

PRESS INVITATION

The German Marine Research Alliance (DAM) introduces itself

Kick-off Ceremony on March 3rd at FUTURIUM in Berlin

Interview opportunities with the DAM Executive Board

Berlin, 18 February 2020 Last year, German marine research institutions, in association with the Federal Government and the North German states of Bremen, Hamburg, Mecklenburg-West Pomerania, Lower Saxony and Schleswig-Holstein, established the German Marine Research Alliance (DAM, Deutsche Allianz Meeresforschung).

Germany has thus created one of the world's largest marine research alliances. It aims to strengthen the sustainable use of the coasts, seas and oceans through research, data management and digitisation, infrastructure and transfer.

The alliance is growing: Six new member institutions have been admitted to the DAM at its General Assembly on 12 February, bringing the total membership to 19 institutions (members). This shows: With the DAM, the German marine research institutions are keen to seize the opportunity to assume their social responsibility and to contribute towards finding answers to politically relevant scientific questions.

We invite you to the DAM Kick-off Event on 3 March at the FUTURIUM, when the DAM will introduce itself in the German capital. And we will gladly arrange for **interviews with the DAM Executive Board**. You are invited to

1. **Kick-off Ceremony** (*in German language*)

When: Tuesday, **March 3rd at 6:30 p.m.** (Admission at 5:30 p.m., End around 10 p.m.)

Where: **FUTURIUM – House of Futures**

Alexanderufer 2, 10117 Berlin, Directions

PROGRAM

6:30 p.m. Welcome Speeches

Michael Meister, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister of Education and Research

Björn Thümler, Minister for Science and Culture of the State of Lower Saxony

Music

Speech

Michael Schulz, Deputy Chairman of DAM

Panel Discussion, “More Sustainability: From Knowledge to Action”

Norbert Brackmann, Coordinator of the Federal Government for the maritime economy

Kim Detloff, Head of Marine Protection at the Naturschutzbund Deutschland e.V.

Nicole Dubilier, Director at the Max Planck Institute for Marine Microbiology

Nele Matz-Lück, Spokeswoman for the Future Ocean Network at Kiel University

Ulrich Schnabel, Science Editor at „DIE ZEIT“

Moderation: Karsten Schwanke

Music

8:30 p.m. Reception

2. Kick-off Ceremony – International Partnership Forum

DAM will introduce itself to international partner organizations in the field of marine research (in English language).

When: Tuesday, **March 3rd at 3:30 p.m.** (Admission at 3 p.m., End around 5:30 p.m.)

Where: **FUTURIUM – House of Futures**

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PROGRAM

(English)

3:30 p.m. Welcoming Statements

Peter Herzig, Board Member, German Marine Research Alliance (DAM)

Volker Rieke, Director General, Federal Ministry of Education and Research

4:00 p.m. Panel Discussion

Anya Waite, CEO, Ocean Frontiers Institute, Canada

Sigi Gruber, Head of Unit, Healthy Oceans & Seas, European Commission

Peter Schlosser, Vice President, Arizona State University, United States

Francois Houllier, President and CEO, IFREMER, France

Ed Hill, CEO, National Oceanography Center, United Kingdom

Moderation: Karin Lochte, Board Member, German Marine Research Alliance (DAM)

3. Interviews with the DAM Executive Board (on site on March 3rd and by telephone)

The Executive Board of DAM - Michael Bruno Klein, Chairman of the Board, Michael Schulz, Deputy Chairman and Director of MARUM - Center for Marine Environmental Sciences at the University of Bremen, Peter Herzig, Board Member and Director of GEOMAR - Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel, and Karin Lochte, Board Member - is available for individual and group interviews to present DAM's strategic orientation, planned research activities and focal points to media representatives and to answer your questions.

When: Tuesday, **March 3rd at 5:30 p.m.** (up to 6:20 p.m.) and by telephone

Where: FUTURIUM – House of Futures

Alexanderufer 2, 10117 Berlin, [Directions](#)

Please arrange an interview appointment with Eva Söderman by e-mail or telephone, <mailto:soederman@deutsche-meeresforschung.de>

Registration

Please register no later than **Monday, 2 March at 4 p.m.** by e-mail to presse@deutsche-meeresforschung.de

Please let us know in which event(s) you are participating:

- Yes, I will attend the **International Partnership Forum** on March 3 at 3:30 p.m. at the **FUTURIUM**
- Yes, I'll be at the **FUTURIUM** on **March 3rd at 5:30 p.m.** for the **interviews**
- Yes, I'll be at the **FUTURIUM** on **March 3rd at 6:30 p.m.** for the **Ceremony**
- ... accompanied by a photographer
- ... accompanied by a TV crew
- Yes, I would like to arrange a **telephone interview**

Name: _____

Medium: _____

Telephone: _____

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