

“Future Ocean” UNESCO Chair in the Marine Sciences

Since 1997 Prof. Christian Dullo from IFM-GEOMAR has been the holder of a UNESCO Chair in Marine Geology and Coastal Management. Within the framework of the Chair he has been involved in the TTR (training through research) UNESCO program of the floating university "LOGATECHEV sea-going missions" and in the Masters program POMOR, a joint initiative of the St. Petersburg State University, University of Bremen, Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research and the Leibniz Institute of Marine Sciences IFM-GEOMAR. POMOR imparts knowledge from modern fields of research in polar and marine sciences, combining oceanography, biology and marine geosciences with engineering and economical aspects.

The Cluster of Excellence “The Future Ocean” has been given the opportunity to award the UNESCO Chair temporarily to an individual who is engaged in working with our strategic partners in the area of (north-south) capacity building, for example in Cape Verde, Senegal, Namibia, Vietnam or Indonesia.

Possible activities which could be carried out under the auspices of the Chair in Marine Sciences include: establishing joint research and training groups, organizing summer schools or training courses for marine experts, mentored (Masters) student exchanges, and joint international research expeditions, among others. Priority will be given to those efforts which have the potential to make a lasting impact on countries which are in the process of developing their marine science research capacities and educational programs.

Tenure of the UNESCO Chair for a period of 6 to 24 months will be offered through the EXC Future Ocean. Supplementary funding of projects through co-financing by the EXC Future Ocean is possible.

If you have a Marine Science capacity building project idea that falls within the aims outlined above and would like to carry out the activities under the auspices of the UNESCO Chair, please submit a short proposal (not more than three DIN A4 pages) by **September 12, 2011** to the Future Ocean Internationalization Coordinator Nancy Smith (contacts below) describing your project and how it would fit into the UNESCO Chair program.

Please include the following in your proposal (maximum 3 pages):

- Type of project (e.g. TTR, joint summer school, training course, student exchange, joint international research expedition, etc)
- Country (or countries) involved in the project
- Proposed project partner(s)
- Proposed duration of the project and desired starting date
- Main source of funding for the project
- Projected budget for the project
- Amount of supplemental funding requested from EXC Future Ocean
- Requested duration of holding the Chair (six to twenty-four months)
- Relevant previous experience (with the country, with proposed partners, etc)
- Expected benefits for foreign partner(s) and for The Future Ocean

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