



Institute for Chemistry and  
Biology of the Marine  
Environment (ICBM)

## Welcome to the ninth ICBM-Alumni-Newsletter

Dear ICBM Alumni

We are sending you this ICBM newsletter in a time when there are major changes taking place both globally and in your day to day lives.

In the ninth issue, we report on the German Marine Research Alliance, one of the world's largest marine research alliances, on ICBM and the handling of the coronavirus, as well as giving an overview of professional fields of ICBM Alumni.

We wish you much strength and above all health in this extraordinary situation, a happy Easter and all the best.

Yours, Ferdinand Esser

### KICK-OFF FOR THE DAM IN BERLIN

Approximately 200 guests, among them Prof. Dr. Oliver Zielinski representing ICBM, recently participated in the kick-off event of the German Marine Research Alliance (DAM). In the FUTURIUM – a House of Futures in Berlin, the alliance introduced itself mainly by outlining its future tasks and objectives. Among the speakers, the DAM deputy chairman, Michael Schulz, emphasized the importance of a stakeholder



Representatives of DAM member institutions and DAM Executive Board. Foto: DAM/ Dirk Enters

-forum that the DAM is setting up. At this meeting, a new research alliance will be formed that consists of members of different civil-society groups as well as corresponding foundations, associations and enterprises, integrating ministries from the Federation and the States as well as EU expertise. Through this alliance current activities will be discussed and the different research requirements of society, politics, economy and science will be determined. Respective project proposals will be evaluated by a top-notch international advisory board prior to implementation. In 2019, the German marine research community, together with the federal government and the northern German states of Bremen, Hamburg, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Lower Saxony and Schleswig-Holstein, founded the German Marine Research Alliance ([Deutsche Allianz Meeresforschung](#), DAM). Germany has thereby created one of the world's largest marine research alliances. (sr)

### HOW CORONA INFLUENCES RESEARCH AND TEACHING

Corona virus poses difficult challenges for research and teaching at ICBM. Research throughout the university has been greatly reduced and administration on campus has been scaled down to the necessary minimum. By working at home we try to fulfill and master our tasks. Lectures and other events

cannot take place as planned. At the university, classroom teaching has been suspended as a first step to avoid direct contact between teachers and students on campus. Buildings can now only be entered by a few designated people in order to supervise the most important equipment, cultures or long-term experiments. Teachers are adapting ad hoc to the establishment of online courses. Many ICBM staff members are, for the first time in their professional lives, in their home office. The ICBM holds together and there is support from all working groups. (FE)

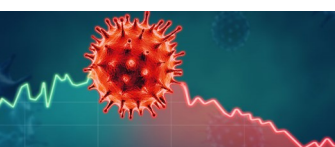


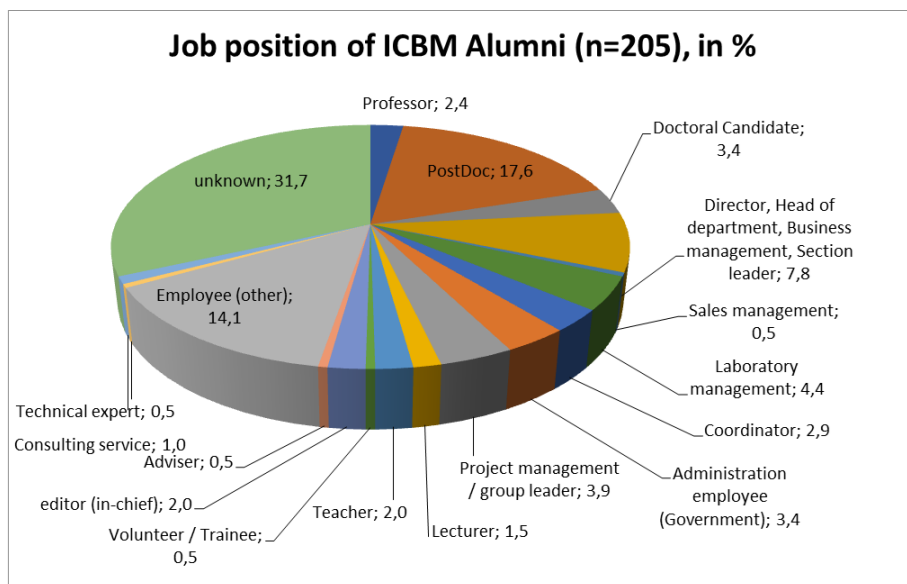
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## Job fields / positions of ICBM Alumni

An analysis of currently 205 alumni registered in the ICBM Alumni Network shows that 17% of alumni remain in academia as postdocs, 2.4% as professors or 3.4% as PhDs. 4.4% work as laboratory managers or 3.4% in public authorities as administrative employees. 7.8% of the alumni are directors, or work as managing directors, department heads, and heads of units or sections. The analysis was based on the data available on the internet and offered in our databases. For the completion of the still unknown fields of profession and job field, I need your assistance in the form of an update of your data in the [database of the Alumni network](#). Many thanks! [FE]



Job fields / positions of 205 ICBM-Alumni, Figures in percent, March 2020 (F. Esser)

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## Cooperation between ICBM and SIO

During the Ocean Science Meeting, representatives of ICBM and [Scripps Institution of Oceanography](#) (SIO) signed a cooperation agreement at the end of February. With this agreement, initiated by ICBM marine scientist Prof. Dr. Meinhard Simon, both institutions want to promote marine research for the benefit of society.



Marine microbiologists Prof. Dr. Meinhard Simon (ICBM) and Prof. Dr. Farooq Azam (SIO), while signing the cooperation agreement. [Picture: Leon Dlugosch, ICBM]

The Scripps Institution at the University of California is one of the oldest and most renowned marine research institutions in the USA. Already in the past, scientists of ICBM and SIO cooperated on an individual basis. The recently signed cooperation agreement now provides a official framework for the exchange of scientists and students as well as for common research activities. (PR)

## NEW APPOINTMENTS AT ICBM /HIFMB

### KIMBERLEY PETERS

Enhanced perspectives at HIFMB: Newly announced Professor in "Marine Governance" Dr. Kimberley Peters is the first social scientist to support HIFMB's interdisciplinary approach to functional marine biodiversity.

Since her PhD in Geography, awarded by Royal Holloway, University of London, Kimberley has focused on Maritime Geography. She first taught at the University of Sheffield, before spending four years as a Lecturer in Human Geography at Aberystwyth University. In 2016 she joined the [University of Liverpool](#) as a Lecturer in Human Geography and soon was promoted to Senior Lecturer and Reader.



Prof. Kimberley Peters [Picture: privat]

Kimberley is a leading human geographer whose work is recognised internationally as having helped shape and define Maritime Geography, authoring and editing key books in this area. Only over the past decade geographers have been moving their studies from almost entirely terrestrial parts of the earth to parts beyond the shoreline. Kimberley's research is providing a corrective to this land-locked perspective, thinking of seas and oceans as places with social, cultural and political meaning. Her particular focus lies on governance regimes at sea.

This does not just include the governance of maritime space and resources but a range of planetary environments that make governance 'tricky' – such as ice, which melts and reforms; air, which cannot be grasped; electromagnetic waves, which can be harnessed for political ends. Therefore, one of Kimberley's key questions in research is, how to address these geophysical challenges for effective governance and conservation in an age of anthropocentric change. (HIFMB)