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If people continue to inform Christine of changes (corrections, new arrivals, changes of circumstances or leaving sponge sciences), this list can be updated and published once per year, creating an overview over time that will show the evolution of the community of sponge scientists over time. Christine will post her address change via PoriferaList (JISCMail) if applicable.

Entries in black: Active sponge scientists, who have confirmed their entries in this list or were entered by their supervisors. People were listed here regardless of the percentage of time spent working on sponges (although by far most stated that they work 100% of their time on sponges) and regardless of their career status (including amateurs, students, early to late career sponge workers and active retirees).

Entries in grey: People who would like to stay connected to sponge science, but are not presently actively contributing to it.

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Count	Last name	First name	Middle name(s)	Research interest	Postal address	Email	Internet	Information entered or checked in year/further information
1	Aas	Nele	-	Novel sponge enzymes	Akadeemia Tee 15, 12618 Tallinn, ESTONIA	PAASUSABA@GMAIL.COM	NA	2015
2	Abdul Wahab	Muhammad	Azmi	Ecology, population dynamics, growth, reproduction, larval behaviours and settlement, systematics, environmental factors	Australian Institute of Marine Science, UWA Oceans Institute, 39 Fairway, Crawley, WA 6009, AUSTRALIA	muhammad.abdulwahab@my.jcu.edu.au; m.abdulwahab@aims.gov.au	https://scholar.google.com.au/citations?user=Wl7aRugAAAAJ&hl=en ; http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Muhammad_Azmi_Abdul_Wahab ; https://au.linkedin.com/pub/muhammad-abdul-wahab/8a/9b0/421	2016
3	Abed-Navandi	Daniel	-	Sponge captive maintenance, propagation, ecology	Haus des Meeres Aquarium Vienna and University Vienna, Dpt. Marine Biology, AUSTRIA	daniel.abed@haus-des-meeres.at	www.haus-des-meeres.at	2015
4	Achlatis	Michelle	-	Sponge bioerosion, physiological response of Cliona sponges to climate change, symbiosis in sponges	Coral Reef Ecosystems Lab, University of Queensland, Level 7 Gehrman Laboratories (60), St. Lucia, QLD 4072, AUSTRALIA	m.achlatis@uq.edu.au	http://www.coralreefecosystems.org/	Jan 2017; PhD candidate
5	Agell Llobet	Gemma	-	Population genetics, phylogeny and symbioses.	Centre d'Estudis Avançats de Blanes (CEAB-CSIC) Acces Cala Sant Francesc, 14. 17300 Blanes (Girona), SPAIN	gemma@ceab.csic.es	http://www.ceab.csic.es/web/?p=3402 ; http://www.marsymbiomics.es/personal-page/gemma-agell	2015
6	Aguilar-Camacho	Jose	Maria	Systematics, evolution, molecular phylogeny, biomineralization, developmental biology	Molecular Evolution and Systematics, Ryan Institute. National University of Ireland (Galway). University Road, Galway, IRELAND	jmaguilarcam@gmail.com	http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Jose_Aguilar-Camacho	2015
7	Ahmed	Mohamed	Abdelghany	Marine ecology and taxonomy, sponge diversity, mapping marine habitats in the Red Sea	Red Sea Marine Parks, B.O. box 363, Hurghada, EGYPT	mabdelghany@hotmail.com	NA	2015; I am a senior environmental researcher
8	Akpiri	Rachael	Ununuma	Genotoxicity, biomonitoring, environmental assessment	School of Biosciences, College of Life and Environmental Sciences, University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2TT, UK	RUA337@student.bham.ac.uk	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Rachael_Akpiri https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Rachael_Akpiri	Nov 2016, PhD. My research is on the assessment of genotoxic effect of aquatic pollutants on marine sponges, and the possibility of deploying genotoxicity in sea sponges as a biomarker for environmental risk assessment and biomonitoring (using Nigerian and UK sponges).
