

# Press Release



students” says Professor Doug Wallace of Dalhousie and Scientific Director of the Halifax Marine Research Institute. He notes that the research themes, the networking and the built-in international cooperation are especially important aspects of the training program. “The research school builds on decades of informal cooperation between scientists in Kiel and Halifax and will bring the research institutions and universities even closer together” says Wallace. The Canadian partners are applying for funds to support c. 22 Canadian graduate students to participate in the program. Professor Martha Crago, Vice-President of Research at Dalhousie University welcomes the German-Canadian cooperation: “This graduate training program is a very welcome addition to Dalhousie University's ocean science program. This will create the next generation of highly qualified personnel with industrial and international experience for the ocean and marine science and technology sector on both sides of the Atlantic.”

The Christian-Albrechts-University in Kiel has a similar viewpoint: “We can see that our University is on the right path with its strategic emphasis on marine research and our strategy of internationalization” says the University’s vice-president Prof. Dr. Thomas Bosch, who is also a partner in the project. “The latest initiative builds on Kiel’s 6-year-old “Future Ocean” Excellence Cluster and “Integrated School of Ocean Sciences”.The cooperation with Dalhousie and Canada, and with other international partners, can be intensified even further in the 2nd Phase of the Excellence Cluster”. The new “Helmholtz Research School for Ocean System Science and Technology” (HOSST) will open for business in October 2012.

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