

2007 Gordon Research Conference on Polar Marine Science

Every other year, the Gordon Research Conference on Polar Marine Science brings together an outstanding and diverse group of scientists at the forefront of research, as well as younger scientists and students. The format and intimate nature of these meetings (maximum attendance is 135) makes them ideal venues to learn about the latest research and to meet and discuss new and exciting directions with a highly interdisciplinary group of colleagues.

The focus of the 2007 GRC on Polar Marine Science, which will take place 25-30 March at the Four Points Sheraton in Ventura, California, will be "*An Interdisciplinary Look at Processes Over Multiple Scales of Variability*". The rationale behind this choice of topic is to explore in detail the processes in polar regions that dominate temporal and spatial scales ranging from the "micro" to the "paleo". I'm excited about this new format because rather than having physics, chemistry, and biology spread out over the meeting with few linkages between them, each session will be looking in an interdisciplinary way at the interactions between the key processes that operate at a particular temporal and/or spatial scale.

The guiding principle of a Gordon Conference is the presentation of new, unpublished work and the free, unhampered discussion that follows. This tradition of freely sharing ideas is due in large part to GRC's "off the record" policy which prohibits photography or tape recording of sessions or the publication of conference proceedings. The agenda for this meeting can be found at:

<http://www.grc.org/programs.aspx?year=2007&program=polar>

As you can see from the program, an excellent array of speakers has been lined up for this meeting and I hope that you and your students will consider attending and presenting a poster of your most exciting new research results.

Some funding is available, particularly for students. Feel free to contact me for more information. The deadline for applications is March 4, 2007.

Sincerely,

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