9	Albernoz Fonseca	Cássio	-		Museu Nacional - Depto. Invertebrados, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Quinta da Boa Vista, s/n, 20940-040, Rio de Janeiro, RJ - BRAZIL	cfonseca@mn.ufrj.br	NA	2015; PhD with Eduardo Hajdu
10	Alcolado	Pedro	Manuel	Sponge taxonomy, zoogeography, community structure ecology, sponges as urban pollution indicators	Instituto de Oceanología, Ave. 1ra, No. 18406, Reparto Flores, Playa, La Habana, CUBA	gmalcolado@gmail.com and alcolado@ama.cu	NA	2016; Graduated at the Universidad de la Habana, PhD, Senior researcher

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11	Alvarez de Glasby	Belinda	-	Systematics and taxonomy of marine sponges	Lund University, Department of Geology, Sölvegatan 1, SE-223 62 Lund, SWEDEN	belinda.alvarez@geol.lu.se	http://www.geol.lu.se/persinfo/detailen.php?uid=268	2016; A great majority of sponges, including freshwater ones, build up their skeletons with siliceous spicules. The composition, size and arrangement of the spicules in sponge skeletons are commonly used characters in the identification and evolutionary studies of the group. It has been demonstrated that the concentration of dissolved silica of ancient and recent aquatic environments might be a factor that alters the rates of silica deposition of sponge spicules. Thus the use of spicule morphology and morphometrics in sponge systematics and taxonomy becomes a debatable issue and a subject for my research with the biogeochemistry group of Prof Daniel Conley.
12	Alvizu	Adriana	-	Molecular systematics, phylogeny and ecology of deep-sea sponges (with emphasis on Calcareous sponges), population genetics, sponges associated with coral reefs	University of Bergen, Centre for Geobiology, Marine Biodiversity Group, Department of Biology, Thørmohlgensgate 53A, 5006 Bergen, NORWAY	adriana.alvizu@bio.uib.no	http://www.uib.no/personer/Adriana.Alvizu ; https://www.linkedin.com/hp/?dnt=OvilrugNYpM7ZzCMNP32T4fNv1ICZg7FK_H ; https://scholar.google.es/citations?user=U4TGOhEAAA&hl=en	2015
13	Araya	Juan	Francisco	Hexactinellida, taxonomy and systematics	Departamento de Investigación y Postgrado, Universidad de Atacama, Copayapu 485, Copiapó, Región de Atacama, CHILE	jfaraya@u.uchile.cl	https://www.flickr.com/people/drilus ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Juan-Francisco_Araya ; https://atacama.academia.edu/JuanFranciscoAraya	2016; Student
14	Archer	Stephanie	-	Ecology, sponge-primary producer interactions, ecosystem services	Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Pacific Biological Station, 3190 Hammond Bay Rd, Nanaimo, BC V9T 6N7, CANADA	Stephanie.Archer@dfo-mpo.gc.ca; skraftarcher@gmail.com	http://www.stephaniekarcher.com ; https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=pSv8vDwAAAA&hl=en ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Stephanie_Archer3	Jan 2017; Postdoc
15	Arpad	David	-	Sponge bioerosion, Paleogene and Neogene <i>Entobia</i> isp., fossil spicules	H-3300, Eger, Faiskola u. 6, Hungary	coralga@yahoo.com	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Arpad_David	Nov 2016; expertise Paleontology, Geology
16	Aryasari	Ratih	-	Systematics, phylogeny, ecology, molecular biodiversity	1 - Dept. of Earth- and Environmental Sciences Faculty of Geosciences, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, GERMANY; 2 - Faculty of Biology, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, Jl. Sekip Utara, Yogyakarta 55281, INDONESIA	r.aryasari@lrz.uni-muenchen.de; r.aryasari@ugm.ac.id	NA	2015
17	Astudillo-García	(Maria del) Carmen	-	sponge microbiology, molecular and ecologic approaches	School of Biological Sciences, University of Auckland, Auckland, 1010 NEW ZEALAND	cast828@aucklanduni.ac.nz	NA	2015; PhD

