

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON OCEAN RESEARCH
(SCOR Working Group 115)

Mini Symposium
on

Standards for the Survey and Analysis of Plankton

Plymouth, England
19-20 May 2006

Topic

This will be the final meeting of SCOR Working Group 115 which was tasked with establishing standards for the survey and analysis of plankton. The Terms of Reference can be found on the SCOR website at <http://www.jhu.edu/scor/wg115front.htm>. So far there have been two meetings of the WG to bring together the information on past and present ocean plankton surveys. Papers for the final meeting are by invitation but relevant posters are welcome from the scientific community.

Form of meeting

There will be one and a half days of presentations followed by a half day to draw up recommendations for the Final Report. Papers will include:

- Plankton surveys: present and future
- Factors affecting the distribution of plankton
- Sampling strategies and methodologies
- Data bases and archives
- Science policy issues
- Intercomparison of survey methods
- Capacity building for surveys
- Instruments and new technologies
- Plankton analysis

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Deadline for posters

One-page abstract of posters should be sent to P.C.Reid PCRE@sahfos.ac.uk by 31 March 2006. Acceptance of abstracts by the Organising Committee: 15 April 2006.

Instrumentation

Instrument manufacturers are invited.

Publication

It is intended to publish the proceedings of the meeting in a special edition of the Journal of the Marine Biological Association UK.

Venue

At the Learning Resources Centre within the Marine Laboratory at Plymouth.

Registration

A registration fee of £40 will be charged for refreshments, reception and symposium dinner. Application with payment should be made to SAHFOS, The Laboratory, Citadel Hill, Plymouth, PL1 2PB, UK by 15 March 2006.