

Deep Carbon Observatory Deep Life Workshop to Develop an ICDP Drilling Project

The Deep Carbon Observatory (DCO, <https://deepcarbon.net>) Deep Life Community announces a workshop to be held November 3-4, 2014 at the GeoForschungsZentrum in Potsdam, Germany for the purpose of selecting and developing a deep-life-inspired drilling site/project for submission as a proposal to the International Continental Drilling Program. Participation is solicited from scientists wishing to propose a deep-life driven deep drilling site and research project for ICDP funding. The ICDP solicits proposals on a variety of subsurface science topics, including the deep biosphere. While a number of ICDP projects have included biological components, none was conceived and designed as a deep-life-centric project. This in part reflects the deep life community not having provided compelling sites and projects. This workshop is intended to bring together ideas for deep life drilling, to select one or possibly more than one project, and to develop a preproposal for a January 2015 deadline. Drilling project proposals should be consistent with the DCO Deep Life Community Decadal Goals (<https://deepcarbon.net/content/deep-life>) and the ICDP criteria (<http://www.icdp-online.org/proposals/proposal-review/>). Participants should submit a one-page abstract to workshop organizers Tom Kieft (tkieft@nmt.edu) and Tullis Onstott (tullis@princeton.edu) by September 1, 2014. On-line participation will be available for those who can't be present in Potsdam. Funding is available to support travel expenses for a limited number of participants.