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18	Atikana	Akhirta	-	Ecology, microbiology	1 - Microbiology Lab, Wageningen University and Research Center, Chemistry Building 316 Dreijenplein, Wageningen-THE NETHERLANDS; 2 - Microbiology lab, Research Center for Biotechnology, Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI), Jl Raya Bogor KM 46 Cibinong, 16911, INDONESIA	akhirta.atikana@gmail.com	NA	2015
19	Austin	Bill	-	Glass sponge reef ecology, sponge cave habitat, taxonomy of NE Pacific sponges	Khoyatan Marine Laboratory, 9245 Hartfell Rd., North Saanich, BC, CANADA V8L 5G5	baustin@mareco.org	www.mareco.org	2015
20	Azevedo	Fernanda	-	Biogeography, biodiversity, molecular phylogeny and integrative taxonomy of sponges (class Calcarea)	Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Biology Institute, 373, Av. Carlos Chagas Filho, 21941-902, Rio de Janeiro, BRAZIL	nandaporifera@gmail.com	http://lattes.cnpq.br/6166380251731395	2015; Postdoc
21	Baeza	J.	Antonio	Sponge ecology, sponges as hosts, sponges as habitat	Clemson University, Department of Biological Sciences, 132 Long Hall, Clemson, SC 29634, USA	baeza.antonio@gmail.com	http://baezaantonio.wix.com/antoniobaeza ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/J_Baeza/ ; http://si.academia.edu/JAntonioBaeza	2015; Assistant Professor; main interest crustaceans
22	Bakran-Petricioli	Tatjana	-	Biodiversity and ecology of Porifera in the Adriatic Sea (in general, but especially in marine caves)	University of Zagreb, Faculty of Science, Department of Biology, Rooseveltov trg 6, HR-10000 Zagreb, CROATIA	tatjana.bakran-petricioli@zg.t-com.hr; tbakran@biol.pmf.hr	http://www.pmf.unizg.hr/biol/tatjana.bakran-petricioli/ ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Tatjana_Bakran-Petricioli/ ; https://scholar.google.hr/citations?user=suJC_CkAAAJ&hl=hr ; http://bib.irb.hr/lista-radova?autor=164976	Jan 2017; Associate Professor (Marine Biology, Marine Ecology)
23	Bannister	Raymond	-	Ecology, physiology, deep-sea, Arctic coral reefs environmental effects	Institute of Marine Research, P.O. Box 1870 Nordnes, N-5817 Bergen, NORWAY	raymond.bannister@imr.no	http://www.imr.no/om_havforskningsinstituttet/ansatte/b/ramond_bannister/en	2016
24	Bastos de Souza	Nilma	-	Calcarea: morphology, taxonomy	Departamento de Zoologia/ Instituto de Biologia/ Universidade Federal da Bahia, Rua Barão de Jeremoabo s/n - Campus de Ondina. CEP 40170-115, Salvador - Bahia, BRAZIL	nilmabastos@hotmail.com	NA	2016; no longer working on sponges
25	Battershill	Chris	-	Ecology, taxonomy, biodiversity, conservation, environmental effects	School of Science, University of Waikato, Tauranga 3110, NEW ZEALAND	cbatters@waikato.ac.nz	http://www.waikato.ac.nz/eri/about/people/cbatters/ ; http://www.waikato.ac.nz/research/expertise/staff/ChrisBattershill.shtml	2015
26	Bayer	Kristina	-	Sponge microbe associations	Geomar-Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research, RU3-Marine Microbiology, Düsternbrooker Weg 20, 24105 Kiel, GERMANY	kbayer@geomar.de	http://www.geomar.de/en/mitarbeiter/fb3/mi/kbayer/ ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Kristina_Bayer ; http://scholar.google.de/citations?user=EBPrz2gAAAJ&hl=de&oi=ao	Nov-16
27	Becerro	Mikel	A.	Ecology, chemical ecology, biotic interactions, biodiversity, conservation	Center for Advanced Studies (CEAB-CSIC), Acc Cala S Francesc 14, 17300 Blanes (Girona), SPAIN	mikel.becerro@csic.es	www.thebiteslab.com	2015; Senior researcher

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28	Becking	Lisa	-	Biodiversity, biogeography, community ecology, population genetics	IMARES - Institute for Marine Resources & Ecosystem Studies, Wageningen UR, Maritime Department, P.O. Box 57, 1780 AB Den Helder, THE NETHERLANDS	lisa.becking@wur.nl ; lebecking@gmail.com	https://scholar.google.nl/citations?hl=en&user=MPmpGcAAAAJ&view_op=list_works ; https://www.wageningenur.nl/en/Persons/LE-Lisa-Becking-BSc-MSc.htm	2015; Present address: UC Berkeley, Department ESPM, 130 Mulford Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720-3114, USA
