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:: Local Expert Flies to Florida to Give Paper on Wave Energy

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A locally based wave energy specialist has travelled to Florida to address an audience of government officials and technical firms from across the globe.

Graeme Mackie, Engineering Director of Inverness company Wavegen, was asked by the EnergyOcean conference to share Wavegen's experience of marine renewable energy with experts from around the world.

As the creator of the world's first grid connected wave energy generator, Wavegen is considered to be a leading voice in the industry.

Mr Mackie explained: "I am honoured to have been given the opportunity to speak at the first EnergyOcean conference.

I believe that there is much the industry can learn from Wavegen's research and development and it is good to see that the US is beginning to place importance on sustainable and renewable energy sources on and around its own shores.

Wavegen operates in a global market and events like these can prove invaluable in building long term relationships with developers."

Mr Mackie's paper will describe the technology behind the LIMPET plant on Islay and outline its performance since connection to the grid three years ago

He will also unveil details of the next generation of wave energy technology currently being developed by Wavegen.

The staging of the first EnergyOcean Conference in the US is a signal that the development of offshore sustainable energy is becoming increasingly important to government officials in the US and beyond.

The aim of the conference is to put US technologists and scientists in contact international experts and developers.

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