



Alumni News 2017/2

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

ZMT's alumni from Southeast Asia is holding a conference at the Padjadjaran University (UNPAD) in Bandung, Indonesia from 23rd - 27th April 2018. The main topic of the conference is "Marine biodiversity for future life: threats, ecosystem services, and connectivity." The main goals of the conference are a synthesis of the ongoing research related to marine biodiversity and its threats as well as the development of joint projects with ZMT but also among the regional alumni network. The three-day alumni conference is combined with a two-day workshop on genetic barcoding.

Save-the-Date

A conference concept on "Sustainability of East African Marine Ecosystems and Regional Linkages" has been submitted to the DAAD Nairobi by our active alumni network in East Africa. The alumni conference is planned to be held in Bagamoyo, Tanzania from 1st- 4th March 2018. Further information will follow.

ZMT at WIOMSA Science Symposium 2107 in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

The Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA) organised its 10th Scientific Symposium from 30th October - 4th November 2017 in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. ZMT took part with a booth at the exhibition alongside other organizations such as *Tanzania Fisheries Research Institute (TAFIRI)*, *Wetlands International* and *WWF Tanzania*.

COP23: ZMT at the UN Climate Change Conference in Bonn, Germany

In November 2017, the UN Climate Change Conference 2017 (COP23) under Presidency of the Government of Fiji took place in Bonn. Up to 25,000 participants from science, diplomacy, politics and civil society attended the conference. Anna-Katharina Hornidge, Sebastian Ferse and Tim Rixen from ZMT also gave talks during side events.

For more information, please see: <http://www.leibniz-zmt.de/en/news-at-zmt/in-focus/on-going-zmt-at-cop23.html>.



OUR ALUMNI

New Group of Alumni: ISATEC Graduation 2017

Congratulations to the ISATEC cohort of 2017, which celebrated their graduation on 29th September at ZMT. We wish you good luck and all the best for your future!

Arturo Dominici Arosemena: Resilience Strategy Development in Panama City

How can a metropole like Panama City foster sustainable urban development beneficiary to all communities in it? This is one of the questions being addressed to ZMT Ambassador Arturo Dominici Arosemena, who is the Resilience Director at the Municipality of Panama. Panama City is a member of *100 Resilient Cities*, a network supporting sustainable and resilient development of urban areas. During the first stage of the initiative, actions and perceptions were identified through various interviews and workshops kicking-off the development of a resilience strategy.

Tim Jennerjahn was invited to a workshop on "Conservation Assessment of Mangrove Ecosystems in the Bay of Panama" by ZMT Ambassador and Alumna Tania Edith Romero González

Former ISATEC student and ZMT Ambassador Tania Edith Romero González invited her former co-supervisor Tim Jennerjahn, leader of ZMT's Biogeochemistry and Geology Group, to contribute to a workshop on "Conservation Assessment of Mangrove Ecosystems in the Bay of Panama". Tania played a central role in organising the conference supported by the Panamanian National Office for Science, Technology and Innovation (SENACYT). Initiating this collaboration is a result of ZMT's alumni kick-off conference, which took place in Bremen in October 2016. A research project is ought to be initiated by Tania supported by SENACYT, opening a window of opportunity of future cooperation for ZMT and other partners.

DID YOU KNOW?

Farewell

Kristin Gembiak will leave ZMT and so her position as Alumni Relations Officer. She will move to London working as the Alumni Network Manager for BPP University.

Kristin says "THANK YOU" to all of you, making the development of ZMT's alumni programme a great success and a wonderful learning experience. We wish her all the best!

Janine Reinhard (janine.reinhard@leibniz-zmt.de) will pick up Kristin's obligations as a part of her work as Researcher Development Coordinator. From next year onwards, she is going to support our growing alumni network.

**Wishing you all a peaceful festive season
and a healthy and successful 2018!**

ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

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

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