry, academic and government labs to ensure there are high quality papers presented at OCEANS 2013 MTS/IEEE San Diego. Our network will help expand the OCEANS meeting's reach into the emerging ocean renewable energy industry", commented John Miller New England MREC Executive Director.

"With the theme, 'An Ocean in Common', OCEANS2013 has opened its doors to many new co-participating Societies, now including AGU, ASA, SNAME, and many others. We welcome the inclusion of the Marine Renewable Energy Center's Technical Conference, and hope the association will continue in years to come. Bookmark the Oceans 2013 website <<http://www.oceans13mtsieeesandiego.org>>, and watch for news and updates.' Kevin Hardy, Oceans2013 Co-Chairman"

Finally, watch your email for the Call for Papers for the Special Issue of the MTS Journal due to be published in August 2013, just before OCEANS MTS/IEEE 2013 San Diego.

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More about New England MREC: The New England MREC is an organization based at UMass Dartmouth comprised of academia, government agencies, industry, municipalities, public interest groups and concerned individuals. MREC's focus is to foster the sustainable development of ocean based renewable energy: waves, tides, currents and ocean wind. MREC is developing a network of technology developers and energy users who will collectively define the needs of this nascent industry and work to bring together the required technology, capital, infrastructure, human resources to implement ocean renewable energy in the most sustainable manner for the region. Learn more at <http://www.mrec.umassd.edu>.