29	Beepat	Sandeep	Shivram	Ecology, distribution, Porifera systematics, macro and microbial association of sponges	School of Biological Sciences, Victoria University of Wellington, NEW ZEALAND	sann_1205@hotmail.com	http://uom.academia.edu/SandeepBeepat or https://mu.linkedin.com/pub/sandeep-beepat/39/171/543	Jan 2017; PhD candidate
30	Behringer	Donald	-	Sponge ecology, sponge community restoration and ecology	University of Florida, Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, 7922 NW 71st Street, Gainesville, FL 32653, USA	behringer@ufl.edu	behringerlab.com	2015
31	Belikov	Sergei	I.	Freshwater sponge ecology, symbioses, biomineralisation and sponge disease	Limnological Institute of the Siberian Branch of Russian Academy of Sciences, Ulan-Batorskaya 3, RUS-664033 Irkutsk, RUSSIA	belikov@lin.irk.ru; sergeibelikov47@gmail.com	NA	2015
32	Bell	James	J.	Ecology, molecular ecology, conservation, climate change impacts	Victoria University of Wellington, School of Biological Sciences, Po Box 600, Wellington, NEW ZEALAND	james.bell@vuw.ac.nz	http://www.victoria.ac.nz/sbs/research/marine-biology-research/sponge-marine-ecology/	2016
33	Bell Colin	Lori	J.	Biogeography of Indo-Pacific sponges, Palau	Coral Reef Research Foundation, PO Box 1765, PW 96940, PALAU	crrfpalau@gmail.com	http://www.coralreefresearchfoundation.org	2016; Coral Reef Research Foundation (CRRF), transferred its specimen reference collection from Palau to California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco in Oct 2015. This collection contains aprox. 5,000 specimens from ~32 different countries or geographic entities in the tropical Indo-Pacific [collections were made through contracts with the US National Cancer Institute between 1992 and 2014]. [Unfortunately about 1/3 of the collection was lost after a devastating fire from a car crash in May 2015.] The majority of the sponges have been identified to "species" so they can be distinguished from others within this collection. In addition, with Michelle Kelly, we have completed first edition of a NIWA/CRRF e-guide to sponges of Palau.
34	Ben Mustapha	Karim	-	Marine ecology, sponge diversity, taxonomy, remote sensing, mapping marine habitats	28 rue 2 mars 1934. INSTM, Salammbou. 2025 Tunis, TUNISIA	Karim.benmustapha@instm.rnrt.tn, kbmtok@yahoo.com.au	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Karim_Ben_Mustapha2	2015
35	Bennett	Holly	-	Ecology, physiology	NEW ZEALAND	holly.bennett@vuw.ac.nz	NA	2015; PhD student
36	Beresi	Matilde	Sylvia	Palaeontology, taxonomy, palaeoenvironments, palaeoecology, Lower Paleozoic	IANIGLA, CCT CONICET Mendoza, Avda. A.Ruiz Leal s/n 5500 Mendoza, ARGENTINA	mberesi@mendoza-conicet.gob.ar	http://www.mendoza-conicet.gov.ar/institutos ; http://www.mendoza-conicet.gob.ar/portal/ianigla/paginas/index/paleontologia ; http://personal.mendoza-conicet.gob.ar/mberesi/ ; http://personal.mendoza-conicet.gob.ar/mberesi/ ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Matilde_Beresi ; https://www.linkedin.com/profile/edit?trk=spm_pic	2015; Researcher at CONICET

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37	Berman	Jade	-	Biogeography, ecology and physiology of sponges, in particular in relation to conservation and management, Antarctic sponges	Ulster Wildlife, McClelland House, 10 Heron Road, Belfast, BT3 9LE, Northern Ireland, UK	jadeberman@hotmail.com	https://uk.linkedin.com/in/jade-berman-04007833	2016
