

6th Polar Marine Diatom Workshop

Iowa Lakeside Lab August 6-10, 2018

> 40 participants, representing 12 countries gathered in northwestern lowa for a week of diatom taxonomy and networking.

Scientific Highlights

- Taxonomic collaboration between students, individuals new to polar marine diatoms, and established experts.
- Taxonomic handouts and microscope slide set provided to each participant.
- Talks and posters recent studies and drilling expeditions.
- Biostratigraphic focus prepared participants for upcoming IODP missions in the Southern Ocean.



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Outreach Highlights

- Two evening **biological illustration workshops** (30 attendees each). *Artwork to the right is by Mattias Cape.*
- Public Event: Secrets of the diatoms: how microscopic algae from the Polar Regions reveal Earth's climate history (40 attendees)
- Featured on Iowa Public Radio and the Young ISDR blog



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