

our explorers around the world.



Sylvia Earle and Dominique Rissolo at BLUE. Photo by Fabio Esteban Amador

Another impressive submersible was OceanGate's Antipodes, a submersible with a five-person capacity allowing a real opportunity to conduct educational and collaborative expeditions. Antipodes provides its crew with a spectacular view of the ocean with a diving capability of 300 meters (~1000 feet). Its two 58 inch hemispherical acrylic domes provide a front row seat to the best views the deep has to offer. I had the opportunity to chat with one of their pilots, Erika Bergman, a talented young woman with a great future and a great message (see video).



OceanGate's Antipodes Submersible on display at BLUE. Photo by Fabio Esteban Amador

DeepFlight was also present with the Super Falcon. This high performance deep submersible is the brainchild of Graham Hawkes, who created this fifth generation submersible capable of reaching depths of 300 meters (~1,000 feet). It's designed with wings and two in-line seats with 360 degree views of the ocean. It looks like a jet fighter but it is meant to dive with state of the art fly-by-wire technology. A work of art and a terrific ocean explorer. At the conference, it was common to see explorers and creators working together, as I found National Geographic Explorer Bob Ballard chatting with Graham Hawkes. How often do you see these pioneers together?

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