38	Bertolino	Marco	-	Morphology, taxonomy, ecology, fossil and ancient sponge communities, siliceous sponge spicule dissolution	Università degli Studi di Genova, Dipartimento di Scienze della Terra dell'Ambiente e della Vita (DISTAV), C.so Europa, 26, 16132 Genova, ITALY	marco.bertolino75@gmail.com; marco.bertolino@edu.unige.it	https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?hl=it&user=KRYml98AAAAA ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Marco_Bertolino ; https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=it.pineggiando.app&hl=it	Nov 2016; Researcher
39	Berumen	Michael	-	Reef ecology, movement ecology, biodiversity, connectivity	Red Sea Research Center, Building 2, Office 3221, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Thuwal, 23955, SAUDI ARABIA	michael.berumen@kaust.edu.sa	http://reefecology.kaust.edu.sa ; https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=rCoZB0sAAAJ&hl=en ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Michael_Berumen2	2015; Main interest: fishes
40	Biggerstaff	Andrew	-	Tropical sponge ecology	Victoria University of Wellington, School of Biological Sciences, PO Box 600, Wellington 6140, NEW ZEALAND	andy.biggerstaff@vuw.ac.nz	NA	2015; PhD with James Bell
41	Biggs	Brendan	C.	Tropical sponge ecology	Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water Resource Management, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399, USA	Brendan.Biggs@DEP.State.FL.US	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Brendan_Biggs ; https://www.linkedin.com/in/brendan-biggs-09aa8069	Nov 2016, Environmental Consultant
42	Bispo	André	-	Taxonomy and systematics of sponges, mainly of Haplosclerida	Universidade Federal de Alagoas, Instituto de Ciências Biológicas e da Saúde, Rua Aristeu de Andrade 452, 57.021-010, Maceió, AL, BRAZIL	afelipebispo@gmail.com	http://scholar.google.com.br/citations?user=Z1fu74AAAAA ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Andre_Bispo ; http://www.researcherid.com/rid/A-2155-2014 ; http://www.scopus.com/authid/detail.url?authorid=56089220500	2015; I have just earned my Master degree, and now I will apply for my PhD in Zoology
43	Bond	Calhoun	-	Morphology, development, behavior, ecology	Greensboro College, 815 W. Market St., Greensboro, NC 27401 USA	bondc@greensboro.edu	NA	2015; Sponge motility and locomotion: its role in development & morphogenesis, behavior & ecology
44	Borchiellini	Carole	-	Phylogeny and evo/devo	Institut Méditerranéen de Biodiversité et d'Ecologie marine et continentale (IMBE), Station Marine d'Endoume, Rue de la Batterie des Lions, 13007 Marseille, FRANCE	carole.borchiellini@imbe.fr	http://www.imbe.fr/spip.php?page=pageperso&id_user=140&lang=fr	2015
45	Botting	Joseph	P.	Early phylogeny and evolution, based on the fossil record	Chatsworth, Spa Road, Llandrindod LD1 5EY, UK	acutipuerilis@yahoo.co.uk	http://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=9bH8QUAAAAJ&hl=en	2015; Independent/amateur
46	Boury-Esnault	Nicole	-	Phylogeny, evolution, systematics, database, distribution, integrative taxonomy	Université Aix-Marseille, CNRS-IMBE, Station marine d'Endoume rue de la Batterie des Lions, 13007-Marseille, FRANCE	nicole.boury-esnault@orange.fr	NA	Jan-17
47	Brago	Jose	Feliciano	Natural products chemistry, bioactivity	BRAZIL	josbrang@gmail.com	NA	2015; Worked on sponges as a graduate student, currently not active in the sponge world
48	Brown	Rachel	R.	Population genetics, reproduction, and dispersal in glass sponges	The Applied Genomics Core, 7121 Katz Group - Rexall Centre, University of Alberta, CANADA	rrbrown@ualberta.ca; rachelrbrown2@gmail.com	http://chone.marinebiodiversity.ca/people/student-profiles/rachel-brown ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Rachel_Brown15	2016; Not presently active in sponge research, but remaining interested.

