

## Full Steam Ahead for 2018!

The new year has just begun, but IOSTIA is already off to a running start. Two days of Hill meetings have been completed and IOSTIA continues to represent the blue-tech industry in key sectors. We are working closely with the House Oceans Caucus and the U.S. Senate Subcommittee for Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries and Coast Guard. Topics of discussion and areas of engagement for IOSTIA include:

- Hydrographic survey technology
- Emerging technology
- Aquaculture and environmental monitoring
- Autonomous technologies
- Deep Ocean Test Facility (DOTF)
- Manned Submersibles

In the coming weeks IOSTIA will be convening panels of member-experts to testify in oversight and legislative hearings.

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## Where to Meet IOSTIA

IOSTIA will be attending Underwater Intervention in New Orleans, LA - February 6-8 and exhibiting at Oceanology International in London - March 13-15. We would be delighted to set up a meeting to learn more about your company, opportunities and challenges you may face, and tell you more about IOSTIA and the advantages of membership. Please feel free to contact Rich Lawson ([rich.lawson@iostia.org](mailto:rich.lawson@iostia.org)) to set up a meeting time.

If you're attending UI, please stop by our members and learn more about their products and services: **Anekonnnect, Inc.** - booth 545 and **Blue Robotics** - booth 640

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**June 4, 2018 - IOSTIA member fly-in and  
Capitol Hill BlueTech Expo!**  
**[www.BlueTechExpo.org](http://www.BlueTechExpo.org)**

The BlueTech Expo web site is now live!

Join IOSTIA and Sea Technology Magazine to promote ocean "blue" technology and innovation. The year's premier blue-tech event on Capitol Hill will be held on June 4th, 2018, on the eve of the annual Capitol Hill Ocean Week (CHOW). The BlueTech Expo will feature an exhibition of ocean innovators demonstrating and discussing their products, services, and customer success stories with key decision-

makers, members of Congress, and their staff. The exhibition will be followed by an innovative B2G networking social.

Exhibit space is limited, so don't delay!

For exhibits, please contact Rich Lawson - [rich.lawson@iostia.org](mailto:rich.lawson@iostia.org)

For sponsorship opportunities, contact Rich Lawson or MJ McDuffee - [m-j@comcast.net](mailto:m-j@comcast.net)

Early-bird registration for the [B2G Networking Social is now open!](#)

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### Welcome Aboard!

Finally, we'd like to welcome our newest Founding Members: **3D at Depth** ([www.3datdepth.com](http://www.3datdepth.com)) and **Anekonnnect, Inc.** ([www.anekonnnect.io](http://www.anekonnnect.io)).

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