



## 2016 NOWPAP International Coastal Cleanup and NOWPAP-TEMM Joint Workshop on Marine Litter Management held in Slavyanka, Russia

The 2016 NOWPAP International Coastal Cleanup and NOWPAP-TEMM (Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting among China, Japan and Korea) Joint Workshop on Marine Litter Management was held in Slavyanka, Primorsky Kray on 23-24 September 2016.

Some 40 participants from governmental agencies, universities, research institutes and NGOs from China, Japan, Republic of Korea and Russia have attended the events. The participants shared their experience on marine litter research, monitoring and campaigns, and discussed how to promote the International Coastal Cleanup campaign, and how to strengthen cooperation in the NOWPAP region on dealing with marine litter.

The NOWPAP Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter (RAP MALI) Working Meeting was held on 24 September 2016. The NOWPAP Marine Litter Focal Points and regional activity centers reviewed the progress on the implementation of the plan on marine litter.

On the afternoon of the 24 September 2016, the participants have been to Baclan Bay to clean a 120 meter- long beach.

The events were organized by NOWPAP Pollution Monitoring Regional Activity Centre (POMRAC), NOWPAP Regional Coordinating Unit (RCU), Sea Protection and Shelf Development Institute, and TEMM Marine Litter Focal Points.



## NOWPAP RCU staff joined local beach clean-up in Toyama

About 50 people, including school children, NGO officers, local government officers, and local citizens participated in the local beach clean-up in Toyama, Japan held by the Northwest Pacific Region Environmental Cooperation Centre (NPEC) on 9 September 2016. They were joined by the NOWPAP RCU staff. This was one of the series of beach clean-up campaigns organized by the NPEC as a part of its marine litter monitoring programme, which has been conducted for many years in Japan, China, Korea, and Russia. After marine litter collection, it was sorted into different categories, weighed, and recorded. Data is consolidated and submitted to Japan Environmental Action Network (JEAN) for further submission to Ocean Conservancy for consolidating all data into a global database.



## NOWPAP recent developments

On 13-15 July 2016, former NOWPAP Coordinator, Alex Tkalin, participated in the 8th East Asian Seas Partnership Council meeting held in Tagbilaran, Philippines. NOWPAP has a well established partnership with PEMSEA and is participating in the Council meetings as a non-country member. Two institutions are planning to hold a joint PEMSEA-NOWPAP training course on Integrated Coastal Management in 2017. The course will be co-funded by the NOWPAP POMRAC.

On 23 July, NOWPAP Coordinator delivered a lecture to students from Japan, China, Russia, Korea, Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia and Brazil. Lecture was organized by the Toyama International Center Foundation and was focused on marine environmental issues in the NE Asia and NOWPAP activities addressing these issues.

## All NOWPAP RCU staff recruitment completed

By the end of September 2016, NOWPAP RCU offices in Busan and Korea became fully operational with all staff being in place. NOWPAP RCU is pleased to introduce our team who is looking forward to working closely with NOWPAP members states and its partners:

- **Dr. Lev NERETIN, NOWPAP Senior Coordinator, NOWPAP Toyama office**



Holds a MSc and PhD in oceanography from the Moscow State University and the Russian Academy of Sciences and MA in International Affairs from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University (USA). Lev has over 15 years of experience in environmental science, policy-making and management and expertise leading and managing complex environment and development projects and programs and intergovernmental processes, including work for the UN Environment, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the Global Environment Facility (GEF). While working at the GEF from 2008 to 2016, he provided scientific and technical advice on emerging global environmental issues and trends affecting GEF policies and programs working on such issues as marine debris, harmful

chemicals, climate resilience, carbon accounting, and environmental dimension of sustainable development. Prior to working for the GEF, Lev served as a GEF portfolio manager responsible for the implementation of the Strategic Partnership between the Russian Federation and the UN Environment. In his later academic career as a researcher for the International Ocean Drilling Program, with his collaborators he discovered living bacteria that survived for millions of years in high pressured sediments supporting to the idea that life could exist in extreme conditions on other planets. He is the author of more than 50 publications on ocean biogeochemistry, environmental management and Arctic security. In his spare time you could often see Lev exploring nature and travelling, cycling or what he loves most – spending time with family and playing outdoors with his daughter.

- **Dr. Ning LIU, Programme Management Officer, NOWPAP Busan office**



Dr. LIU has two decades of experience of enforcement of trade-related conventions and laws, working with the General Administration of China Customs, the World Customs Organization, UN Environment, the Freeland Foundation and IUCN. Before his assignment with the UNEP Asia Pacific Regional Enforcement Network Project addressing the trans-boundary movement of harmful chemicals and waste, he supervised a US\$13- million Freeland Foundation anti-wildlife trafficking program in Asia, took part in China's Free Trade Agreement negotiations and facilitated

intelligence exchange on illegal trade among Asian countries.

Dr. LIU holds a Master's Degree in Environmental and Natural Resources Economics and a Doctoral Degree in Environment, Development and Sustainability from Chulalongkorn University. On a personal note, he loves to read and write. Photography is another one of his interests.

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- **Ms. Chika KIMURA, Programme Management Assistant, NOWPAP Toyama office**



Holds a Bachelor's degree in Law from Kwansei Gakuin University, in Japan. She has a career spanning over 20 years in administration and finance in a variety of organizations which includes foreign-affiliated companies in Japan and the UN agencies such as UNEP-IETC and UNHCR Representation in Japan. In addition to the Administration and Finance fields, she has experience in secretarial background serving for various foreign and Japanese managers. She loves to travel (domestic and international) and meet with people from different cultures, and cooking and dining with friends.

- **Ms. Jihee YI, Team Assistant, NOWPAP Busan office**



Holds a Bachelor degree in Business Administration from the Incheon National University, Republic of Korea and Master of Business from the Griffith Business School, Queensland, Australia. Before joining UN Environment, for over ten years Jihee worked in administration of different US colleges. She focused on helping both prospective and current students to reach their education and career goals by communicating, training students with information resources, counseling social and professional life and liaising with other offices to resolve their problems. She is a dog lover and vegetarian and enjoys meeting people from diverse cultures and various backgrounds.

- **Ms. Yuka TATSUNAMI, Office Assistant, NOWPAP Toyama office**

## Visits to [www.nowpap.org](http://www.nowpap.org)

From 1 July to 30 September 2016, NOWPAP website had been visited 1,716 times of which 67% were from new visitors.



## Future missions / events in the 4th quarter of 2016

- 21th Intergovernmental Meeting, 23-25 November, Seoul, Republic of Korea