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49	Brümmer	Franz	-	Biology, ecology, bioactive metabolites, biomaterials and biomimetics, taxonomy and determination; marine and freshwater species and habitats, cultivation	University of Stuttgart, Institute of Biomaterials and biomolecular Systems, Pfaffenwaldring 57, D-70569 Stuttgart, GERMANY	franz.bruegger@bio.uni-stuttgart.de	http://www.uni-stuttgart.de/bio/bioinst/zoologie/ ; http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Franz_Bruegger/publications	2015
50	Buaruang	Jamrearn	-	Sponge-derived fungi, biodiversity of sponges	Division of Environmental Science, Faculty of Science Ramkhamhaeng University Huamark, Bangkok 10240, THAILAND	jbuaruang@ru.ac.th; jbuaruang@ru.mail.go.th	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Jamrearn_Buaruang2	2015
51	Bürger	Marcel	-	Secondary metabolites, polysaccharides, mariculture	TU Bergakademie Freiberg, GERMANY	marcel.buerger@physik.tu-freiberg.de	http://tu-freiberg.de/exphys/biomineralogy-and-extreme-biomimetics/mitarbeiter	2015
52	Busutil	Linnet	-	Ecology, taxonomy	Instituto de Oceanología, La Habana, CUBA	linnet@oceano.inf.cu; linnet.busutil@gmail.com	NA	2015
53	Butler	Mark	J.	Ecology and restoration of shallow-water Caribbean sponges	Department of Biological Sciences, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia 23529, USA	mbutler@odu.edu	http://ww2.odu.edu/~mbutler/	2016
54	Cadeddu	Barbara	-	Biodiversity, taxonomy, sponge culture, marine, sustainable development, biomaterial, cosmetic	Università di Sassari, Dipartimento di Scienze della Natura e del Territorio, Via Muroni 25, 07100 Sassari (Sardinia), ITALY	bcadeddu@uniss.it	https://scholar.google.com.au/citations?user=XXIn4OMAAAAJ&hl=en	2015
55	Calcinai	Barbara	-	Taxonomy, ecology, bioerosion	DiSVA Polytechnic University of Marche Via Breccie Bianche 60131 Ancona, ITALY	b.calcinai@univpm.it	www.disva.univpm.it/ ; http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Barbara_Calcinai	2015
56	Cao	Xupeng	-	Biosilicification, associated microorganisms	Dalian Institute of Chemical Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, CHINA	c_x_p@dicp.ac.cn	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Xupeng_Cao	Jan-17
57	Carballo	Jose Luis	-	Taxonomy, systematics, biology and ecology of coral reef sponges, mainly of boring sponges	Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Instituto de Ciencias del Mar y Limnología, Avenida Joel Montes Camarena s/n. 82100 Mazatlán, 82040 MEXICO. PO Box 811	jcarballo@ola.icmyl.unam.mx	https://scholar.google.com.mx/citations?user=eeQzdN8AAAAJ&hl=en ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Jose_Luis_Carballo ; http://mzt.icmyl.unam.mx/uam/Columns.aspx?id=40&title=Ecolog%C3%ADa+del+bentos	2016; Mainly working on the Pacific coast.
58	Cárdenas	César	A.	Ecology, environmental factors, competition, symbiosis, interaction	Instituto Antártico Chileno (INACH), Departamento Científico, Plaza Muñoz Gamero 1055, Punta Arenas 6200965, CHILE	ccardenas@inach.cl	http://www.inach.cl/cesar-cardenas/ ; https://scholar.google.com.au/citations?user=Q-hUuTAAAAJ&hl=en ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Cesar_Cardenas2	2015; I am interested in sponge ecology. Recently am studying responses of high latitude sponges to global warming and its effect at molecular/physiological, community and ecosystem level.
59	Cárdenas	Paco	-	Sponge evolution/systematics and sponge natural products	Department of Medicinal Chemistry, Division of Pharmacognosy, BioMedical Centre, Husargatan 3, Uppsala University, 751 23 Uppsala, SWEDEN	paco.cardenas@fkog.uu.se; cardenas_paco@YAHOO.FR	https://scholar.google.com.au/citations?user=Y8rz1gAAAAJ&hl=en ; http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Paco_Cardenas	Jan 2017; Paco is using various sources of data such as morphology, genetics, biogeography, ecology and now biochemistry. I focus on Tetractinellida species (suborders Astrophorina and Spirophorina).
