



To the
Scientists of the
DFG Priority Program 1158
„Antarctic Research
with comparative investigations in Arctic ice areas“

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Dear Sir or Madam,
Dear colleagues,

even though the new year is already several weeks old, we hope that you had a good start into the new year 2018. This newsletter gives you information about:

- the current application round in the priority program
- the upcoming 27th International Polar Conference and the Report Colloquium of the Priority Program
- Topic- and Coordination Workshop
- Further announcements and information.

Renewal of the Priority Program

The DFG Priority Program 1158 "Antarctic Research with Comparative Investigations in Glaciated Areas of the Arctic" will be extended for another 6 years from 01.01.2019! We would like to thank all those involved who helped with the prolongation proposal and made a significant contribution to the success. The proposal will be available on the website shortly.

This year's proposal round

This year, 37 scientific proposals were submitted by 53 applicants in the SPP of which were 32 new and 5 renewal proposals. In addition, the proposal for the coordination funds was also submitted for a period of three years (summer 2018 to 2021), to reduce the workload on the reviewers, since the content is rather formal and dry. The requested volume adds up to approximately € 8.0 million (including coordination proposal). The number of proposals is

comparable to the previous year. The applied volume has decreased slightly compared to 2016/2017, which gives hope for good approval rates. In this application term, universities requested more than 70% of the total volume. This emphasizes that there is still a big interest in polar research at universities. It also shows the good cooperation between universities and research institutes, especially with the AWI. As in previous years, the classification into the scientific disciplines of biological sciences, geosciences and physics/chemistry is difficult. Within the four interdisciplinary topics of the current application period of the priority program "Development of the Continent", "Gateways to Lower Latitudes", "Dynamics of Climate System Components" and "Response to Environmental Change", the focus of most projects has been on the topic "Response to Environmental Change" (92% of applications). However, the other topics were also demanded (43% "Dynamics of Climate System Components", 30% "Gateways to Lower Latitudes", 16% "Development of the Continent"). Since these are overarching research topics, multiple answers were possible for the classification, so that the sum of the percentages is more than 100%. A large number of proposals were classified into more than one of the SPP topics, which clearly shows the interdisciplinary nature of the individual topics.

The proposals will be sent to the reviewers shortly. The panel will meet on 22.-23.03. at the DFG in Bonn to discuss the funding recommendations. The coordinator will briefly introduce the SPP to the new reviewers at the beginning of the event. The funding recommendations will be communicated to the coordination team at the end of March/beginning of April (WITHOUT reviewer opinions). A final decision by the DFG Main Committee is expected in June. The written notifications including reviewer reports are not expected until July 2018.

Topic Workshop

This year there will be a Topic Workshop on "Big Data". Responsible for the organization and scheduling of the workshop are the two coordination team members Matthias Braun and Boris Koch. They were able to win the Microwaves and Radar Institute at DLR in Oberpfaffenhofen as hosts. The workshop is on 07. and 08. May 2018. The focus will be on remote sensing and data integration. With this workshop, we want to exchange experiences and evaluations from all scientific disciplines and future developments will be presented and discussed. Further information as well as the registration form will follow shortly. Please mark the dates in your calendar.

Coordination Workshop

This year's coordination workshop will take place from 12.-14.09.2018 at Justus Liebig University Gießen in cooperation with Petra Quillfeldt. Please save the date! More detailed information about the workshop, registration, accommodation and travels will be provided in the next newsletter. We would like to point out once again that participation in the SPP coordination workshop is mandatory for 1. all new applicants and renewal applications (presentation), and 2. for all currently funded projects (posters). With the next application turn the term of the new funding period of the DFG priority program will start.

27th International Polar Conference 2018

From 25.-29.03.2018 the 27th International Polar Conference will take place at the University of Rostock. The report colloquium of the DFG priority program will be part of the conference. Please find the program and all other information on the conference website (<https://www.polarforschung.de/events/27th-international-polar-conference/>). The Report Colloquium of the Priority Program will take place on Tuesday afternoon and the following Wednesday morning. All speakers (does not apply for poster presentations!) in the report colloquium can claim their travel expenses as well as a hotel overnight stay via the coordination office. A corresponding travel expense form is in the attachment. If you are entitled for compensation for travel expenses and stay for the whole conference please make sure that you ask for two separate receipts for your hotel stay (one for the night from Tuesday to Wednesday and one for all other nights), as otherwise there may be problems with the respective department for travel costs. Please book "Sparpreis" if possible for your train journey. We would also like to point out that talks and posters at national and international conferences must contain the SPP logo and the reference to the DFG-SPP 1158 "Antarctic research". The logo is also in the attachment. Submissions for the photo competition, applications for travel expenses subsidies for master students and doctoral students as well as requests for childcare are still possible until 01.03.2018. Please find further information on the [conference website](#). On 25.03.2018 from 3:00-6:00 pm the Association for Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS) Germany is organizing a workshop on: "Getting involved in Polar Organizations: Opportunities and Challenges". Please register [here](#) until 06.03.2018.

Personnel changes

With the end of the upcoming term, there are also personnel changes in the coordination team. Boris Koch and Frank Lisker will leave the coordination team. The succession will be announced shortly. There is also a change in the coordination office on 01.05.2018. Angelika Graiff, marine biologist, from Rostock, replaces Julia Regnery as coordination assistant.

Further announcements

Due to the upcoming staff changes in the coordination office and to ensure a smooth handover, a functional email address has been set up for the coordination office. You can now contact the coordination office at the following e-mail address: spp-antarktisforschung@uni-rostock.de. We strongly request that the projects funded by the DFG priority program include the following sentence in the acknowledgments for publications: "This work was supported by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) in the framework of the priority program "Antarctic Research with Comparative Investigations in Glaciated Areas of the Arctic" by a grant ...". In addition, your data should be available on a publicly accessible database (such as PANGAEA) under the keyword "SPP 1158" (be sure to indicate the SPP 1158). The results of DFG funded projects have to be made accessible after finishing of the investigations to the public (open access). Archiving and publication of the results are obligatory. Unfortunately, this has been neglected and we hope that this will be taken more into account in the future.

Best regards,

Ulf Karsten, Petra Quillfeldt, Frank Lisker, Matthias Braun, Boris Koch und Julia Regnery