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To help make Census news more readily accessible, we have opted to deliver it in a more inviting way. We chose this style so you could quickly scan the headlines and read as much or as little as you wish.

As this is a trial, please let us know what you think and if the images came through. If you have other suggestions as to how we might better communicate, please share them. As always, thanks very much for your help and cooperation.

Your E and O Team at URI Sara, Darlene, Gail, Chris, Darrell, Jay, George

Canada Postal Service Features ArcOD Imagery

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One of ArcOD researcher Kevin Raskoff's fabulous photographs was featured in a special marine stamp series released by the Canadian Postal Service. The *Crossota norvegica* was photographed during the Hidden Oceans Expedition during the summer of 2006.

Darlene has been in contact with the Canadian Postal Service to learn how to propose similar marine life stamp series in other countries and has drafted a proposal letter for use by the Network. It can be downloaded from the Census Partners Resource Page. Username Outreach1, Password Census1.

www.coml.org

Census Highlights Featured in French Publication

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The Census 2006 highlights were featured in a double- page spread in the French publication *Diplomatie*. COMARGE's Lenaick Menot shared the good news.

If you happen to see similar news in your country, please send hard copies of publications to Darlene Crist so that they may become part of the Census archive.

<http://www.ifremer.fr/comarge/en/index.html>

Call for Presentations: 3rd International Ocean Data Management Conference

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The third in a series of international conferences on ocean data management is scheduled for 2-4 October 2007 at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia Canada. The conference will focus on enhancing data quality assurance and translating data housed in databases into products that are useful for society in general and decision makers in particular. Presentations are being sought on the application of Ocean Biodiversity Informatics on a variety of topics from practical application of data to technical topics on data management issues.

OBIS is soliciting presentations from all CoML participants. The conference registration form is at [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp? A=112455253E16598](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?A=112455253E16598). Deadline for abstracts is 30 April 2007. All abstracts are expected to be reviewed by 15 June, with confirmation of submissions by July 31.

http://www.iobis.org/Members/brantonb/obi07/OBI07_poster.htm

CeDAMar Taxonomic Exchange Program: Application Deadline March 15

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The CeDAMar taxonomic exchange program is offering several fellowships for deep-sea scientists. These fellowships support short-term visits of taxonomists to other institutions to work with colleagues and exchange knowledge concerning abyssal material collected within CeDAMar.

Grants are typically up to 2,000 Euros. There are four deadlines per year, with the next on March 15 2007. But applications can also be considered outside these dates on a case-by-case basis

Contact Stefanie Keller for questions at [skeller@senckenberg.de](mailto:skeller@senckenberg.de) or by phone at +49(4421) 9475-171. Application guidelines are available on the CeDAMar website.

[www.cedamar.org](http://www.cedamar.org)

**US National Committee's Latest Newsletter**

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The third newsletter of the US National Committee is now available online at www.coml.us. Of particular interest is an interview with new CoML NRIC coordinator Kirsten Marten(kmartin@coreocean.org), reviews her priorities and vision the NRICs.

<http://www.coml.us/Dev2Go.web?id=307848&rnd=15724>

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