

Call for papers

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Dear colleagues,

The objectives of ICES [Strategic Initiative on Integration of Early Career Scientists](#) (SII ECS) include improving interdisciplinary collaboration among early career scientists (ECS) and elevating their voices in the network. We are launching a collection of articles, authored by ECS and to be published in [ICES Journal of Marine Science](#) (ICES JMS), that present their perspectives on the future of marine science. The collection - **“Rising tides – voices from the new generation of marine scientists looking at the horizon 2050”** - is now welcoming submissions.

ICES JMS acts as a foundation for scientific dissemination and advice across a wide range of management and conservation issues with respect to the marine environment. Its Food for Thought collection publishes innovative and provocative articles on topical issues to stimulate debate and dialogue. This new initiative aims to capture and showcase the personal experiences and perspectives of ECS on the evolution of marine science and the challenges associated with it.

We hope that this forward-looking collection will connect individual experiences with a wider reflection on the path ahead. The types of perspectives that we are looking for are those that:

1. Link the past to the present – Tell us about yourself, how have your personal upbringing, inspirations and education shaped you as a marine scientist, and how has your field in marine science developed to where it is today?
2. Showcase the present – Tell us about your field. Where do you see your career right now in the field of marine science? What are the main challenges and opportunities for ECS with your expertise, and where is the main effort currently? Is that effort where it should be?
3. Look ahead – Tell us about your horizon. How do you perceive the development of your field in the years to 2050 and where will the focus likely be? What should we (institutes, universities, individual scientists) bring forward from the lessons learned in the past?

Articles can be about specific disciplines, approaches, or methods, but can also take on professional or structural issues that are particularly relevant for ECSs (e.g., the acceleration of science; open science/open data; the replication crisis; unrealistic expectations; work-life balance; digitalization, etc.). We hope for topical articles in which these aspects are woven together to showcase ECS experiences and opinions.

To ensure transparency and accessibility for all, this collection invites submissions from individual ECS as well as collaborative pieces from groups of ECS. Articles in this series will be published with complimentary free access, with no publication fees. Manuscripts should be prepared following ICES JMS guidelines (https://academic.oup.com/icesjms/pages/General_Instructions). Please indicate in your cover letter that your article is targeted at this collection. Articles will be reviewed by ICES

JMS editors and at least two ECSs and will normally appear online within 3–5 weeks of their acceptance in final form.

The series will be ongoing – like ICES JMS’s [Luminaries series](#). Thus, there is no deadline for submissions. We wish to publish a broad and diverse spectrum of perspectives, including those from traditionally underrepresented areas and communities. The SII ECS community strives for inclusivity, and we welcome all questions, suggestions, and ideas if you need guidance.

We hope that many of you will accept this invitation. We would also be grateful if you would forward this call to your networks and promote it through your social media channels.

Sincerely,

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