

## **Edito in english of IHPE Newsletter 4 (march 2022) from Caroline Montagnani, DU Ifremer**

As a newly nominated and elected member of the IHPE management team I have been entrusted with the task of inaugurating the first newsletter of 2022: On behalf of the management team, I therefore wish you all as well as your loved ones a great 2022!

With each beginning of a new year, now returns as a leitmotiv the hope of seeing the end of the COVID-19 pandemic and a return to more “ordinary” days. May this new year lead us to new adventures that are more scientific and personal than sanitary!

As head of the Ifremer IHPE unit, I will be in charge of monitoring the scientific development of Ifremer projects conducted in line with the the scientific orientations of the UMR, as well as the management of the means made available by Ifremer and the management of its staff. Thanks to Ifremer and the members of IHPE for the trust you have placed in me to fulfill this role.

The year 2022 has been proclaimed the “International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development” by the United Nations General Assembly. At a time when marine sciences are at the heart of political and scientific agendas for the years to come, these priorities perfectly symbolize the alignment between the objectives of Ifremer and those of the IHPE unit. May our efforts continue to contribute to the dynamism and influence of IHPE in the local landscape, overseas and internationally with the ambition of supporting the scientific strategy that we have set ourselves to develop research, innovation, at the service of the societal challenges of tomorrow, in this beautiful collaborative dynamic.

I will end on a more meditative note with this quote: “The goldfish cannot bring the complexity of the oceans back to the tranquility of its aquarium » (Yasmina Khadra, “The African Equation”) ;) !

All the best to you all,

Caroline.