The Institute of Chemistry and Biology of Marine Systems (ICBM) of the Carl-von-Ossietzky University Oldenburg is an interdisciplinary research institute located in Oldenburg and Wilhelmshaven. For the newly established working group "Plankton Ecology" in Wilhelmshaven, headed by Prof. Helmut Hillebrand, we invite applications for the following two positions:

Research Postdoc

We seek to hire a researcher with strong interest in experimental plankton ecology and a broad ecological approach. The successful candidate should be highly committed and is required to develop and conduct research in pelagic food webs with potential emphasis on ecological stoichiometry of phytoplankton-zooplankton interactions or temporal dynamics of food webs in the context of global climate change. International publications and oral presentations of the candidate should document independent and original research. We expect the acquisition of external funding for research projects as well as the collaboration in establishing a long-term monitoring program in the coastal plankton.

The position is restricted to 5 years and offers the possibility for habilitation. The position is full-time and salary is according to E13 TV-L.

PhD student

The PhD student should focus on causes and consequences of biodiversity in pelagic marine systems. The successful candidate will investigate the regulation and consequences of biodiversity in plankton communities experimentally and by analysing long-term data. We expect the candidate to have a master or diploma degree in biology, preferably ecology, as well as strong interest in general ecological questions.

The position is restricted to 3 years. The salary is according to E13 TV-L (50%).

Both positions are allocated to the ICBM-Terramare Institute in Wilhelmshaven providing excellent facilities for marine field and laboratory research. We offer the participation in a young and highly dynamic working group (for more information, see http://www.icbm.de/planktologie/en/).

Please send your full application including CV and list of publications/presentations to Prof. Dr. Helmut Hillebrand Carl-von-Ossietzky University Oldenburg, ICBM-Terramare, Schleusenstrasse 1, 26382 Wilhelmshaven. Applications should be submitted by September 4th, 2008.

The ICBM is an equal opportunity employer, and therefore specifically encourages the application of female candidates. Handicapped applicants will be favoured when qualification is equal.