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Meeting Information: The workshop will review progress from WG 138 results and research over the last four years, featuring reviews of new taxonomy, genetic diversity, biology, ecology, shell geochemistry and biomineralisation, given by WG members. These presentations will form the starting point for discussions on the status of the final review of the subject and its publication as well as the identification of priorities for future research and avenues to secure continuous updating of the WG138 review. The meeting will be linked to a short course on culturing of planktonic foraminifera, including demonstrations of collection methods, hands-on exercises setting up laboratory cultures, feeding, observation and manipulation of the culture medium. The workshop and the short course are closely linked and short course participants will be offered an opportunity to engage in discussions and to present posters on their current research.

Costs: We anticipate to obtain sufficient funds to cover the majority of on-site costs (food, accommodation and bench fees); participants are asked to cover their own travel to Catalina Island. The port of embarkation to Catalina, San Pedro California, can be reached easily from Los Angeles international airport (LAX) using local airport shuttles.

Transport to Catalina Island: The Catalina Express departs from San Pedro, CA, for *Two Harbors* (laboratory location) several times each day. Reservations/tickets can be purchased on line for ~\$30/one way (<http://www.catalinaexpress.com/>). Transfer to San Pedro from Catalina on Friday Sept. 4 will be arranged for participants by the WG.

Who should apply: SCOR WG 138 members and associates are asked to confirm their participation as soon as possible. Early career researchers (advanced PhD students and early stage Postdocs) whose work is related to planktonic foraminifera are warmly welcome to apply. The capacity of the workshop is limited to 35 participants.

How to apply: For SCOR WG138 members – please send an email confirming your participation to Michal Kucera. Other researchers – please submit a one-page letter of motivation and a brief CV with list of publications as one PDF document to Michal Kucera. Applications are received until the course is filled; the selection of participants will begin in January 5, 2015.

Organiser: Howard Spero, University of California Davis

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