

Key faces – Dick Schaap (Maris)

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the
British Oceanographic Data Centre



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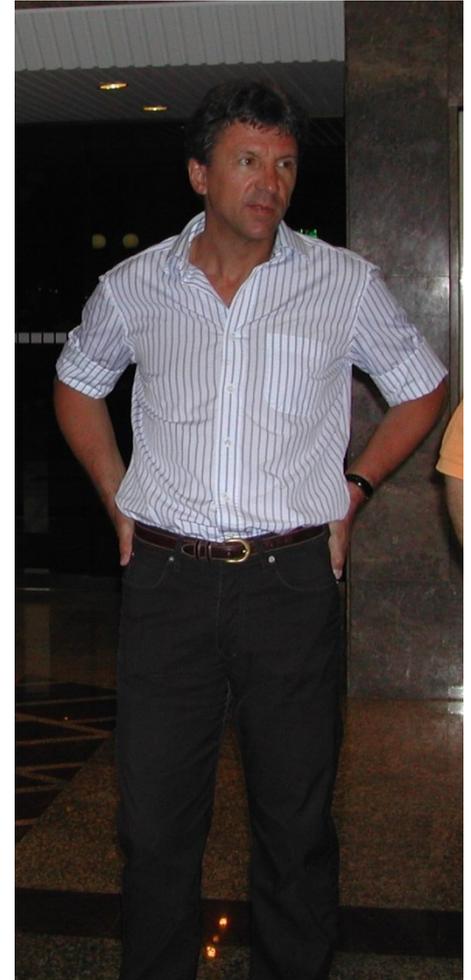
The early days...

- BODC (Meirion, Roy, Lesley) first met Dick a long time ago
- Probably round about 1990
- Before any EU projects, there was the MAST Data Committee
- Meirion and Dick were members
- From this EDMED and then SeaSearch emerged
- BODC led on EDMED
- Dick led on SeaSearch



The next phase

- More established European marine data managements programmes – from Sea-Search to SeaDataNet to the current SeaDataCloud
- Dick’s phrase of the time was to extend **horizontally** and **vertically**
- To get more organisations involved and continue existing activities
- “To go deeper” – new activities
- From metadata to data to data products to the cloud environment and VRE



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The EMODnet era

- Member of the Marine Observation and Data Expert Group (MODEG) for many years from 2008
- EMODnet grew out of this
- Several EMODnet projects linked to SeaDataNet infrastructure
- Coordinator/technical coordinator for several



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And today...

- Still very enthusiastic
- Some might say passionate
- Demanding...
- Can be very direct in his approach (but Taco tells me this is a Dutch characteristic!)
- Keen to “grow the marine data community”
- Involved in many EU projects and activities – too many to list!
- Understands the importance of building a community as well as technical development
- Relishes new challenges



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