

INSTRUCTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR CONFERENCE entitled **WHERE THE WORLD IS HEADING 2026**



I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1. The main organizer of the International Junior Conference entitled Where the World is Heading 2026 is the Sopot Science Association in cooperation with Institute of Oceanology Polish Academy of Sciences, Today We Have, MSC and the Gdynia Aquarium NMFRI.

1.2. The Junior Conference entitled "Where the World is Heading 2026" will take place on **June 11, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. CET**, in the **Institute of Oceanology of the Polish Academy of Sciences** and **online via Zoom (in hybrid mode)**

1.3. The conference is intended for primary and secondary school students who are interested in maritime issues, are willing to present their projects, actions in the oceanic context and climate change, which they have organized in their local environment (school, housing estate, city, etc.).

1.4. The authors of the best projects presented at the International Junior Conference entitled Where the World is Heading 2026 will be awarded/workshops with a diploma.

1.5. Each participating group may count up to 5 participants, except for grades 1-3, where the project may be prepared by the whole class. Age groups are: 7-9, 10-12; 13-15; 16-17. We reserve the right to change age groups depending on the number of applications in individual age groups.

1.6. Important dates:

Submission of the application: May 11, 2026

Confirmation of acceptance: May 13, 2026

The Conference: June 11, 2026

1.7. Regulations of the Junior Conference entitled Where the World is Heading 2026 states the basis and defines the rights and obligations of its participants.



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II. CONFERENCE GOALS

2.1. Our goal is to build environmental awareness and social attitudes in mind of implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

2.2. We promote teamwork and learning through playing.



III. PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE

3.1. Please register via the application form available at: <https://km2026en.konfeo.com> until **May 11, 2026 16:00 CET**.

3.2. Please send files not exceeding 500 MB to: worldcafesopot@gmail.com via WeTransfer (<https://wetransfer.com/>). This will make it easier for you to send files to us.

3.3. Name the file as follows: OrganizationName_groupleadername_groupleadername, e.g. InstytutOceanologii_Adam_Nowak.

3.4. How to send files. Use WeTransfer <https://wetransfer.com/> and follow the instructions below:

1. Send an email to: worldcafesopot@gmail.com.

Your e-mail address: enter your e-mail address, which you will provide during registration at: <https://km2026en.konfeo.com>

2. Message: International Junior Conference entitled: "Where the world is Heading."

3. Add files by clicking the +Add your files button and then the download button.

4. After downloading the files, click the Transfer button to initiate the transfer.

5. An e-mail will be sent to the given e-mail address with a code to be entered

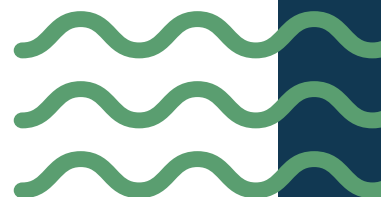
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7. A confirmation of sending the files and a link to them will be sent to the e-mail address provided. The link is active for 3 days.

8. When the organizers download the files, an automatic message will be sent to the e-mail address provided that the files have been downloaded.

3.3. You can send 1 movie up to 3 minutes long, 1 presentation up to 15 slides with description in the language Polish and English (max 1,5 A4 page, Times 11, about 2800 characters).

3.4. **Subtitles in English must be included in the uploaded video.**



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3.5. During the conference, the qualified groups will have the opportunity to present themselves project **in English (4 minutes + 3 minutes for questions)**.

3.6. All information about the Junior Conference entitled Where the World is Heading 2026 can be found at: <https://oceanofchanges.com/en/odn-km2026/>

IV. PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE

4.1. **Participation** in the Junior Conference entitled Where the World is Heading 2026 **is free and voluntary**.

4.2. Participation in the Junior Conference entitled Where the World is Heading 2026 means acceptance by the participants of the provisions of the Regulations.

4.3. The organizers reserve the right to use and process personal data, use of the image of participants (photos and film recordings) for information, promotional and scientific purposes related to the Junior Conference entitled Where the World is Heading 2026.

4.4. Participants of the Junior Conference entitled Where the World is Heading 2026. Thus, they consent to the use of their data provided to the Organizer's information as well as photos and film recordings with their participation in accordance with the Personal Data Protection Act of August 29, 1997 (Journal of Laws of 2002, No. 101, item 926, as amended).

4.5. Participation in the Junior Conference entitled Where the World is Heading 2026 is equal to the consent to the publication of post-conference materials, i.e. photos, video recordings of the conference along with the image of the participant / participant on the organizers' websites, as well as on social networks: Facebook, Instagram, YouTube of the organizers of the Junior Conference entitled Where the World is Heading 2026.

4.6. Participants of the Junior Conference entitled Where the World is Heading 2026 give consent to the processing and publication of the submitted materials for purposes related to the conference and for scientific and promotional purposes after the conference. Participants also consent to the free transfer of copyrights to the materials sent to the organizers of the Junior Conference entitled Where the World is Heading 2026.



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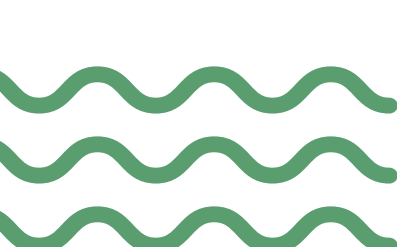
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4.7. In the case of minors, the teacher is obliged by legal guardians to collect consents for the publication of the image, for processing and publishing the materials sent for purposes related to the conference, for scientific and promotional purposes after the conference, for the free transfer of copyrights to the materials sent, for the organizers of the Junior Conference entitled Where the World is Heading 2025.

V FINAL AGREEMENTS

5.1. The organizers are not responsible for the internet connection of the participants to the Junior Conference entitled Where the World is Heading 2026.

5.2. Each participant of the Junior Conference entitled Where the World is Heading 2026 is required to behave in a disciplined and cultural manner, comply with the safety rules at the Junior Conference entitled Where the World is Heading 2026 and to relate in a cultural way to all participants and organizers of the conference.

5.3. About any irregularities noticed during the Junior Conference entitled Where the World is Heading 2026 the organizers must be informed immediately (**worldcafesopot@gmail.com**).

5.4. In matters not covered by the Regulations, the provisions of the Civil Code shall apply.



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