

MarBEF annual General Assembly

The value of biodiversity observatories and monitoring for science and society

Sopot & Gdynia, Poland

14-16 May 2007

Monday 14 May 2007

Location: New Conference Center of UG, Sopot

8:30	9:30	Registration
9:30	9:35	Welcome - Carlo Heip - General Coordinator MarBEF
9:35	9:45	Opening Address
9:45	9:55	Message from the EC - Miguel Nuevo-Alarcon
9:55	10:00	The value of biodiversity observatories and monitoring - Introduction to the theme
10:00	10:15	LargeNet - Large scale and long term Networking on the observation of Global Change and its impact on Marine Biodiversity
10:15	10:30	MarFISH - Causes and consequences of changing marine biodiversity – a fish and fisheries perspective
10:30	10:45	ArctEco - Biodiversity and ecosystem function under changing climatic conditions – the Arctic as a model system
10:45	11:15	Coffee Break
11:15	11:30	DEEPSETS - Deep-sea & Extreme Environments, Patterns of Species and Ecosystem Time Series
11:30	11:45	MANUELA - Meiobenthic And Nematode biodiversity: Unraveling Ecological and Latitudinal Aspects
11:45	12:00	PROPE-taxon - Web Accessible Taxonomic Expertise in MARBEF: PROviding a e-Platform for the European Taxonomists
12:00	12:15	Mar-ECO - Integration of different methods to study patterns and changes ocean along the Mid-Atlantic Ridge
12:15	12:30	MARPLAN - European integration of marine microplankton research
12:30	13:00	Synthesis on Theme 1 (WP3): Global Patterns of Marine Biodiversity Across Ecosystems
13:00	14:00	Lunch
14:00	14:15	GBIRM - Genetic Biodiversity
14:15	14:30	MarENGIN - The role of native and/or invasive ecosystem engineers in explaining biodiversity
14:30	14:45	MarPACE - Pan-European Gradients in Propagation and Settlement Events
14:45	15:00	BIOFUSE - Effects of biodiversity on the functioning and stability of marine ecosystems – European scale comparisons
15:00	15:15	FOODWEBIO - Functioning of FOOD WEbs across ecosystems of different BIOdiversity level
15:15	15:30	MarMICRO - Microbial diversity and ecosystem functions: concepts, open questions and recommendations for integration of microbes into general ecological frameworks
15:30	16:00	Coffee Break
16:00	16:15	ROSEMEB - Role of Secondary Metabolites in Ecosystem Biodiversity
16:15	16:45	Synthesis on Theme 2 (WP4): Comparative analysis of marine biodiversity and ecosystem functionality
16:45	17:00	MarDSS - Development of decision support systems
17:00	17:30	Synthesis on Theme 3 (WP5): The socio-economic importance of marine biodiversity - Synthesis
17:30	17:45	WP1. Data integration / Bringing biogeographical data online
17:45	19:30	Poster session
20:00		Dinner / Social Programme

Day 2: Tuesday 15 May 2007

Location: Institute of Oceanography UG, Gdynia

8:30		Departure by bus to Gdynia (from Institute of Oceanology, IOPAS)
9:00	9:20	Opening Address
9:20	9:25	WP2: Taxonomic Clearing System
9:25	9:30	WP2: Joint actions with the EDIT NoE - Geoff Boxshall
9:30	9:35	WP2: Aquatic Invasions: a special issue - Vadim Panov
9:35	9:45	WP6: Quality Assurance
9:45	9:55	WP7: Training
9:55	10:10	WP8: Outreach
10:10	10:20	MarBEF: European Master Course: Magda Vincx
10:20	10:30	MarBEF: a view on the future: FP7 - Miguel Nuevo-Alarcon
10:30	10:40	MarBEF: a view on the future: EMBEF - a virtual institute for NoE's - Dave Paterson, Geoff Boxshall
10:40	10:50	MarBEF: a view from ICES - Adi Kellerman
10:50	11:00	MarBEF: LifeWatch - Carlo Heip
11:00	11:30	Coffee Break
11:30	11:45	Invited lecture: Biodiversity and SME's : Pôle MER PACA - Patrick Baraona
11:45	12:00	EEA/ETC - future cooperation: Anita Kunitzer (European Environmental Agency)
12:00	12:30	Key-note session: The Green Paper on the Future Maritime Policy for the European Unions
12:30	13:30	Break-out session: Consultation on the Green Paper.
13:30	13:45	Plenary session: reports by break-out groups: Consultation on the Green Paper.
13:45	14:15	Travel to restaurant
14:15	15:15	Lunch
15:30	22:30	Social Programme, including dinner

Day 3: Wednesday 16 May 2007

Location: New Conference Center of UG, Sopot

9:00	9:30	WP9/10: Business section
9:30	9:40	RMP-CSP integration: introduction
9:40	11:00	Break-out session: RMP-CSP integration within Themes
11:00	12:00	Coffee Break and Poster session (preparation by WP leaders of short reports)
12:00	12:05	Report on breakout session for Theme 1
12:05	12:10	Report on breakout session for Theme 2
12:10	12:15	Report on breakout session for Theme 3
12:15	12:45	General Discussion; action plan; workshop RMP-CSP integration between themes
12:45	13:00	Closing address, including position statement MarBEF on Maritime Policy
13:00	13:15	Walk to IOPAS for lunch and following RMP meetings

Location: Institute of IOPAS, Sopot

13:15	14:00	Lunch
14:00	18:00	RMP meetings
18:30		Dinner / Social Programme

Thursday and following days

After meeting activities