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**New Interactive Map Launched on CoML Portal**

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Pat Halpin and his OBIS-Seamap colleagues at Duke University have created a Google Earth-based interactive map for the Census portal. While it is still a work in progress, we invite you to visit [www.coml.org](http://www.coml.org) to see the world of possibilities this map opens for visitors to the site.

<http://www.coml.org>

**CenSeam Expedition Featured in BBC Series**

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A CenSeam expedition to the Davidson Seamount was featured during the BBC's 11-part PLANET EARTH series. The series is scheduled to air on consecutive Sundays from March 25 through April 22, 2007, at 8pm ET/PT on the Discovery Channel.

Davidson Seamount footage collected during the 2006 expedition was featured in the episode "Deep Ocean," which aired on Sunday March 25. Almost all the footage on seamounts was from Davidson.

<http://dsc.discovery.com/convergence/planet-earth/guide/ocean.html>

**Call for Papers for Special Issue of Zootaxa**

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One of CeDAMar's most ambitious objectives is to formally describe 500 new deep-sea species by 2010. In order to achieve this goal, they plan to publish a series of monographic volumes on deep-sea taxonomy and systematics. The next volume is planned for the beginning of 2008 in the journal Zootaxa.

CeDAMar has issued a call for papers for this volume. The scope of the volume is taxonomy, systematics and biogeography of deep-sea organisms. Publication costs ensuring open access to all contributions will be covered by CeDAMar. For those interested in contributing to this special volume, the deadlines are listed here: May 1st 2007: Putative title of contributio. Send to [skeller@senckenberg.de](mailto:skeller@senckenberg.de). August 1st 2007: Manuscripts can be submitted from May 1 - August 1. on. The review process will begin immediately after reception. Submission can be sent electronically to [skeller@senckenberg.de](mailto:skeller@senckenberg.de) or contact Stephanie for her snail mail address.

<http://www.cedamar.org>

**Sixth Working Meeting of OBIS Managers in April**

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April 16-18 are the days set for the sixth working meeting of the OBIS Managers Committee CEBIMAR. The meeting will take place at San Pablo University, at Sao Sebastiao, Sao Paulo, Brazil. The meeting will be hosted by Centro de Biologia Marinha (CEBIMAR; <http://www.usp.br/cbm/>) of Universidade de Sao Paulo (Brazil), and is being organized by Professor Fabio Lang da Silveira.

The objectives of this meeting include the selection of a new OBIS Managers Committee chair, review of progress in development of Regional OBIS Nodes and identify topics for the roundtable and focused discussions following oral presentations by OBIS MC members. It is expected that the IOBIS Portal and most RONS will be represented, with some 20 participants from Australia, Canada, China, Japan, Argentina, Chile, USA and regional representatives of Europe, Indian Ocean, South Western Pacific and Sub-Saharan Africa.

For more information, contact Prof. da Silveirav ([fldsilve@usp.br](mailto:fldsilve@usp.br)).

<http://www.ouroceanworld.com/2001/oceanworld.htm>

**Deeper Than Light Exhibit Opens in Paris**

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MAR-ECO's "Deeper Than Light" exhibit opened to rave reviews at UNESCO Headquarters on March 26, 2007. About 150 people attended its opening. It is expected to continue to draw a crowd, including the UNESCO Goodwill Ambassadors who will arrive the first week of April.

<http://www.coml.org>

**CeDAMar Featured in German Publicaton**

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The German popular science magazine GEO published an article in its March edition about the Census of Marine Life and, in particular, the ongoing work of CeDAMar. The issue was devoted to oceans, with a large focus on the deep sea.

Congratulations to our CeDAMar colleagues!

[http://www.geowebshop.de/webshop/servlet/ServletR?site=geo&page=PageProdukt&aktion\\_id=105821&subkategorie\\_key=magazines\\_geokompakt&kategorie\\_key=magazines&linkref=geowebshop\\_teaser\\_medium\\_text](http://www.geowebshop.de/webshop/servlet/ServletR?site=geo&page=PageProdukt&aktion_id=105821&subkategorie_key=magazines_geokompakt&kategorie_key=magazines&linkref=geowebshop_teaser_medium_text)

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