

### **IMBER IMBIZO - First announcement**

Biogeochemical and ecosystem interactions in a changing ocean  
9 - 13 November 2008, Miami (USA)

Dear IMBER Colleagues,

Please, mark your calendars for the next **IMBER IMBIZO Conference** that will be held in **Miami (USA), 9-13 November 2008**.

The first IMBER IMBIZO will review current knowledge and identify key questions for future research on end to end marine food webs, and the biogeochemistry, ecosystems and their interactions in both the mesopelagic and bathypelagic ocean.

The IMBIZO's innovative format of three concurrent and interacting workshops with joint plenary and poster sessions will provide a forum for stimulating discussion between interdisciplinary experts and encourage the linkage between biogeochemistry and ecosystem research.

The three concurrent workshops are:

1. Ecological and biogeochemical interactions in end to end food webs (co-chaired by Coleen Moloney and Michael Roman)
2. Ecological and biogeochemical interactions in the mesopelagic zone (co-chaired by Debbie Steinberg and Hiroaki Saito)
3. Biogeochemistry and microbial dynamics in the bathypelagic zone (co-chaired by Dennis Hansell and Gerhard Herndl)

Each of the workshops will prepare a special journal issue containing synthesis and primary research papers resulting from the workshop contributions and discussions.

The IMBER IMBIZO will also provide an opportunity for junior and senior scientists to participate in a half-day interactive workshop and discussion on data integration practices (co-chaired by Raymond Pollard and Todd O'Brien).

The conference poster is downloadable in high or low resolution on the IMBIZO conference web site (<http://www.imber.info/IMBIZO.html>).

For further information regarding this conference, visit our web site or send your enquiries to: [imbizo@univ-brest.fr](mailto:imbizo@univ-brest.fr).