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“Management of ocean systems requires both scientific knowledge and public awareness. And this has been the primary motivation for the communication efforts that have been acknowledged so overwhelmingly today. This is why, as throughout the project’s history since 2001, we will continue to convey high-quality science information through a travelling exhibition, website communication, book projects, and personal participation in many fora. Even a computer game is underway!

I am deeply honoured by the award, and I wish to share this honour and tribute with all the more than 120 scientists, students, and other partners of the MAR-ECO network from 16 countries across Europe and the Atlantic. I am especially indebted to the so-called “MAR-ECO Public Outreach Team” led by Mr Jo Høyer and Mr Morten Steffensen, representing the co-ordinating institutions the Norwegian Institute of Marine Research and the University of Bergen. I am also grateful to the science programme Census of Marine Life to which MAR-ECO is affiliated, and to the funding agencies that provide financial or other support for communication efforts. The Descartes Award and Laureate Status is earned and shared by many dedicated people.

On behalf of all, I thank the Norwegian Research Council for the nomination and the jury for the award and recognition.”