



To the  
Scientists of the  
DFG Priority Program 1158  
„Antarctic Research with comparative investigations in Arctic ice areas“

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## Newsletter July 2017 Priority Program „Antarctic Research“

Dear Sir or Madam,  
Dear Colleagues,

In this summer newsletter, we provide

1. important information about the upcoming coordination workshop to be held in Erlangen in September
2. the new call letter of the German Research Foundation (DFG) for the next application period (attached)
3. details about the progress of the Priority Program proposal.

### Coordination Workshop

The annual coordination workshop of the DFG Priority Program "Antarctic Research" will take place from 20-22 September 2017 in Erlangen. It targets scientists from German universities and research institutions involved in Antarctic research and is **obligatory** for applicants who would like to apply for a new project within the Priority Program (5 minutes presentation) or who apply for an extension, as well as for those currently funded by the Priority Program (poster presentation). Talks and posters will be presented in English. You can find more information on our website (currently only German version available): <https://www.spp-antarktischforschung.uni-rostock.de/organisation/workshops/koordinationsworkshop/>

Please note that the latest approved projects should also be presented with a poster. The registration deadline for contributions for the coordination workshop is September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

Please fill in the attached application form and send it via email to the coordination office (Julia Regnery) at the University of Rostock ([julia.regnery@uni-rostock.de](mailto:julia.regnery@uni-rostock.de)).

The presenting participant (talk or poster) can claim travel expenses via the SPP coordination office. Any of the authors can participate. Please use saving prices ("Sparpreis") of the Deutsche Bahn.

You are responsible for your own hotel reservation in Erlangen, which you are welcome to book in the partnering hotels (see attachment). Please note that the current upper limit for hotel accommodation in Erlangen as defined by DFG is 65 Euro. However, we are aware of higher prices during the given period, and **slightly** higher price will be accepted. In case you select an expensive alternative, a justification will be necessary for the travel reimbursement. Hotel suggestions with a number of reserved rooms can be found in the appendix, including an overview plan. Please note the expiration dates of the reserved contingents!

The coordination workshop will start on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm with an Icebreaker in the *Orangerie*. On Thursday and Friday (21<sup>st</sup> September and 22<sup>nd</sup> September from 8:30 am) the presentations will take place at the *Kollegienhaus*. The workshop is scheduled to end around 3 pm on Friday afternoon. Further information will be circulated at the beginning of September after registration closure.

Previous to the coordination workshop icebreaker, the Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS) Germany will again organize a workshop, this year with the topic: "Career paths and funding opportunities for postdocs" on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. If you would like to participate in this event please consider this when planning your trip. Further information about the registration will be circulated by APECS Germany. The working group of the Polar Teachers (AK Polarlehrer) of the German Society for Polar Research has also expressed interest in participating in the coordination workshop in order to establish contacts between scientists and teachers and to promote new ideas for the education of students with regard to polar topics. If you want to offer an interesting side event or have ideas, please contact the coordination office ([julia.regnery@uni-rostock.de](mailto:julia.regnery@uni-rostock.de)).

#### Renewal Proposal of the Priority Program, current application period and new application period

The current funding approvals as well as the letters of rejection of the current application period 2016/2017 have been sent by the German Research Foundation (DFG) and should have arrived in your mailbox by now. For the upcoming application period 2017/2018, proposals for up to 3 years funding can be submitted for the last time in the old funding period. The deadline for submission is November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017. For further details please read the attached call letter of the DFG.

The renewal proposal for the prolongation of the Priority Program was also submitted in November 2016 and evaluated by an international expert panel in March 2017. We are happy to inform you, that the subsequent evaluation was positive and the expert panel strongly recommended a prolongation for further 6 years. The final decision will be expected in December 2017 after the DFG's Perspective Committee and the Senate have made a binding decision. However, we are cautiously optimistic that there will be another funding period.

Save the date: 27<sup>th</sup> International Polar Conference 2018

The 27<sup>th</sup> international Polar Conference of the German Society for Polar Research will take place in Rostock from 25-29 March 2018. This conference's main theme will be "Polar Systems Under Pressure", and current topics relating to polar and high mountain research are discussed. The report colloquium of the Priority Program will again take place within the framework of the conference. Please mark this date in your calendar.

New Website

The University of Rostock is currently adjusting its websites (to a mobile web version), and the SPP website was offline for a couple of days. Now, our new website is available again via: [www.spp-antarktisforschung.de](http://www.spp-antarktisforschung.de). The site is still under construction and we are working on an English version. Suggestions and reviews are highly appreciated.

Best regards and a nice summer time,

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