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Dear Sir/Madam,

The European Marine Board (EMB)<sup>1</sup> is a network of leading European marine research performing and research-funding organizations established to promote enhanced cooperation in marine science at European level.

In September 2014 EMB launched a **Working Group on Marine Graduate Training**<sup>2</sup> consisting of 11 experts from 11 EU countries and chaired by Prof. Magda Vincx from the Ghent University in Belgium. This is critically evaluating the current training practices while assessing and proposing new mechanisms to enhance skill sets and career pathways for marine professionals.

Within this framework, working through a collaboration with the University of Ghent, the EMB Working Group has launched a **survey to gather perspectives from alumni of marine graduate training programmes across Europe.**

We value your feedback on the current marine training landscape in Europe and your insight to help shape next generation marine graduate programmes.

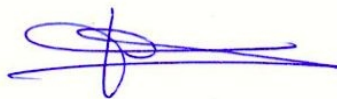
Results will be presented in a EMB "Future Science Brief" (September 2015) and will directly inform recommendations to policy makers on the future development of marine graduate programmes at National and European levels.

The survey will be open until the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Niall McDonough, Executive Secretary of the European Marine Board



Prof. Dr. Magda Vincx, Chair WG Training and Policy Coordinator for Internationalization of Rectorate Ghent University.

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.marineboard.eu/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.marineboard.eu/marine-graduate-training>