

## Bristol Bright Night, Researchers Fair - 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015

### Outreach Activity



The ALPES ESR's took part in Bristol Bright Night Researchers Fair which was held at "At-Bristol" on the harbourside on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015 from 11am to 10pm. This hugely successful event was attended by almost 1300 visitors – including school groups as well as members of the public.

The event was jointly organised by The University of Bristol, UWE Bristol and the Bristol Natural History Consortium (BNHC) and delivered a packed schedule of events with everything from comedy to cookery, street theatre to bite-size talks. Over 100 researchers from the University of Bristol and UWE Bristol hosted 35 fun, interactive activities for all.

The ALPES team members helped staff a stand in the main exhibition hall to demonstrate aspects of their research in a fun and interactive way – explaining the basics of Aeroelasticity and Loads through the use of demonstration models such as a mini shaking table and air flow bench together with some interactive videos.

ALPES ESR Irene Tartaruga gave a presentation to a mixed audience of both adults and children as one of the 7 minute "bite-sized talks" on the subject of shimmy, as well as contributing a recipe for pizza bread to the international cook book!"

Bristol was selected to stage one of only five science events in the UK, as part of the prestigious annual [European Researchers' Night programme](#) which saw around 300 cities running events simultaneously across 24 countries, and was funded by the EU Commission to engage citizens in celebrating the latest and most stimulating research at both a local and international level.

Dr Carole Fureix, Marie Curie Intra-European Fellow at the University of Bristol, said: "This event is all about showing how the research we are doing at the Universities is relevant to our day to day life. It is also a great opportunity to meet researchers from many different fields and get to ask them all the burning questions you may have about research and what it means to be a researcher."