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An Inside Look at OBIS SEAMAP

The groundbreaking work of Pat Halpin's team at Duke University was featured in separate articles in the New York Times and Duke's Environment Magazine. Halpin and crew are using cutting-edge mapping technology and visualization techniques to make marine research results come alive. One example of their work is the new interactive map they created for the Census portal at www.coml.org.



Photo: Ben Best (foreground) and Pat Halpin of OBIS SEAMAP.

To read more:

<http://www.nicholas.duke.edu/dukenvironment/sp07/f-mapping.html>

<http://www.nicholas.duke.edu/notebook/>

CeDAMar's Research is Nature Cover Story

CeDAMar's results from expeditions to the Weddell Sea aboard the Polarstern from 2002-2005 were reported in the May 17, 2007 issue of Nature. Lead author CeDAMar researcher Angelika Brandt, from the Zoological Institute and Zoological Museum, University Hamburg, suggests that the Antarctic deep sea may be the cradle of life of the global marine species. Census researchers found unexpectedly high levels of new biodiversity, including more than 700 new species, 26 of which carnivorous sponges.



Photo: A newly discovered isopod. Photo courtesy of Wiebke Brokeland.

To read more:

www.coml.org

Sad Loss in the CoML Community

CMarZ's Ann Bucklin shared the sad news of the sudden and unexpected death of CMarZ Steering Committee Member Francesc Pagès. Francesc was a Research Scientist at the Institut de Ciències del Mar (CSIC), in Barcelona, Spain. Members of a CMarZ cruise to the Sargasso Sea during April 2006 have posted a tribute to Francesc, a participant on the cruise, at <http://www.cmarz.org/> (see news).



Photo: The late Francesc Pagès.

Latest MAR-ECO Newsletter Available

MAR-ECO has released its latest newsletter filled with lots of good information about its progress and upcoming plans. Copies are available at: <http://www.mar-eco.no/resources/newsletters>

Cruise Reports from RRS *James Cook*

ChEss researcher Paul Tyler is part of the scientific team aboard the new UK research vessel *James Cook* with the Isis ROV, investigating the Gulf of Cadiz mud volcanoes in the framework of the HERMES project. This is the first of a 3-leg cruise. After Cadiz, they will go to the Portuguese canyons and to the Irish margin.

Two teachers onboard are writing a blog and staging activities with their respective schools. To follow along on this exciting investigation of chemosynthetic habitats: <http://www.classroomatsea.net/>

Census Highlighted in Book Featured in N.Y. Times

The May 22 N.Y. Times Science section featured Claire Nouvian's Book, *The Deep: The Extraordinary Creatures of the Abyss*, which includes articles and photos by many members of the CoML community. Kevin Raskoff's now famous siphonophore is highlighted as is one of David Shale's photos from the MAR-ECO *Sars* expedition. <http://www.nytimes.com/2007/05/22/science/22deep.html>

The Census of Marine Life is a growing global network of researchers in more than 80 nations engaged in a ten-year initiative to assess and explain the diversity, distribution,

and abundance of marine life in the oceans-past, present, and future.

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