



Alumni News 2018

We are proud to present our latest Alumni-Newsletter and we hope that you are all doing well, wherever it will find you. This newsletter will give you an overview about the latest developments taking place in our ZMT Alumni Network.

OUR EVENTS

ZMT/ISATEC's Regional Alumni Conference in Southeast Asia from 23th-27th April 2018 in Bandung, Indonesia



Alumni Conference – Bandung, Indonesia

ZMT's alumni from Southeast Asia held a conference at the Padjadjaran University (UNPAD) in Bandung, Indonesia from April 23rd – 27th 2018. The main topic of the conference was "Marine biodiversity for future life: threats, ecosystem services, and connectivity." The goal of the gathering is to develop a collective research approach related to the conference's topic and enhance possible alumni cooperation in South Asia.

The alumni involved in a series of interactive sessions and talks about marine biodiversity and connectivity, marine pollution, ecosystem services

followed by a training session on DNA-Barcoding with 21 alumni participated from Asia Pacific, Middle East – North America and Central Europe. We thank the DAAD for their generous support.

ZMT REGIONAL ALUMNI CONFERENCE EAST AFRICA

A conference on sustainability of "East African Marine Ecosystems and Regional Linkages" was organised by the alumni in East Africa. The conference took place in Bagamoyo, Tanzania, from March 1st – 4th 2018. The conference was organized by ZMT Alumni under the lead of Robert Katikiro (University of Dar es Salaam).



RESEARCH PROJECT SELAMABIO



From June 25-29 2018, ZMT and the Universidad del Valle in Calí, Colombia, organised a kick-off workshop for development of a joint EU-CELAC research project within Horizon2020. Scientists and stakeholder from Germany and Latin America discussed the impact of climate change on marine provisioning services and functional biodiversity, jointly developed a framework for the proposed project and established the consortium. Amongst the consortium, members are ZMT Alumni Dr. Manuel Zetina (Mexico), Prof. Jorge Paramo, (Colombia), and Prof. Claudio Szlafsztein (Brazil).

Alumni at Coral Reef Colloquium CAPTURE

We could invite 5 Alumni to the CAPTURE Colloquium (Capturing Europe's Respect of Tropical Coral Reefs) at ZMT in November 2018. Afterwards the Alumni had the chance to present their research to the ZMT community.

On the picture (from left): Sucharit Neogi (Bangladesh), Herminie Palla (Philippines), Kristina Cordero (Philippines), Hildegard Westphal (ZMT), Tridewi Pribadi (Indonesia), Joko Samiaji (Indonesia), Zerihun Senbeto Woldeyohannes (Ethiopia), Janine Reinhard (ZMT).



OUR ALUMNI

Jorge Paramo Member of IAG-EBSA

ZMT Alumnus and ZMT ambassador Jorge Paramo was selected as member of the informal Advisory group for ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (IAG-EBSA) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) of United Nations. He participates from 30 June to 03 July in the first meeting of the IAG-EBSA in Montreal, Canada.

Lata Gawada ZMT Alumna and Ambassador from India at ZMT & HWK



Lata visited ZMT from February to April 2009 as NAM fellow. After having a successful time at ZMT, she came back this year as a fellow of the Hanse Wissenschaftskolleg (HWK) and was a guest in the working group of Tim Jennerjahn.

Lata about her time in Bremen: „I learnt many things at ZMT: the Isotope ratio mass spectrometry, CHN analyzer, chitin analysis etc. All the studies conducted at ZMT helped me towards my Ph.D. studies and for better understanding of the ocean biogeochemical processes. Apart from the laboratory work, it was good opportunity for me to visit other institutes for academic purpose. It was such a memorable time in Bremen.“

After leaving ZMT in 2009, Lata joined back at CSIR-NIO, Goa-India and continued to work in the field of ocean biogeochemistry for understanding the processes involved. The NAM fellowship helped her research work back in India a lot in terms of Training and analysis. As time passed, she became the ambassador for the ZMT alumni group for India.

Now as a Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg (HWK) fellow for postdoctoral researchers, she is looking for some good future collaboration between ZMT and India and other countries in the tropics.

Arturo Domenico

Arturo is ZMT Alumnus and ZMT-Ambassador and currently Chief Resilience Officer of Panama City. He is responsible in developing and implementing a Resilience Strategy for Panama City in the framework of the 100-Resilient City Initiative —pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation (<https://www.100resilientcities.org/cities/panama-city/>).

On 23rd August 2018, Dr. Arturo was invited by the Office for Knowledge Exchange to share his experience and knowledge with other colleagues at ZMT.



OPPORTUNITIES

ZMT Alumni Fellowship. We are happy to invite applications from ZMT Alumni for the ZMT Alumni Fellowship, a new initiative by ZMT to foster the institute's alumni network and cooperation among its alumni and researchers. The ZMT Alumni Fellowship includes a four-week research stay at ZMT in 2019 for up to five alumni. The aim of the fellowship is to encourage joint publications of ZMT researchers and alumni and/or to prepare research proposals together. More information and application details on our website. **Next Deadline: February 10, 2019.**

HWK Fellowship Program, the HWK supports research and science as well as arts and humanities, benefitting not only the individual Fellow but also the scientific community in regional research institutions. (<http://www.h-wk.de/fellows/fellowships.html>). **Next Deadline: July 15th 2019.**

Climate Protection Fellowship offers a monthly fellowship of between €2,150 and €2,650, individual mentoring, additional support such as family members, travel expenses, for all future leaders from Non-European transition or developing countries. (<https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/icf.html>). **Next Deadline: March 1, 2019.**

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