

The eight issue of Instrumentation Viewpoint is in your hands. This issue is a summary of the Third Marine Technology Workshop communications. The Marine Technology Workshop, Martech 2009 is an initiative from Tecnoterra Associated Unit (Technical University of Catalonia and Scientific Research Council). The main objective of the Martech Workshop is to exchange information and points of view on the current and future research in marine instrumentation technology.

Martech 2009 will be held in Vilanova i la Geltrú, one of the most important fishing ports in Spain with an old marine tradition and 50 minutes away from Barcelona by train.

The Martech 2009 planned sessions are:

- M1:** Instrumentation and Metrology.
- M2:** Ocean Bottom Sensors and Observatories.
- M3:** Control Systems; Marine Robotics: ROVs, AUVs, ASVs, Gliders.
- M4:** Underwater Imaging and Communication.
- M5:** Seafloor Characterization and Seismic Imaging.
- M6:** Advanced Remote Sensing of the Ocean Surface.
- M7:** Signal Processing.
- M8:** Mechanical Structures Design.
- M9:** Marine Biology Technology.
- M10:** High Resolution Measurement Systems; Acquisition and Analysis Methods.
- M11:** Interoperability in Sensors Networks; Data Management.
- M12:** New trends in Marine Sensors Design.
- M13:** Bioacoustics and Passive Acoustic Monitoring Techniques.

The effort involved in continuing to publish a magazine is much greater than publishing the first issue, and for this reason I have to thank all the SARTI members and other collaborator groups for their innovative research and technology transfer contributions. Our goal is not only to make Instrumentation Viewpoint a window for our activities but also a platform to share experiences with instrumentation colleagues. I invite you participate in the future Instrumentation Viewpoint issues, and we hope that these interchanges of information and experiences that we have initiated allows all of us to establish new collaboration links.

Best regards from your partner  
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