

MEDIA RELEASE

UNDERWATER ACTION ON DISPLAY AT PACIFIC2012

Next week's Pacific International Maritime Exposition will take exhibitors and visitors underwater for the first time within the exhibition halls at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre.

An Unmanned Systems Display Tank will provide exhibitors with a unique opportunity to showcase the latest developments in technology, systems, equipment and services available from the Unmanned Systems Industries.

This is the first time a demonstration area has been available within the Pacific International Maritime Exposition, and will be a major feature of an Unmanned Systems showcase.

The two metre high, above ground tank with a raised viewing platform, is more than six metres in diameter and will hold more than 60 tonnes of water.

An overhead camera and multiple underwater cameras will provide live feeds to a large viewing screen, giving a fish eye view of the underwater action.

CSIRO is one of a number of exhibitors to utilise the demonstration tank and will showcase its award winning robotic submarine, Starbug.

The Starbug is one of the first autonomous underwater vehicles in the world to use vision as its primary navigation tool.

Pacific2012 will also be the first time this internationally recognised maritime event has collaborated with the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems Australia.

AUVS –A is hosting its first marine unmanned systems conference - the Maritime Unmanned Systems Conference in association with Pacific 2012. The key note speaker at this prestigious conference will be Maj. Gen. Kostelnik, the Assistant Commissioner with the United States Customs and Border Protection service.

The biennial Pacific2012 International Maritime Exposition will be staged from January 31st to the 3rd of February at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre at Darling Harbour.

For more information go to www.pacific2012.com.au

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