



Programme
7 June 2015
10:00-18:00

World Ocean Day



Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences



BLUE Autopsy – 11:00-12:00 & 15:00-16:00

RBINS is responsible for the scientific research on stranded marine mammals. We will perform a **live autopsy** of a stranded porpoise and a stranded seal in the large auditorium. The animals will be examined and different tissue samples will be taken to search for the cause of death. Veterinary Thierry Jauniaux (Université de Liège) and Jan Haelters (RBINS) will conduct the autopsy. Follow it live in the auditorium or on the website!

We have a virtual **autopsy game** on computer for those who do not want to assist to the real thing.

In the large auditorium, in Dutch and French.

FILM – Every 30 minutes – All day

In her short film **Der Kreislauf (A Handful)** (29') Katrien Vermeire depicts a unique game that is played on Belgium's beaches in the summer months. When the weather is good, one can find colorful flowers for sale in small, impromptu-built shops. But these flowers hate being watered or rained on, as they are made of paper. Der Kreislauf takes an intimate look at the young players.

In Dutch, French, German and English, continuously in the small auditorium.

BLUE Market – All day

In the central part of the Museum (Mineral hall) we will hold a Blue Market: citizens, youth, policy makers can come in contact with marine researchers of our Institute. There will be information stands on our Research vessel RV Belgica, our aircraft OO-MMM, windfarms at sea, and so much more. You can become a real Citizen of the Ocean and get your passport!

BLUE Café – All day

In the cafeteria of the Museum, while you are enjoying your meal or a drink, you will learn strange things about the ocean. What is that thing on your toast?

BLUE Charter – All day

In many countries, people celebrate World Ocean Day around June 8th.

Take a deep breath. This oxygen comes from the rain forest. Take another deep breath. This oxygen comes from the ocean! We depend on the ocean for many things. We want to mobilise citizens, youth, stakeholders and policy makers to act now: to understand the ocean and to take care of it. The European project Sea For Society brings scientific institutes together to raise awareness on the ocean. The partners wrote a charter: if you sign it, you are dedicated to protect our (little) part of the North Sea. It is a task for everyone to protect this precious blue!

Federal Secretary of State for the North Sea, Bart Tommelein, will sign this charter. You can also sign the charter and protect the ocean.

Near the Dino Café

BLUE Workshop FR – 12:00-13:00 & 14:00-15:00

Workshop for children and their (grand)parents on the life on the Belgian shore.

In French, 1 hour. Meeting point: cloakroom.

BLUE Workshop NL – 13:00-14:00 & 16:00-17:00

Workshop for children and their (grand)parents on the life on the Belgian shore. In the Atelier, in Dutch and French.

In Dutch, 1 hour. Meeting point: cloakroom.

BLUE Tour NL – 12:00-13:00 & 14:00-15:00

Take a guided tour through the marine treasures of our Museum (Mososauriers, shells, North Sea, and skeletons of marine mammals). **In Dutch, 1 hour. Meeting point: cloakroom.**

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BLUE Dance – 5' every 30' – All day

Young dancers of the "Leuvense Ballet Academie" (Sofie Verhoelst) will bring their ode to the ocean with their choreography "Under Water". **In the Gallery of Dinosaurs.**

BLUE Skype – 13:00-13:30

Our oceanographic research vessel RV Belgica will be in the Atlantic Ocean, somewhere between Spain and France on World Ocean Day. Professor David Van Rooij (Universiteit Gent, Renard Center of Marine Geology) is on board and we will make contact with him to ask him questions on the scientific campaign and life on board.

In the Biodiversity Lobby.

BLUE Tricot – All day

No plastic in rivers or the ocean!

The ladies of Tricot Trottoir want to raise awareness about the amount of plastic in rivers and the ocean. They use plastic bags for crocheting a river of plastic of more than 2,4 km! You can admire their art performance "Eau – Ja" (and help them!) **in the garden of the Museum.**

LOCATION	Large auditorium	Small auditorium	Mineral hall	Dino café	Near Dino café	Meeting point: Cloakroom	Meeting point: Cloakroom	Dinosaur gallery	Lobby BiodiverCITY	Museum Garden			
INFO	FOLLOW A LIVE AUTOPSY OF A STRANDED PORPOISE AND SEAL	WATCH A MOVIE ABOUT BELGIAN BEACHES	GATHER INFORMATION ON OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH	EAT AND DRINK OCEAN LITERACY WITH SCIENTISTS IN OUR CAFETERIA	SIGN THE BLUE CHARTER TO PROTECT THE OCEAN	PARTICIPATE WITH YOUR FAMILY IN WORKSHOPS ON THE OCEAN FR & NL	FOLLOW A GUIDED TOUR AROUND THE OCEAN TREASURES OF THE MUSEUM FR & NL	ENJOY THE CHOREOGRAPHY "UNDER WATER"	SKYPE WITH OUR RESEARCH VESSEL RV BELGICA IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN	ENJOY TRASH ARTISTS AND JOIN THEM!			
TIME													
10:00-10:30	Official Opening		BLUE Market	BLUE Café	BLUE Charter					BLUE Tricot			
10:30-11:00													
11:00-11:30	BLUE Autopsy (porpoise)												
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Free entrance and free activities for everyone !

Your ocean, your future !

