

**DBCP SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL WORKSHOP**  
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Approximately 80 delegates from more than 20 countries attended the annual session of the Data Buoy Co-operation Panel (DBCP), being hosted at the Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS) from 25 September to 02 October. The DBCP came into existence in 1985, as weather forecasting agencies round the world moved away from ship observations towards small free-drifting data buoys, and encountered a whole new suite of problems concerning satellite communications and data quality, quantity and timeliness. Established under the auspices of the World Meteorological Organization and the Intergovernmental Commission of UNESCO, the DBCP receives funding from a number of countries and employs a Technical Coordinator, based within the French Space Agency at Toulouse. The first holder of the post was David Meldrum, who took leave of absence from SAMS for two years in the late 1980s. 25 years on, the DBCP is proud to coordinate the deployment and monitoring of more than 1300 drifting platforms, as well as a large number of deep-ocean moored buoys. These platforms are now used routinely by meteorological, oceanographic and climate agencies world-wide as part of the global environmental observing system. Other activities include the evaluation of new sensors, platforms and satellite communications systems that will eventually form part of the marine observing system of the future.

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