60	Cardone	Frine	-	Morphology, taxonomy, faunistics, distributions, ecology, applied use, aquaculture, environmental factors	University of Bari, Biology Department, Via Orabona 4, 70125 Bari, ITALY	frine.cardone@uniba.it	NA	2015; PhD

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61	Carraro	João	Luis	Ecology, sponge Interactions, taxonomy and biogeography	Laboratory of Porifera Taxonomy, Invertebrates Department – National Museum - Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Quinta da Boa Vista, s/n, 20940-040, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, BRASIL	joao.porifera@gmail.com	http://lattes.cnpq.br/7819375813155667	Apr-16
62	Carvalho	Francisca	-	Taxonomy, phylogeny and biogeography of desma-bearing sponges	Centre for Geobiology, Department of Biology, University of Bergen (UiB), Thørmohlgate 53A, 5006 Bergen, NORWAY	francisca.carvalho@bio.uib.no; franciscamccarvalho@gmail.com	http://www.uib.no/en/persons/Francisca.Carvalho ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Francisca_Carvalho4	Jan 2017; PhD
63	Castellanos	Leonardo	-	Natural products chemistry, Bioactivity, chemical ecology and synthesis	Ciudad Universitaria, Edificio de Química (451), lab 401-1, Sede Bogotá, postal code 111123, COLOMBIA	lcastellanos@unal.edu.co	http://ciencias.bogota.unal.edu.co/gruposdeinvestigacion/pnmarinos/ ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Leonardo_Castellanos	2015
64	Castello Branco	Cristiana	-	Taxonomy, systematics, distribution, deep sea, biogeography	Museu Nacional - Depto. Invertebrados, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Quinta da Boa Vista, s/n, 20940-040, Rio de Janeiro, RJ - BRAZIL	cristianacbranco@gmail.com	sites.google.com/site/hajdutaxpo/home/equipe/cristianacastellobranco	2015; PhD
65	Castritsi-Catharios	Jane	-	Ecology, biogeography, taxonomy	79 C, M.Mpotsari str., 14561 Kifissia, GREECE	cathario@biol.uoa.gr, cathario@uth.gr, lyeco@hotmail.com	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/J_Castritsi-Catharios	2015; Retired but still very active (currently leading a program concerning production of collagen from commercial sponges). We have also recently published regarding two new species for the science, in collaboration with my colleague E. Kefalas.
66	Cavalcanti	Fernanda	F.	Calcarea: morphology, taxonomy, phylogeny, growth, survival, mortality, bioinvasion, population genetics and larval recruitment	Departamento de Zoologia/ Instituto de Biologia/ Universidade Federal da Bahia, Rua Barão de Jeremoabo s/n - Campus de Ondina. CEP 40170-115, Salvador - Bahia, BRAZIL	fernanda.cavalcanti@ufba.br/ fernanda.porifera@gmail.com	NA	2015
67	Cebrian	Emma	-	Ecology	University of Girona, SPAIN	emma.cebrian@udg.edu	http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Emma_Cebrian ; http://www.udg.edu/tabid/8656/ID/54297/default.aspx	2015; Presently working on invasive species with focus on algae
68	Cedro	Victor	-	Taxonomy, ecology and biogeography of marine demosponges	Caramus Street, Maceió AL, POB 57010-091, BRAZIL	vrcedro@gmail.com	lattes.cnpq.br/4509809531856421	2016
69	Cerrano	Carlo	-	Ecology, biology, biomineralogy (meaning interaction with minerals, bioerosion, sediment incorporation, ...)	Dipartimento di Scienze della Vita e dell'Ambiente - DiSVA - Università Politecnica delle Marche Via Breccie Bianche 60131 Ancona, ITALY	c.cerrano@univpm.it	http://scholar.google.it/citations?user=hMS-qSUA AAAJ&hl=en&email_for_op=cerrano%40dipteri.s.unige.it&invitation_id=1105271846948839593 ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Carlo_Cerrano ; http://www.disva.univpm.it/content/zoology?language=en ; http://www.mmmpa.eu/ ; http://www.greenbubbles.eu	2015

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70	Četković	Helena	-	Functional analyses of sponge genes/proteins, studies of coding and regulatory sequences structure and evolution, molecular biodiversity, evolution	Ruder Bošković Institute, Laboratory for molecular biology, Bijenička cesta 54, 10 000 Zagreb, CROATIA	cetkovic@irb.hr	http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Helena_Cetkovic ; http://www.irb.hr/eng/People/Helena-Cetkovic	2015
71	Chagas	Cleslei	-	Calcareous sponges, morphology, taxonomy, bioinvasion, larval recruitment	Federal University of Bahia- Instituto de Biologia - UFBA, Salvador, Bahia, BRAZIL	cleslei.chagas@ufba.br; Chagascleslei@gmail.com	http://lattes.cnpq.br/5488699003628565 ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Cleslei_Chagas	Jan 2017; PhD
72	Chaves Fonnegra	Andia	-	Ecology, reproductive biology, population genetics	University of the Virgin Islands, Center for Marine and Environmental Studies, #2 John Brewers Bay, St. Thomas, USVI 00802, USA	andiachaves@gmail.com; andia.chavesfonnegra@uvi.edu	https://www.linkedin.com/in/andia-chaves-fonnegra-28302620 ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Andia_Chaves_Fonnegra ; http://www.biogeniccolombia.org/perfiles/de-los-miembros.html	2016; Postdoctoral Research Associate
73	Chernogor	Lubov	I.	Cell cultures, biotechnology, cellular biology, biosilica, biomineralization, microbiology, sponge microbes	Limnological Institute of the Siberian Branch of Russian Academy of Sciences, 3 Ulan-Batorskaya, Irkutsk 664033, RUSSIA	lchernogor@mail.ru	http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Lubov_Chernogor	2015
