

## News from the Marine Facilities Advisory Board

The purpose of the Marine Facilities Advisory Board (MFAB) is to acquire views from the UK marine science community and provide advice to the Chief Executive of the National Oceanography Centre (NOC) on current capability and future development of the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) National Marine Equipment Pool (NMEP). MFAB is chaired by Professor Carol Robinson from the University of East Anglia and the current membership is available [here](#).



In February 2023, MFAB appointed five new members and is delighted to welcome:



Dr Gaye  
Bayrakci,  
National  
Oceanography  
Centre



Dr Veronique  
Creach,  
Centre for  
Environment,  
Fisheries, and  
Aquaculture  
Science



Dr Stephen Jones,  
University of  
Birmingham



Dr Gabriele Stowasser,  
British Antarctic Survey



Dr Michelle Taylor,  
University of Essex.

We have made these appointments because some members have now completed their term on the Board, hence we are incredibly grateful to Professor Mike Elliott from the University of Hull, Professor Kerry Howell from the University of Plymouth, Dr Clara Manno, from the British Antarctic Survey, Professor Mark Moore from the University of Southampton and Professor Nick Wright from Newcastle University, for their expertise, commitment, dedication, skill and guidance throughout their term.

If you would be interested in applying to be a member of MFAB, announcements of vacancies are made via the NOC Association (to sign up for emails, contact Jackie Pearson, MFAB Secretary [jfpea@noc.ac.uk](mailto:jfpea@noc.ac.uk)), NERC, the Challenger Society and the Marine Alliance for Science and Technology for Scotland (MASTS). Vacancies are posted on [NOC's 'Advisory Bodies' page](#) where you can also read more about MFAB including meeting minutes and activities.

For feedback and questions, please contact MFAB Secretary Jackie Pearson, National Oceanography Centre: [jfpea@noc.ac.uk](mailto:jfpea@noc.ac.uk)