Invitation to Participate

The Scholar Ship Research Institute Programme in Oceanography

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The Scholar Ship is an ocean-going cruise liner for teaching and research. The Ship will carry 600 undergraduate and postgraduate students over two voyages each year. Each cruise covers half the globe and lasts for 16 weeks, calling in at 7 ports per voyage.

Planned research projects include

- deployment of Argo floats, surface buoys and XBTs
- meteorological observations
- measurements of SST, salinity, chlorophyll-fluorescence and oxygen
- plankton sampling
- aerosol and airborne dust measurements
- surveys of cetacea and other marine life.

Outreach activities will be

- on-ship, to science and non-science students
- web-based, to universities, schools and the general public
- in-port, to local oceanography institutions.

Capacity development workshops will

- focus on developing human capacity through training
- be held on the Ship in ports of call in developing and transitional countries.

We request your participation

- through supply of instruments for installation on-ship
- through supply of sensors for deployment over part or all of our global voyages
- as our Oceanographer-in-Residence over one or two legs of each voyage, where you will coordinate all onboard research, support outreach efforts, and give guest seminars to the students
- in the development and implementation of the educational outreach programme
- in hosting our Sustainable Development students during academic fieldwork in ports of call
- in developing teaching and research partnerships between your institution and The Scholar Ship
- in encouraging students to apply to the programme.

I hope this invitation is of interest, and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

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