

**Prof. Christophe Gaudin** 

Prof. Gaudin graduated with a Doctorate in Engineering Science from the Ecole Centrale de Nantes in November 2002. He subsequently joined the Centre for Offshore Foundation Systems (COFS) in July 2003 and was appointed as Manager of the UWA centrifuge facilities. He was promoted Research Professorial Fellow in 2009 and hold since the position of Deputy Director of COFS. His research interests cover offshore anchoring systems and shallow foundations, pipeline-soil interaction and similitude principles associated with centrifuge modelling, for which he has authored 90+ referred publications.

As manager of the UWA centrifuge facilities and a team of 8 technicians, Prof Gaudin has focused on establishing centrifuge modelling techniques as an essential tool to assist the offshore industry in developing and designing foundation solutions. He has built a strong relationship with the offshore industry, raising over \$3.5M of research funding and producing 50+ consulting reports.

Since 2010, Prof. Gaudin is the Chair of the Technical Committee for Physical Modelling on Geotechnics (TC104) of the International Society of Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ISSMGE), and the Chair of the 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Physical Modelling in Geotechnics to be held in Perth in 2014. His goals as TC Chair for the current term are notably to increase awareness of centrifuge modelling techniques and capabilities in the geotechnical engineering community, both in academia and industry, and to support the emergence of new centrifuge centres around the world.