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## EMBS: last possibility!

The EMBS will this year be organised in St Petersburg, Russia from 8 to 12 September. The registration for the coming EMBS is still open and will not close until the start of the Symposium. However, the deadline for reduced fees has passed. The symposium fees from now on are:

- Late bird full	450 EUR
- Late bird student	250 EUR

The oral programme is already full, but submissions for poster presentations are still open (late registrations will however not be in the book of abstracts), and will remain open till the start of the symposium.

All oral and poster presentations, also the late applicants, can submit a manuscript for publication in JMBA. A first review of the quality and potential of a manuscript will be done on the spot (at the venue).



## Consultation of stakeholders of the Horizon 2020 Societal Challenge 5

In the context of implementing Horizon 2020 (H2020), the European Union's research and innovation framework programme, there will be a consulting of stakeholders for the H2020 Societal Challenge 5 "Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials".

These stakeholders are invited to send their insights and recommendations for 2016-2017, structured around seven questions listed below.

The H2020 program Societal Challenge 5 "Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials", can be of big importance to the MARS network, and its members. We therefore ask you for your input, in order to create a collective MARS answer to these questions.

If you want to create more research opportunities within Horizon 2020 for MARS members in the future, please help us answer the following questions:

- 1) What is the biggest challenge in the field concerned which requires immediate action under the next Work Programme? Which related innovation aspects could reach market deployment within 5-7 years?
- 2) What are the key assumptions underpinning the development of these areas (research & innovation, demand side and consumer behaviour, citizens' and civil society's concerns and expectations)?
- 3) What is the output that could be foreseen, what could the impact be, what would success look like, and what are the opportunities for international linkages?
- 4) Which are the bottlenecks in addressing these areas, and what are the inherent risks and uncertainties, and how could these be addressed?
- 5) Which gaps (science and technology, markets, policy) and potential game changers, including the role of the public sector in accelerating changes, need to be taken into account?
- 6) In which areas is the strongest potential to leverage the EU knowledge base for innovation and, in particular, ensure the participation of industry and SMEs? What is the best balance between bottom-up activities and support to key industrial roadmaps?
- 7) Which areas have the most potential to support integrated activities, in particular across the societal challenges and applying key enabling technologies in the societal challenges and vice versa; and cross-cutting activities such as social sciences and humanities, responsible research and innovation including gender aspects, and climate and sustainable development? Which types of interdisciplinary activities will be supported?

You can send your contribution by email to [mars@nioz.nl](mailto:mars@nioz.nl), we will then compile all suggestions, and send them to the advisory commission.

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## Workshops at the White Sea Biological Station

In September 2014 the Nikolai Pertsov White Sea Biological Station in Northern Russia, with its unique position at the polar circle, will organise two workshops:

1. Field speciality workshop in benthic habitat mapping in the White Sea, from 14–26 September 2014, more information on this workshop at <http://en.wsbs-msu.ru/doc/index.php?ID=153>
2. Field workshop in marine biology, from 1–12 September 2014, more information on this workshop can be found at <http://en.wsbs-msu.ru/doc/index.php?ID=152>



## A template for the organisation of symposia

By Christiaan Hummel

For the organisation of the EMBS, a booklet with a template has been written to support the organisational committee: "Scenario for the organisation of conferences and symposia", written by Herman Hummel & Christiaan Hummel.

Although this template was originally written to organise an EMBS symposium, it can also easily be used to organise any other symposium.

This template can be acquired by sending an email to the MARS secretariat, at [mars@nioz.nl](mailto:mars@nioz.nl), and will soon also be downloadable from the MARS website.

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## From the MARS secretariat

By Christiaan Hummel

Dear MARS member, in June the MARS secretariat will be starting again with the collection of the membership fee for the MARS network for 2014.

If your address has changed, your email address has changed, or the contact person for your institute has changed, or will be changing soon, please send us an email with the correct contact details at [mars@nioz.nl](mailto:mars@nioz.nl).

Also, if you need an invoice in a special format or with special additions, like VAT or tax number, or the invoice needs to be sent to your administrator rather than to you, please let us know! In this way we can make sure you get the right invoice sent to the right person.

Thank you in advance!

The MARS secretariat,  
- Christiaan Hummel

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