

Denise Smythe-Wright, IUGG Fellow

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Denise Smythe-Wright was formerly Principal Scientist at the National Oceanographic Centre (NOC), United Kingdom and following retirement from full time working in 2013 is now an Honorary Research Scientist at this institution.

An ocean chemist by training, Denise is widely known for her extensive work on various ocean biogeochemical processes and their links with trace gas exchange, ocean circulation and water mass subduction. She worked with the International Scientific Steering Committee for WOCE and in the International WOCE Project office for 5 years in the early 1990s, before moving back to full time research. She is still active in research and has published over a dozen papers in refereed journals during the past decade. Before her semiretirement, Dr Smythe-Wright was the leader of the NERC Sustained Observations Programme 2007-2012 and head of the NOC trace gas and plant pigment team from 1991-2013. Denise also held the position of Associate Lecturer at the Open University, Milton Keynes, UK, 1978 -2014. Denise has enthusiastically served on the IAPSO Executive since 1999, first as EC Member, 1999-2007, and then as a Vice President, 2007-2015, and finally as the President, 2015-2019. She has played a very active role in the affairs of IAPSO, organizing symposia and chairing the Albert I Medal selection committee. In addition, Denise has been a strong supporter of IAPSO's linkages with other international oceanographic organizations and served on the Executive Committee of ICSU Scientific Committee on Ocean Research, 2015-2019.