

# Introduction

## SC Chair

Name : Thelma Krug

Institution : INPE – National Institute for Space Research

Country : Brazil

About me : mother of 1 son, 2 grandchildren, and 3 nice rescued cats. On my spare time between travel and work I help animal rescuers to find good homes them. Love to cook for friends and bake cakes and biscuits with my grandchild. Love nature but do not have too much time to enjoy Brazilian beaches and forests.



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Name: Johnny A. Johannessen

Institution: Nansen Center

Country: Norway

About me:

Since 2020 I have, together with the European Space Agency, been involved in organising Ocean Training Courses onboard the 110 years old tall ship *Statsraad Lehmkuhl* as part of the One Ocean Expedition under the UN Ocean Decade.

The first voyage took place from Maputo to Cape Town in January 2023 with 60 students from 26 nations. The next voyage will be from Tromsø via Reykjavik to Nice with 40 students from April to June 2025. Announcement for student applications now open. At the entrance to Nice the UN Ocean Conference will be opened from the ship.



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## SC Member

Name : Walt Meier

Institution : National Snow and Ice Data Center,  
University of Colorado

Country : USA

About me : Enjoy biking, hiking, and doing  
crossword puzzles. Just had solar panels  
installed at our home.



Rio Grande River, mouth of Santa Elena Canyon  
Big Bend National Park, Texas, 10 April 2024

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Name : Aïda Diongue-Niang

Institution : ANACIM

Country : Senegal

About me :

Hobby : Aquagym



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## SC Member

Name : LU Bo

Institution : National Climate Centre,  
CMA

Country : China

About me : My hobbies include various ball sports, such as football, tennis, table tennis, basketball, and badminton etc.



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## SC Member

Name : Ana María Durán Quesada

Institution : Universidad de Costa Rica

Country : Costa Rica

About me : I love rainfall, it is linked with my most cherished moments with family, friends and pets. Rainfall is always present with my gardening, reading and traveling hobbies, it makes me happy. I am continuously amazed by how science helps us discover the nature of rainfall, and I am always curious about why it rains.



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## SC Member

Name : Toshio Suga

Institution : Tohoku University & JAMSTEC  
Advanced Institute for Marine Ecosystem Change  
(WPI-AIMEC)

Country : Japan

About me :

- Physical oceanographer who has lived with Argo
- My personal interest these days is in the development of my three grandchildren who live far away from me. I receive many photos and videos of them every day, which I enjoy.

