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## MARS travel awards: extended deadline!

### MARS Travel Award for Young Scientists 2013

By Herman Hummel

As already announced in the newsletter of November, we would like to present the MARS travel awards. Due to a lack of reactions, the deadline has now been extended.



For 2013/2014 three awards of **maximum 750 €** will be granted to promising young scientists or students at MARS member institutions to study a research topic at another MARS member institute. Both institutes must be full members who have paid their dues for 2013, or have announced their intention to become a member.

The research topic should fall into one of the following themes:

- Marine biodiversity, including taxonomy, ecosystem functioning, observatories, indicators
- Marine genomics and molecular biology
- Marine model organisms and natural products
- Climate change problems
- Sustainable ecosystems and human factors
- Preservation and sustainable exploitation of marine ecosystems

After completion of the project an abstract of the results will be published in the MARS Newsletter.

Proposals should include a maximum 2 page outline of the intended research, the addresses of the sending and receiving MARS member institutes, a letter of support from the sending and the host institute, and a CV of the applicant (who may not be older than 35 years).

**! The new deadline for proposals is 15 January 2014 !**

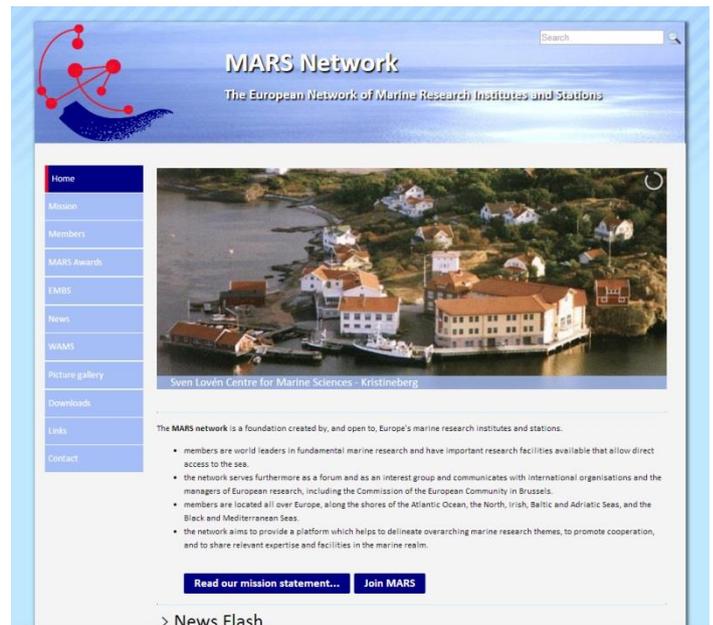
Proposals can be sent to the MARS Secretariat, at [christiaan.hummel@nioz.nl](mailto:christiaan.hummel@nioz.nl)

## From the MARS President

By Herman Hummel

Dear MARS members and colleagues,

With pleasure we give notice of the renewed MARS website ([www.marsnetwork.org](http://www.marsnetwork.org)). The MARS secretariat and VLIZ have cooperated to modernise and update the website. We hope that you will now find your way to relevant information on MARS issues more easily. In the near future other functionalities as a database on the facilities at the member stations and a forum for topical discussions will be added. Moreover, in the coming year we will host more and more information on the European Marine Biology Symposium (EMBS) and on the World Association of Marine Stations (WAMS). Please feel free to supply us with additional ideas for extending the functionality of the MARS website.



A screenshot of the new MARS website

Best regards,

Herman Hummel - MARS President

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## The 49<sup>th</sup> European Marine Biology Symposium (EMBS) at St. Petersburg, Russia – 8-12 September 2014

The registration and abstract submission to 49th European Marine Biology Symposium is now open at [www.onlinereg.ru/embs49](http://www.onlinereg.ru/embs49) (e-mail: [embs2014@gmail.com](mailto:embs2014@gmail.com)).

Important dates for the symposium are:

- 16.03.2014 - Abstract submission deadline
- 15.04.2014 - Confirmation by Organizing Committee
- 21.04.2014 - Early bird registration deadline
- 08.08.2014 - Visa support application deadline
- 08.08.2014 - Last day for booking and paying for hotel accommodation
- 22.08.2014 - Last day for booking and paying for transfers

Please do not hesitate to pass this information to your colleagues.  
We look forward to see you next September in St. Petersburg.

- The organizing committee of the 49<sup>th</sup> EMBS -

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## Horizon 2020 calls

For those of you who are interested in an overview of all Horizon 2020 calls, visit the following website:

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/master\\_calls.html](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/master_calls.html).

There you will find an extensive overview of all calls with description of the call, budget en deadline.

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## Merry Christmas and a happy new year!

by Christiaan Hummel

The MARS secretariat wishes all MARS members a good Christmas holiday. We hope you enjoy the time spend with family and friends.

Also we already would like to wish you a very happy, prosperous and successful new year. We hope 2014 will be a productive year in which all MARS members together will help to maintain and strengthen the important position of Marine Stations in marine sciences and also science at large.

Due to the Christmas holiday, the MARS secretariat will not be present 23 December until 3 January.

Happy holidays!

Best regards,

The MARS secretariat

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