



Welcome to the sixth ICBM-Alumni-Newsletter



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ICBM-ALUMNI-NETWORK

Dear ICBM Alumni,
in the sixth issue, we report on the 4th ICBM PhD Day as well as a new umbrella organization of the "German Marine Research Alliance".

We wish you many beautiful days in the spring and a nice Easter.
Your Ferdinand Esser

NORTH GERMAN STATES RESOLVE TO CONTINUE „GERMAN MARINE RESEARCH ALLIANCE“

The North German Science Ministers from Bremen, Hamburg, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Lower Saxony and Schleswig-Holstein met in Bremen on 29.11.2018 to discuss common goals in science and research policy. The focus of this conference was the creation of a "German Marine Research Alliance" planned by the North German federal states together with the federal government

The **German Marine Research Alliance** (DAM) wants to tackle the great questions of the future of marine research through joint action and provide knowledge for politics, business and civil society to deal with the sea in a sustainable way. The DAM is intended to improve cooperation between the various players active in marine research, to create added value in terms of content and organization, and to promote them through the federal government and the participating countries. At today's meeting, the NWMK decided to found DAM in 2018 together with the federal government. This is the starting point for a cross-institutional sustainable and long-term strengthening of marine sciences as an important topic for the future. [Press Release, Free Hanseatic City of Bremen Press Office of the Senate]

NEW ICBM DIRECTORATE

Thorsten Dittmar (48), professor of marine geochemistry, succeeds Prof. Dr. Oliver Zielinski, who continues to serve as deputy to the ICBM Board of Directors - together with Prof. Dr. Heinz Wilkes, who has just joined. Dittmar was appointed to the Chair of Marine Geochemistry in 2013. The research group he heads has existed since 2008 and is based in cooperation with the Max Planck Institute for Marine Microbiology at the University of Oldenburg. Prior to coming to Oldenburg, Dittmar was an assistant professor at the Department of Oceanography at Florida State University in Tallahassee, USA. He previously worked at the Alfred Wegener Institute (AWI) in Bremerhaven and at the University of Washington in Seattle. At the center of his research is the so-called "dissolved organic material" - an enigmatic mixture of various carbonaceous substances in the sea, which plays an important role in the global climate. [PR]

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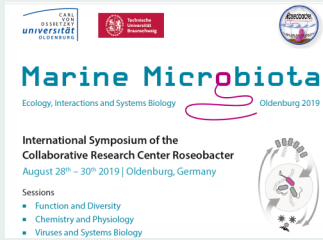


Thorsten Dittmar new CBM Director
(Foto ICBM)

Announcement:

International Symposium of SFB Roseobacter

[Registration](#) and abstract submission



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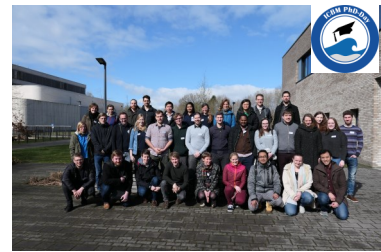
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4th ICBM PhD DAY

On March 19th, 2019, the **4th ICBM PhD Day** took place. Here, young scientists were able to present and discuss their research results. In break-out groups, they were able to exchange ideas about projects, discuss challenges or methods during their PhD. The PhD days are also an institutional networking event, making new contacts with other PhDs in the field of science or related fields and to welcome new ICBM PhD students. For the first time, three PhD representatives were elected. [ES]



Participants of the 4th ICBM PhD Day (Foto: ICBM)

PRIZES AND AWARDS

MELANIE BEHRENS RECEIVES JUNIOR-FELLOWSHIP

Dr. Melanie Behrens, Research Associate of the Max Planck Research Group Marine Isotope Geochemistry at the ICBM, has successfully applied for an associate Junior Fellowship of the Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg (HWK, Delmenhorst). It includes e.g. the opportunity to bring together up to eight project cooperation partners from Germany and abroad in a one-week retreat at the HWK between 1.9.2018 and 31.08.2020. [SR]

HANNE BANKO KUBIS RECEIVES OTTO KRÜMMEL PROMOTIONAL AWARD

Oldenburg. Hanne Marie Banko-Kubis accepted the Otto Krümmel Promotional Award today for her Bachelor thesis on carbon dioxide exchange in Norwegian coastal waters. The prize, named after the renowned German oceanographer Otto Krümmel (1854 – 1912), is awarded to young oceanographers for outstanding bachelor's theses. It is meant to further encourage and motivate the young scientists for their professional career. The award is funded with 1,000 €, donated in equal parts by the Society to Support GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel and Briese shipowning company, Leer. The awardee was supervised by Dr. Mariana Ribas Ribas, scientific member of the research group Sea Surface at ICBM, who also gave a speech in honour of Banko Kubis during the awards ceremony. She emphasized the excellent work of Banko-Kubis who had shown a much higher degree of commitment during her work on the thesis than usual. One important new result of the awarded work is that Norwegian fjords might act as an important sink for the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide. Banko-Kubis will now continue her scientific career now by studying for a Master's degree at the University of Oldenburg. [ICBM].



Hanne Banko-Kubis has won the 2018 Otto Krümmel Promotional Prize [Photo: J. Steffen, GEOMAR]

MARINE RESEARCHERS HELMUT HILLEBRAND AND THORSTEN DITTMAR WORLDWIDE MOST CERTIFIED SCIENTISTS

According to the current citation ranking "Highly Cited Researchers", the Oldenburg biodiversity expert Prof. Dr. Helmut Hillebrand and the geochemist Prof. Dr. Thorsten Dittmar are among the world's most cited scientists. Hillebrand, Director of the Helmholtz Institute for Functional Marine Biodiversity (HIFMB), is represented in the category Environment and Ecology. Dittmar is one of 2,000 researchers worldwide, who appear in the new interdisciplinary category "Cross-Field". The two are among 6,000 researchers worldwide from 21 fields the most influential people in science. More than 350 scientists from Germany are represented. The Highly Cited Researchers ranking, published by Clarivate Analytics (formerly Thomson Reuters), is based on the citation database Web of Science. It only considers the percentage of scientific publications most cited by professional colleagues and lists those researchers with the most of such top publications. [PR]

