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# First Circular of the 5<sup>th</sup> Polar Marine Diatom Workshop

This is the first announcement of the 5<sup>th</sup> Polar Marine Diatom Workshop, which will be held at the University of Salamanca, Spain, from the 19-24<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

This workshop is a continuation of four previous successful workshops held in Yamagata, Japan (2005); Nebraska, USA (2007); Sydney, Australia (2011); and Cardiff, UK (2013).

## **Workshop Aims**

The workshop will provide the international community of polar diatom researchers with an opportunity to interact and discuss topical issues and new results that bear on recent and future research activities in the polar regions. It will have a strong focus on the Neogene to Recent time period and taxonomic issues toward standardization of terminology and identifications, it will be interactive with many dedicated microscope sessions. The workshop will allow students and early career researchers to interact with, and receive training and advice from leaders in the field and, as such, researchers at all stages of their careers are encouraged to attend. Our aims are to:

- Transfer sound taxonomic skills and exchange knowledge relative to modern and fossil diatoms of polar regions;
- Engage the international marine phytoplankton and palaeontological communities and raise the research profile, and provide the opportunity for on-going training of students and researchers.

The workshop supports the sound development of robust proxies for palaeoceanography, evolution of sea-ice communities and timing of climatic events in polar regions.

## **Themes**

Themes are proposed by attending participants interested in conducting the microscope sessions, and thus will be topics of current interest; both taxonomic and ecological, and composed of both northern and southern polar interests.

## Timetable for Workshop Logistics

**January 2015:** First circular. Website goes live and early registration forms with microscopy theme submissions welcomed. All details about the workshop can be found at:

<http://polarmarinediatomworkshop.org/2015Salamanca.html/>

**February 2015:** Second circular, and full early-bird registration open.

Please note that registration is limited by available laboratory facilities so early registration is advised to avoid disappointment!

**8<sup>th</sup> May 2015:** Early bird registration closes. Late registration fees are available until the limited workshop placements are complete or registration closes on the 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2015.

**15<sup>th</sup> June 2015:** Registration closes. Participants will receive relevant information for joining the workshop.

**19<sup>th</sup> July 2015:** Workshop icebreaker – welcome to Salamanca!

**20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> July 2015:** Workshop science sessions

### Registration fee:

Includes all workshop documentation, microscope slides for the sessions, boxes for slides, daily lunch and coffees, the icebreaker party and the workshop dinner.

Early registration (prior to 8th May, 2015)	Students	Non-students	Accompanied person
	180€	250€	
Late registration (from the 9 May, 2015- until the workshop placements are complete)	350 €		50 €

### **Student Support:**

A number of attendance or/and residence grants for students have been applied for. These will be advertised via this website as soon as the outcomes and number of grants available are known. These will be prioritised for students and those who have not been a recipient of support in the past.

### **Polar Marine Diatom Workshop Organising Committee**

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## **We hope to see you in Salamanca in July!**

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