

**Dear young diatom scientists,**

We are proudly announcing the **1<sup>st</sup> YOUNG SCIENTIST MEETING (YSM)** at this year's 24<sup>th</sup> International Diatom Symposium held in Quebec City, Canada. The YSM is taking place on **Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> August between 10.50-12.10h** (a room will be announced at a later point).

The idea for this meeting was born during last year's EGU Assembly meeting in Vienna. We think it is important that the young generation of diatom scientists is meeting to get to know each other, to discuss future projects and to create a good platform to stay in contact also after IDS symposia.

In this **second announcement**, we would like to provide you some more details about the planned schedule for the 1<sup>st</sup> YSM. After discussions with the Council of the International Society for Diatom Research (ISDR), we agreed that it would make sense to elect an early career researcher representative for the ISDR Council during YSM.

An early career researcher (ECR) representative should be someone who is a member of ISDR and also has no more than 4 years since completing his/her PhD (means **student or Postdoc**). An ECR would be elected for a period of 2 years and should be working with diatoms in any related topic. From now on, elections of the ECR will take place every two years during the YSM at the following symposium.

A potential ECR candidate does not have to participate in the symposium to be elected. If you would like to become an ECR representative for ISDR Council but you are not be able to attend the 2016 symposium in Quebec City, I will be very happy to receive your applications and present them during the YSM on your behalf. Emails with a short personal introduction (also with relation to diatoms) and your intentions/ideas should be sent until the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016 to: [hvossel@uni-bonn.de](mailto:hvossel@uni-bonn.de)

**Agenda for the YSM:**

- 10.50 – 11.20 h** Speed-talks given by (Bachelor-, Master- or PhD students)
- 11.20 – 11.45 h** Election of an Early Career Researcher representative for the ISDR Council and discussion
- 11.45 – 12.10 h** Open discussion – Future projects and communication platform

Young scientists (Bachelor-, Master- or PhD students) are encouraged to present their research related to any diatom topic/field in a speed-talk (max. 2-3 minutes) at this year's International Diatom Symposium during the YSM. No abstract submission is needed to take part! The best speed-talk will be awarded a prize. To make it a fair competition, we excluded experienced postdocs/graduated PhD's from this competition – sorry!

**Last chance to submit a speed talk:** Send an email with your speed-talk title until the 26<sup>th</sup> June to Hannah Vossel ([hvossel@uni-bonn.de](mailto:hvossel@uni-bonn.de)). Postdocs/freshly graduated PhDs can submit a title too, which will be considered if we have open time slots, but without considering them in the competition!

A word about the format of the talks: You are absolutely free in choosing a format: free given talks are as welcome as short PPTs (MS Powerpoint) presentations or other creative ways.

All the best, and we are hoping to see you in August at the IDS during the Young Scientist Meeting!

Your organisation team,

Hannah Vossel & Olivier Jacques