**Coral Bleaching Research Coordination Network**

**Workshop application form**

**Application due: 13 December 2019**

**Workshop #2: Sample Preservation and Archiving Protocol Recommendations 1-3 July 2020**

**Center for Marine Environmental Sciences (MARUM), Bremen, Germany**

The goals of this workshop are as follows:

* + 1. Develop recommendations for the preservation and archiving of coral bleaching experiment specimens so that they can be shared effectively for a wide variety of downstream analyses.
    2. Collate a list of ongoing experiments and archived specimens so new researchers can propose collaborations to make additional measurements within, or contributions to, existing studies.
    3. Provide a platform for the formation of multi-PI interdisciplinary teams to address the most pressing themes in coral bleaching research (bleaching mechanisms, bleaching recovery processes, and bleaching resistance and refugia).

Workshop participants agree to fully attend all three days of the workshop in Bremen, to complete all of the pre- and post-workshop activities, and to potentially host an Early Career Trainee through the Coral Bleaching RCN program (details below). Workshop participants will be provided with shared-room hotel accommodations and lunches during the workshop. Airfare will not be provided.

Please complete and submit both pages of this form, your CV, and statement of interest as a single .pdf with your name as the file name (i.e., YourName\_CBRCN-WSform). Please complete and submit the pre-workshop activity excel file (both worksheet pages) with your name as the file name (i.e., YourName\_CBRCN-Research). Both files should be submitted together in a single email to Dr. Rebecca Vega Thurber **by 13 December 2019** with **Coral Bleaching RCN Workshop in the subject line**. For questions, contact Dr. Vega Thurber directly.

Applicant Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Highest Degree Earned: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Year (MM/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Current Position (select one): □ Postdoc □ Researcher □ Faculty

Years in Current Position: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Current Institution of Employment: ­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Current Supervisor/Advisor/Chair (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Institution Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Early Career Training Pledge:** The Coral Bleaching RCN includes a program for Student and Early Career Training, which gives post-candidacy PhD students and early career researchers and faculty an opportunity to learn a new skill such as a laboratory or field method, data analysis tool, or other skill relevant to any aspect of the study of coral bleaching to foster inter-disciplinary approaches in coral bleaching research. Each successful trainee is awarded $2,000 for the program and is expected to spend about a month in the host’s laboratory. Funds are primarily to support trainee housing and travel costs during the training. Any remaining funds can be applied towards the trainee’s research expenses. Four awards will be granted each year.

Please indicate your ability and willingness to host a candidate from this program. □ YES □ NO

Indicate what skill(s) a trainee could learn in your laboratory? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Pre-workshop Activities:**

Pre-workshop activities are designed to engage participants in advance of the workshop and to facilitate collaborative opportunities on the last day of the workshop. To this end, please fill in the two worksheets in the provided excel file with the following details:

1) list of archived samples in the applicant’s lab (if any) and details of the preservation method

2) list ongoing research in the applicant’s lab

The goal is to create two master searchable databases: 1) current list of archived samles housed in participants’ labs to facility activities and discussions on the first two days of the workshop and 2) ongoing research among workshop participants to test the effectiveness of such a database at stimulating new collaborations among workshop participants during the third day of the workshop, thus adding value to existing projects and facilitating increased efficiency in scientific inquiry. The excel file has two worksheets to fill out (one for each list) and the information requested is detailed in the headings of each worksheet. Please fill out each column on each worksheet as much as possible.

Checklist of additional documents to provide with this application include:

□ 2-page CV

□ Statement of interest in participating in the workshop (maximum 300 words)

□ Filled out excel form (see form attached) with details of your currently archived samples

□ Filled out excel form (see form attached) with details of ongoing experiments