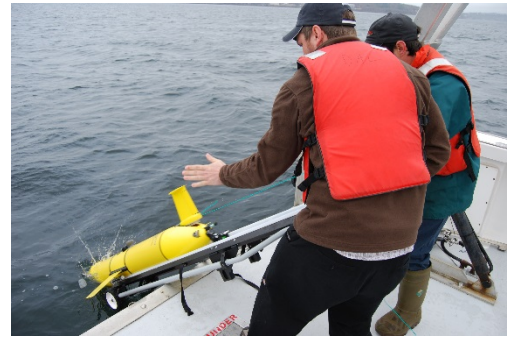




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## MEOPAR OBSERVATION CORE TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS:

### Toward Shared Ocean Data Management & Glider Operations in Canada

Montréal, Quebec - March 24 & 25, 2014

**OBJECTIVE:** The workshops will bring together Canadian technical experts with an intent of laying the framework for systems that will allow disparate projects to more easily share and integrate data streams and operations. Select international participants will offer their perspectives.

**FORMAT:** There will be two parallel workshops: both will feature short presentations by team representatives/participants identifying current activities and capacity as well as lessons learned across Canada and internationally. This will be followed by discussions and writing sessions which will evaluate, and report on, the current status and opportunities for improved coordination, efficiency and quality of ocean data management and glider operations in Canada.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** Ocean data management practitioners and glider operators from across Canada.

**BACKGROUND:** The Marine Environmental Observation, Prediction and Response Network (MEOPAR) is a collaboration of top researchers from across the country working to develop and test new technologies and strategies to guide risk management for marine hazards.

- MEOPAR's Observation Core offers opportunities for coordinating, comparing and sharing approaches to data collection and data quality control as well as techniques and equipment amongst the various observational groups involved within MEOPAR and other research projects in Canada.
- MEOPAR's support for data management should address over-arching issues associated with access to ocean data that are relevant to MEOPAR's strategic goals. Access to data by end users can be a problem across Canada's various ocean regions, with data and forecasts being collected by several programs and agencies.
- MEOPAR's support for glider operations should be national in scope and bring together research groups currently using gliders in an effort to make operations more efficient, standardize collection and data management protocols and foster resource sharing.

These technical workshops represent the first step in a national dialogue aimed at finding ways of working together in the interest of efficient data collection and improved access to data.

**REGISTRATION:** Registration is free but space is limited.

