

Deep Sea and Subseafloor Frontiers (DS³F)
Workshop on *The Deep Biosphere*
May 3-4, 2011

During May 3-4, the Center for Geomicrobiology, Aarhus University, hosted one of eight DS³F workshops on different themes to be held during winter-spring 2010-2011.

Future marine deep biosphere research

The objective of the workshop was to discuss and propose future directions of marine deep biosphere research and how this may be more strongly integrated and funded in Europe. Our goal is to strengthen the European engagement in future drilling proposals and expeditions.

A group of active European researchers in the field met to share their ideas of the major scientific challenges and new opportunities that will move the science forward over the coming years. The participants contributed their opinions and expertise to a report that, together with a series of other reports from workshops held during 2010-11, will contribute to a white paper that will provide background information for the planning of the EU Framework Program 8.

Upcoming workshops and final conference

Next winter (in November or January) a second workshop for all the biologically oriented workpackages of DS³F will be held, expectedly in Brussels. Workshop stakeholders and end users (policy makers, NGO's, industry) will be invited in order to ensure a broad EU integration and support.

A final international conference of DS³F will be held in 2012 near Barcelona, probably in April. The expected number of participants is 250.

For further information about DS³F: www.deep-sea-frontier.eu



Workshop participants gathered in the University Park, Aarhus University, May 4, 2011