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PRIMA Learning Jellyfish Workshop

Dates: 13 – 20 February 2023

Spaces: 20 Participants

Location: Iziko Natural History Museum, Cape Town South Africa

Funding Application Deadline: 5 December

A collaboration between the University of Bergen, Norway and the University of the Western Cape, South Africa the PRIMA Learning Project invites you to participate in a jellyfish taxonomy workshop in Cape Town, South Africa. The workshop will bring in some of the leading international specialists in integrative Jellyfish taxonomy to provide hands on, in depth, practical taxonomic skill development. The workshop will be five days long. Morning sessions will take the form of an introductory lecture and briefing and after lunch participants will be working in the lab, under the supervision of experts, getting hands on experience in processing morphological samples.

Funding for travel, accommodation and subsistence can be arranged through the South Africa/Norway mobility project PRIMA Learning. Applications to be sent to Anne Gro Veia Salvanes (Anne.Salvanes@uib.no) by the 5th of December 2022.

Presenters:

[Aino Hosia, University of Bergen, Norway](#)

A world leader in Hydrozoan taxonomy, Aino is based at the University of Bergen, where her broad interests lie in the diversity, systematics and ecology of ctenophores and medusozoan cnidarians. Aino focuses on integrative morphological and molecular taxonomy. Aino is a member of many international working groups including The Hydrozoan Society. Aino will be teaching the Hydrozoan portion of the workshop along with Luis Martell.

[Ilka Straehler-Pohl, Senckenberg Research Institute, Germany](#)

The leading Cubozoan taxonomist in the world. Ilka specialises in life cycles, morphology, taxonomy and evolution of jellyfish and box jellyfish. Currently Ilka is based at the Senckenberg Research Institute as part of the Senckenberg Ocean Species Alliance, Ilka is setting up a new research institute for integrative taxonomy. Ilka will be teaching the Cubozoan part of the workshop.

[Mark John Gibbons, University of the Western Cape, South Africa](#)

While Mark's interests lie broadly in marine ecology he has been instrumental in the taxonomic work of many of South Africa's Scyphozoan species. A world renowned marine invertebrate expert, Mark is based at the University of the Western Cape where he heads up multiple projects looking at the ecology and taxonomy of marine invertebrates, including the descriptions of new species of new Scyphozoa in the Southern African region. Mark will be teaching the Scyphozoan part of the workshop with his two PhD students, Michael Brown and Verena Ras, both of whom specialise in tools for integrative taxonomy, particularly of Scyphozoa.

For any further questions please contact:

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