



To the
Scientists of the
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Dear colleagues,

In this summer newsletter, we provide important information about the upcoming coordination workshop in September in Bremen. The new call letter of the German Research Foundation (DFG) for the next application round is sent separately and will be posted online by the coordination team as soon as possible.

Topic Workshop Rostock

This years' SPP Topic Workshop on "Polar Coasts and Processes" took place on June 3rd and 4th, 2019, at the University of Rostock, International Guest House. Responsible for the planning and organisation of the workshop was the coordination team at Rostock University, Ulf Karsten, Angelika Graiff and Svenja Heesch. The focus was on geomorphology, environmental change, local consequences and coastal observation networks. For this purpose, speakers from various disciplines were invited and experiences exchanged. Afterwards breakout groups worked on and discussed four important topics, such as polar coastal biodiversity, terrestrial-marine exchange processes and biogeochemical cycling in polar coastal regions under global change scenarios. The identified deficits as well as assessments and future developments concerning polar coasts will be presented in a position paper.

SPP Coordination Workshop, September 25th-27th 2019, Bremen, Haus der Wissenschaften

The annual coordination workshop of the DFG Priority Program "Antarctic Research" will take place from **September 25th-27th, 2019** in Bremen. It targets scientists from German universities and research institutions involved in Antarctic research. Participation is **mandatory** for all applicants who apply for I.) a new project within the Priority Program (5 minutes presentation), or II.) who apply for a renewal, III.) as well as for those currently funded by the Priority Program

(poster presentation). Talks and posters will be presented in English. Please find more information on our website (currently only German version available): <https://www.spp-antarktisforschung.uni-rostock.de/organisation/workshops/koordinationsworkshop/>

Please note that approved projects from the current application period 2018/2019 should also be presented by a poster. The registration deadline for contributions (talk, poster) for the coordination workshop is **August 28th, 2019**.

Please **fill out the attached application form** and send it via email to the coordination office (Svenja Heesch) at the University of Rostock (email: SPP-Antarktisforschung@uni-rostock.de).

Important: *We expect you to stay for the entire SPP workshop and not only for your talk or poster. According to DFG guidelines, active contributions and engagement with other disciplines in the frame of the overarching goals of the SPP are mandatory.*

The presenting participant (talk or poster) can claim travel expenses via the SPP coordination office. Any of the authors can participate. Please use discount offers ("Sparpreis") of the Deutsche Bahn AG. You are responsible for your own hotel reservation in Bremen. Please find a list of hotels which provide a limited contingent of rooms with special rates in the attachment. Please note that the current upper limit for hotel accommodation in Bremen as defined by DFG is 65 Euro. However, we are aware of higher prices during the given period, and **slightly** higher accommodation fees will be accepted. In case you select an expensive alternative, a justification is required for travel reimbursement. Please note the expiry dates of the reserved contingents: Select Hotel City Bremen **July 31st, 2019**, Novum Hotel Bremer Haus and Hotel Westfalia **6 weeks prior to arrival!**

The coordination workshop will start on the evening of **September 25th at 6 pm** with an Icebreaker at the *Übersee Museum Bremen* in the Oceania Exhibition (Bahnhofplatz 13, 28195 Bremen; <https://www.uebersee-museum.de/ihr-besuch/>). On Thursday and Friday (**September 26th and 27th from 8:30 am**), presentations will take place at the *Haus der Wissenschaften* (Sandstraße 4/5, 28195 Bremen; <https://www.hausderwissenschaft.de/Kontakt.html>) in the historical city centre. An evening event (conference dinner) is planned for Thursday evening (**September 26th at 7 pm**) at the *Brauhaus der Freien Gastro Union Bremen* (Theodorstraße 12, 28219 Bremen; <https://brauerei-bremen.de/kontakt-anfahrt/>). The workshop is scheduled to end around 3 pm on Friday afternoon. Further information, including an overview plan of Bremen showing the different locations of the workshop, will be circulated at the beginning of September, after registration closes.

The working group of the Polar Teachers (AK Polarlehrer) of the German Society for Polar Research has again expressed interest in participating in the coordination workshop, in order to establish contacts between scientists and teachers, and to promote new ideas for the education of students with regard to polar topics. If you want to offer an interesting side event or have ideas, please contact the coordination office (email: SPP-Antarktisforschung@uni-rostock.de).

Antarctic environmental course/Umweltschutzseminar Antarktis

We would like to emphasize, that for all participants, who travel to Antarctica for projects, the participation in the Antarctic environmental course ("Umweltschutzseminar Antarktis") provided by the Alfred-Wegener-Institute is **mandatory**. This one-day course is offered each year at the AWI in Bremerhaven. The next course is on **September 30th, 2019**. Information for registration

can be found on the website of the AWI: <https://www.awi.de/ueber-uns/logistik/informationen-fuer-expeditionsteilnehmer/umweltschutzseminar.html> .

Current application round and new application round

The panel evaluation of all proposals submitted in November 2018 was held on March 21st and 22nd, 2019, in Bonn. Eleven out of 21 applications across all disciplines were recommended for funding (52% funding rate, ~2.5 Million Euro). The current funding approvals as well as the letters of rejection will be sent soon by the German Research Foundation (DFG)

For the upcoming application round 2019/2020, the concept of the SPP Antarctic Research 2019-2024 will apply (see SPP website for objectives and issues: <https://www.spp-antarktisforschung.de/forschung/antragsperioden/antragsperiode-2019-2024/>).

Applications can be submitted again for up to 3 years in the new funding period. The deadline for submissions is **November 4th, 2019**. The DFG elan portal will be open from mid October 2019. Further details will follow separately in the call letter of the DFG.

Warm regards

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