

There is a long history of collaboration between the former Proudman Oceanographic Laboratory (POL and its predecessors) and Instituto Oceanografico de Universidade de São Paulo (IOUSP). The first Memorandum of Understanding was established a quarter of a century ago between Dr. David Cartwright and Prof. Afranio de Mesquita, primarily as a consequence of their common interest in the tides of the Central and South Atlantic. The latest MOU was signed in December 2009 and took the form of a three-way agreement between POL, IOUSP and the then Department of Earth and Ocean Sciences of the University of Liverpool.

Considering the new position of the University of Liverpool (UoL) as a Partnership Institution with the National Oceanography Centre Liverpool (NOCL) and the recent initiative of UoL to participate in collaborative research and educational projects with USP, it was timely that Professors Philip Woodworth (PW) and George A. Wolff (GAW) were invited by USP to visit IOUSP. The visit was funded by IOUSP and followed that by a UoL delegation to USP in September 2011. A number of potential research collaborations were identified, strengthening existing links and opening new avenues of research.

A full report of the visit can be found at http://www.liv.ac.uk/climate/documents/IOUSP_041111.pdf



From Left to Right: Professors Philip Woodworth (NOCL), George Wolff (UoL), Joseph Harari (IOUSP) and Afranio Mesquita (IOUSP)