Publication: 2020–23 Science Strategy
We recently published the 2020–23 Science Strategy on the EMBRC website. It might not be new, but it got a bit of an editorial 'makeover'!

The Science Strategy outlines new services and updates to ensure that we continue to serve the research community with the tools necessary to support innovative research.

New service: EMO BON
In June 2021, EMBRC launched the European Marine Omics Biodiversity Observation Network (EMO BON). EMO BON aims to ensure steady, continuous generation of 'baseline' data on biodiversity at EMBRC sites following FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable) data principles. Participants include 16 EMBRC marine stations, or 'Observatories', dispersed from Northern Norway to the tropical Red Sea in Israel.

The first two samplings took place starting 21 June 2021 and then in August 2021. For both, participating stations collected samples from the water column and soft substrates using EMO BON standardised protocols.

We are aiming for the first data release in early 2022. Follow @EMBRC_EU and #EMOBON on Twitter to stay up-to-date on all EMO BON news and activities.


Learn more about EMO BON Social media campaigns: what's new?
EMBRC has launched various campaigns to enhance communication with its diverse audiences, from researchers to policymakers and the public. 'Model organism of the month' aims to increase awareness of novel potential uses of model organisms from the sea, while 'Marine scientist Monday' strives to entertain and inform our audiences about the scientists who shaped modern marine biology.

We're looking for volunteers! If you would like to write an article for Model organism of the month, please get in touch today!

Featured model organism: cat shark
We recently featured the cat shark as our Model organism of the month. Many thanks to authors R. Lagadec, H. Mayeur, P. Romans, Wearmouth, V. and S. Maran, Sorbonne Université-CNRS, Observatoire Océanologique de Banyuls-sur-Mer!

Read the article
Several marine stations have developed dedicated catshark husbandry facilities, including two that are part of EMBRC France:

- the Observatoire Océanologique de Banyuls-sur-Mer (OOB)
- Station Biologique de Roscoff (SBR).

Both provide remote and on-site access to adults and egg collections.

Marine scientist: Henri de Lacaze-Duthiers
In honour of the bicentenary of his birth, and in line with EMBRC France's commemorative events, Ibon Cancio brought us an enjoyable portrait of Henri de Lacaze-Duthiers in July 2021.

Lacaze-Duthiers was an academic who devoted his research to the anatomical investigation of different groups of marine animals. He founded two of the world's oldest and most prominent marine stations, incidentally those mentioned above:

- SBR (founded in 1872), and
- OOB (founded in 1882).

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