

Key faces – BODC Directors and Heads

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the
British Oceanographic Data Centre



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In the beginning...

The BODC story starts with **Jim Crease** in 1967, 68 and 69 – Jim drove the creation of BODS – in collaboration with all the main players in the UK he drafted out the case for an NODC in 1967.

NERC agreed to set up BODS at NIO but failed to recruit a Director. Jim took the early work under his wing in 1969 and ran the early activities from within his own group, interacting with WDC and IODE.

Doug Grossart was Director of BODC from 1970 to 1976.

Over the years Heads of MIAS have been: Geoff Lennon, Brian Hinde and Nic Flemming.



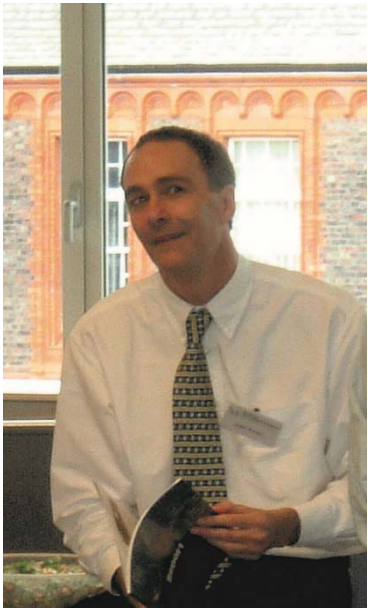


Meirion (1976 – 2002)

- Pioneering
- Enthusiastic and dedicated
- Thought of us as a rugby team!
- Initial database design
- Development of the IOC General Format Version 3 (GF-3)
- Design of Cruise Summary Report (CSR)
- Development of EDMED
- Key player in the GEBCO community



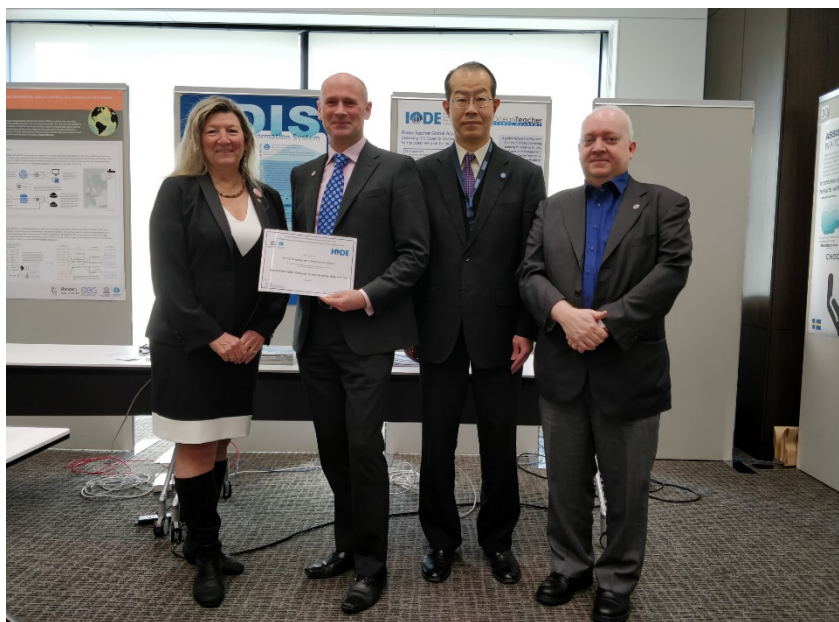
Juan (2002 – 2013)



- Oceanography background (Bangor and Cefas)
- Good links with marine science community
- Closer links with policy (e.g. Defra)
- Importance of data quality
- NERC Science Information Strategy
- Significant input to the development of MEDIN, including DAC accreditation
- Increase in staff numbers



Graham (2014 -?)



- Oceanography (Bangor and many other places) and software development background
- Also NOC Chief Information Officer (CIO)
- Spends time shuttling between Liverpool and Southampton
- Introduced new working practices, especially for software development
- Key role in the Nippon Foundation GEBCO Seabed 2030 project
- Very busy!!!

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