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|  | **Call for applicants for ISA Endowment Fund Travel Bursaries to attend the 13th Deep Sea Biology Symposium** | **N:\INDEEP\logos\InDeep log col.jpg** |

**Background:** The Deep-Sea Biology Symposium (DSBS) is held every three years and is a focal meeting for deep-sea research groups around the globe. Scientists meet to discuss new ideas and present results of current projects. It is an excellent opportunity for students and new researchers to get an overview of the current trends and research, meet a wide range of researchers and present their results, in a friendly and stimulating environment. The 13th International Deep-Sea Biology Symposium will be held for the first time in the southern hemisphere; in recognition of the increased costs to travel to New Zealand travel bursaries are being made available.

**Applications:** Closing date for applications is July 9th. Candidates should outline their eligibility (see criteria below) and include a statement as to how the symposium would assist in the development of his or her career or vocation. In addition candidates are required to submit a **budget**. The bursaries will provide an economy airfare from the country of origin, hotel and daily per diem, and conference fees. As an approximate guide: Accommodation £450; Daily per diem £30 x eight nights = £240; Conference fee: £350. [Application form overleaf].

**The International Seabed Authority (ISA) Bursary Scheme:** The fund aims to promote and encourage the conduct of marine scientific research in the international seabed area for the benefit of mankind as a whole by supporting the participation of qualified scientists and technical personnel from developing countries in marine scientific research programmes; and providing them with opportunities to participate in international technical and scientific co-operation. Candidates will be selected using the following criteria: (1) They conform to the criteria laid down by the Endowment Fund, principally that the Fund was set up to support scientists from developing or emerging nations; (2) They are or could be involved in projects related to deep sea biology and would therefore benefit from attendance at the DSBS (candidates specifically interested in current INDEEP WG5 will be given preference; see http://www.indeep-project.org/wg/anthropogenic-impact-and-social-policy).

If possible the successful attendees should make a presentation at the DSBS either as a poster or oral presentation (subject to selection by the DSBS organising committee). Deadline for Abstract submission is July 1st but an extension until July 9th will be offered to fund applicants (please submit via dsbs2012@confer.co.nz).

The successful attendees will be expected to provide a report after their attendance to INDEEP and the ISA Endowment Fund.

**Application form: Travel bursary for 13th Deep-Sea Biology Symposium**

**Name:**

**Address and contact details:**

**Justification for attending the Symposium:**

**Budget:**

**Do you have any co-funding available? Please detail.**

Applications should be submitted to Baker M.C. ([mb11@noc.soton.ac.uk](mailto:mb11@noc.soton.ac.uk)) no later than July 9th 2012.