



Alumni News 2017/1

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 is ought to give you an overview about the latest developments and events taking place in our ZMT Alumni Network.

ON GOING

ZMT Alumni Network @ LinkedIn Opens Up

Our LinkedIn group will be turned into a standard group so that you can find it by searching for ZMT Alumni Network. If you like to join, you can now simply request to join and do not have to be invited. There you will find the latest information on jobs, funding opportunities and current activities of our Alumni Relations Office. Please also spread the word to ZMT alumni who may have not yet joined LinkedIn to connect with us and stay updated.

2nd Regional Alumni Conference in Colombia

ZMT's alumni from the Americas recently held their regional conference in Santa Marta, Colombia. Hosted by the Universidad del Magdalena, the goal of the gathering was to contribute to the conservation and management of coastal ecosystems in the region and to establish a working line for the regional network.

For more information please visit: www.leibniz-zmt.de/en/12.4.17.html



Our American alumni in Santa Marta, Colombia, March 2017

3rd Regional Alumni Conference Planned in Spring 2018

ZMT's Alumni Relations Office recently submitted a DAAD proposal for our third regional alumni conference in South-East Asia. The thematic focus will be on "Marine Biodiversity for future life: threats, ecosystem services, and connectivity". We hope that the funds will be granted to make this conference possible. Keep your fingers crossed!

Save-the-Date

Southern African ZMT-Alumni and ZMT-Ambassadors Kelly Ortega, Lindan Mlambo and Victor Libuku intend to organise a Southern African Alumni conference. They have already submitted a proposal to DAAD. Assuming funding, the workshop will take place at Sam Nujoma Marine and Coastal Resources Research Centre in Henties Bay, Namibia, from October 23 – 25, 2017. Please save the date if you are interested. Further information will follow soon.

OUR ALUMNI

Kathryn Berry awarded with Glenn Almany Memorial Prize

Kathryn Berry, a former ISATEC student and now PhD candidate at James Cook University in Australia, was honoured with the 2016 Glenn Almany Memorial Prize for her research on the potential effects of a major coal spill on tropical coral reef organisms. Congratulations!

OPPORTUNITIES

Blue Action Fund - Call for Proposals

The Blue Action Fund, recently founded by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) in cooperation with KfW Development Bank, plans to finance individual grants to selected marine/coastal conservation projects of NGOs in marine protected areas (MPAs) and their buffer zones, focusing on the most sensitive coastal waters of Africa, Latin America and Asia/Pacific. Its goal is to contribute to reducing the dramatic loss of marine biodiversity and to advancing local development, e.g. through stabilising incomes in coastal communities or enhancing coastal protection.

The first Call for Proposals is open now with a geographic focus on Small Island Developing States (SIDS). Deadline for application is **August 3rd 2017**.

For further information and the Grant Procedures Manual, please visit www.blueactionfund.org

BMBF Guidelines Promoting Scientific-Technological Cooperation with Costa Rica

The German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) issued new guidelines promoting scientific-technological cooperation with Costa Rica. Eligible applicants are universities, independent research institutes, and further institutions delivering research contributions, as well as private businesses, in particular small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). As a prerequisite, a branch or business premises of them must be located in Germany.

For more information, please visit: www.bmbf.de/foerderungen/bekanntmachung-1378.html (in German only)

DID YOU KNOW?

Small Grants for Regional Workshops up to 25 000€

As a former DAAD scholarship holder, you are eligible to apply for a small grant to hold a workshop in your home country or region. Applications can be handed in throughout the year. However, it is recommended, that the application is placed at least three months before the scheduled beginning of the event. Support can be as high as 25 000€.

Are you a member of Alumniportal Deutschland?

The *Alumniportal Deutschland* aims to help you as German Alumni to keep up your connection with Germany. Would you like to brush up on your German language skills, work for a German company in your country or simply make interesting contacts or receive information about Germany? It furthermore offers connections that can be helpful and interesting, both for your professional and your private life, and it provides you with opportunities for long-term networking and exchange. In the online community, there are various ways for you to get actively involved. Registration is free.

Please visit: www.alumniportal-deutschland.de

ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter aims to inform our alumni about the most recent developments in ZMT's alumni relations.

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