Ship Observations Team

~ integrating & coordinating international ship-based observing programmes for JCOMM ~





## Conference Goals

why are we here ?

PMO-IV and Support to Global Ocean Observations using Ship Logistics 8-10 December 2010, Orlando, FL, USA

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## Goals

• Foster common standards and practices amongst PMOs:

- » PMO-IV (builds on PMO-II, London, and PMO-III, Hamburg).
  - » VOS quality & performance monitoring tools.
  - » VOS recruitment and class assignment.
  - » Foreign VOS Inspection Form.
  - » National barometer practices.
  - » PMO Quick Reference Guides.
  - » VOS Website.

• Provide a forum for PMOs to meet and strengthen network cooperation.

## Goals (cont)

- Provide an update on new and latest initiatives:
  - » E-logbook comparison.
  - » Metadata requirements.
  - » Ship safety and security.
  - » Coding.
- Discuss common issues.
- Support to global ocean observations using ship logistics:
  » ASAP & XBT
  - » Drifting buoys & profiling floats

