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The Permanent Service for Mean Sea Level in its 75th Year

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The PSMSL was established as a "Permanent Service" of the International Council for Science in 1958, around the time of the International Geophysical Year. However, in practice it was a continuation of the Mean Sea Level Committee which had been set up at the Lisbon International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG) conference in 1933 with Joseph Proudman as its Secretary. The PSMSL continues to play a vital role in the exchange and analysis of sea level data worldwide and in the development of the field of Sea Level Science. This presentation will cover some of the history of the PSMSL, will describe its present services, and will explain how the Service might evolve in the near future.