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ICoMM Seeking Proposals

The International Census of Marine Microbes (ICoMM) is inviting proposals from the microbial oceanographic community for tag sequencing of samples from diverse marine habitats and biogeographic provinces of the world's oceans. Proposals should not exceed five page of description,



including figures. A sample proposal can be viewed at http://icomm.mbl.edu/ Participants should send proposals to Linda Amaral Zettler at amaral@mbl.edu

Important dates

Deadline for proposal submission: July 1, 2007 Notification of participants: November 1, 2007

ChEss Training Awards for New Investigators

Tawny is a type of owls, and owls typically represent the quality of wisdom in many legends. Under this symbol of wisdom, ChEss has developed its TAWNI Awards- Training Awards for New Investigators-to support training and mobility of young investigators in research activities related to samples, collections, and taxonomy of deepwater chemosynthetic ecosystems. The 2007 call for submissions opened on April 2, with a submission deadline of May 14.

All application details can be found at http://www.soc.soton.ac.uk/chess/tawni.php

School Materials Available for Download

ChEss has recently added a new component to its educational effort. They now offer schools posters for hydrothermal vents, cold seeps and whale falls available for download by schools on its website. Take a look at...



http://www.soc.soton.ac.uk/chess/

Maria Baker welcomes your comments at... mb11@noc.soton.ac.uk

BBC Looking for Input

Hannah Robson, a producer with the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), has asked that we circulate the outline of a planned program to the CoML Community. She is looking for feedback on content and possible participation via access to researchers and expeditions. Please let Darlene Crist (darlene.crist@cox.net) know if you see an opportunity for your project to contribute so that we can help make the connection.

BBC Television is in pre-production for OCEANS, an eightpart television series from the Natural History and Science department in the United Kingdom. In each hour-long programme, the science and history of our seas and oceans will be revealed by a team of marine scientists who will use scuba-diving to explore and uncover important stories about the geology, ecology, archeology and marine biology of our blue planet.

This landmark series will be shot in High Definition and will be broadcast on the BBC and Discovery Channel in Autumn 2008 and thereafter around the world.

The BBC aims to underpin everything with strong science and a sense of discovery and are looking for possible stories to feature in the series. Although they will be featuring deep-ocean science and exploration in places, they are also looking for a wealth of stories to feature at shallower depths.

Filming the first programme in this series will be this summer in the Mediterranean Sea. Thereafterm filming will take place in seven of the following locations:

The Southern Red Sea The Atlantic Ocean surrounding Cape Verde or the Azores Tasmania Japan Eastern Papua New Guinea The Sea of Cortez The Arctic Ocean - location TBC - possibly Svalbard The Indian Ocean - location TBC - perhaps Mozambique The Gulf of Mexico - location TBC The Caribbean Sea - location TBC - perhaps Belize or Honduras.

Presenters Needed for Fifth World Fisheries Conference

Hiroyuki MATSUDA, DSc. of Yokohama National University is helping to organize a session on biodiversity and management for the 5th World Fisheries Congress in Yokohama, October 20-24, 2008. Dr. Matsuda is seeking Census participation, particularly for two sub-sessions: (Sub-session 7-4) Assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services top predators, trophic cascade, and seamounts and (Sub-session 7-5) Ecosystem and habitat assessment and management marine protected areas MPA, nature parks, and coral reefs. The timing of the conference is opportune to begin to communicate Census findings to the larger research community.

More information is available at http://risk.kan.ynu.ac.jp/matsuda/2008/WFC2008.html

Interested participants may also contact Dr. Matsuda directly at matsuda2@ynu.ac.jp.

The Census of Marine Life is a growing global network of researchers in more than 80 nations engaged in a ten-year initiative to assess and explain the diversity, distribution, and abundance of marine life in the oceans-past, present, and future.

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