

IMBER IMBIZO III - First announcement

**The future of marine biogeochemistry, ecosystems and societies.
Multi-dimensional approaches to the challenges of global change in continental margins and open ocean systems**

Dear IMBER Colleagues

Please mark you calendars - IMBER IMBIZO III will be held in Goa, India from 28 to 31 January 2013.

IMBIZO III will review current knowledge and identify key questions for future research pertaining to biogeochemistry-ecosystem interactions on continental margins; human impacts on open ocean carbon sequestration and human-ocean-human interactions and global change.

The IMBIZO's proven format of three concurrent and interacting workshops, with joint plenary and poster sessions, will provide a forum for stimulating discussion between interdisciplinary experts, and encourage the linkage between biogeochemistry, ecosystem and social science research. To optimize participant interactions, the size of the workshops will be restricted and the total number of IMBIZO participants limited to 120.

The three concurrent workshops are:

1. Biogeochemistry-ecosystem interactions on changing continental margins.
2. The impact of anthropogenic perturbations on open ocean carbon sequestration via the dissolved and particulate phases of the biological carbon pump.
3. Understanding and forecasting human-ocean-human interactions, drivers, pressures and responses with respect to global change.

Each workshop will prepare a special journal issue containing synthesis and primary research papers resulting from the workshop contributions and discussions.

Bonus workshop on 27 January 2013!

Good data management is critical for the successful outcome of any natural or social science research project and ensures a legacy for future use. Despite differences such as privacy and security issues with social data, many of the basic issues relating to data management are common to all science research.

We invite you to attend the interactive **IMBIZO III Data Management Workshop**, where members of the IMBER Data Management Committee will take you through good data management practices - from before you even start collecting information, all the way through to archiving your data.

You can also bring along any data management problems that you have encountered to discuss with the team.

For further information regarding this IMBIZO III and detailed descriptions of the workshops, visit the IMBER web site <http://www.imber.info/> or send your enquiries to: imbizo@univ-brest.fr.

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