74	Chombard	Catherine	-	NA, phylogeny	CNRS, FRANCE	NA	NA	2015; No longer active in the sponge world.
75	Chou	Yalan	-	Ecology, taxonomy	Department of Oceanography, National Sun Yat-sen University, 70 Lien-hai road, 80424 Kaohsiung, TAIWAN	ylchou@gmail.com	http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Yalan_Chou/publications	2015; Postdoc
76	Chu	Jackson	W.F.	Deep-sea biology, benthic ecology, vulnerable marine ecosystems, species distribution modelling, glass sponges, carnivorous sponges	Institute of Ocean Sciences, 9860 West Saanich Road, Sidney, British Columbia, V8L 4B2, CANADA	Jackson.Chu@dfo-mpo.gc.ca, jwfchu@gmail.com	http://www.jacksonwfchu.com	Nov 2016; postdoc
77	Colin	Lori	J. Bell	Biogeography of Indo-Pacific sponges, Palau	Coral Reef Research Foundation, Box 1765, Koror, PW 96940, PALAU	crrfpalau@gmail.com	http://www.coralreefresearchfoundation.org	2016; Coral Reef Research Foundation (CRRF), transferred its specimen reference collection from Palau to California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco in Oct 2015. This collection contains approx. 5,000 specimens from ~32 different countries or geographic entities in the tropical Indo-Pacific [collections were made through contracts with the US National Cancer Institute between 1992 and 2014]. [Unfortunately about 1/3 of the collection was lost after a devastating fire from a car crash in May 2015.] The majority of the sponges have been identified to "species" so they can be distinguished from others within this collection. In addition, with Michelle Kelly, we have completed first edition of a NIWA/CRRF e-guide to sponges of Palau.

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78	Collins	Allen	-	Phylogeny and systematics	Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, 10th and Constitution Ave NW, Washington, DC 20560-0163, USA	collinsa@si.edu	http://invertebrates.si.edu/staff/collins.cfm ; http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/nefsc/systematics/collins.html ; https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=50HqzOAAAAJ&hl=en ; https://www.facebook.com/allen.collins.1840	2015
79	Comendador	Joseph	Elliz B.	Ecology, systematics	Sponge Section - Zoology Division, National Museum of the Philippines, Padre Burgos street, Manila 1000, PHILIPPINES	joseph.comendador@gmail.com	www.nationalmuseum.gov.ph	2015
80	Conaco	Cecilia	-	Transcriptomics, metagenomics, evolution and development, ecology, biodiversity	Marine Science Institute, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City 1101 Philippines	cconaco@msi.upd.edu.ph	http://msi.upd.edu.ph/~conacoc/	Nov-16
81	Cóndor Luján	Báslavi	Marisbel	Calcareous sponges: taxonomy and genetic connectivity	Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Instituto de Biologia, Departamento de Zoologia. Avenida Carlos Cagas Filho, 373. CCS, A0-100. Cidade Universitária, Rio de Janeiro, RJ 21941-902, BRAZIL	baslavic@gmail.com and baslavi@yahoo.fr	Internet: http://lattes.cnpq.br/3644578290705985	2015; PhD (Klautau group), originally from Peru
82	Conway	Kim	-	Seafloor mapping, habitat mapping, sponge aggregations and ecology	Pacific Geoscience Centre, Geological Survey of Canada, P.O. Box 6000, Sidney, B.C. V8M 4B2, CANADA	kconway@nrcan.gc.ca	NA	2015
83	Corriero	Giuseppe	-	Morphology, taxonomy, ecology, applied use, reproduction, aquaculture, environmental factors, distribution	University of Bari, Biology Department, Via Orabona 4, 70125 Bari, ITALY	giuseppe.corriero@uniba.it	NA	2015
84	Cosme da Silva Gomes	Bruno	-	NA	Instituto Nacional de Metrologia, Qualidade e Tecnologia (Inmetro), BRAZIL	NA	NA	2015; Was a Masters student of Eduardo Hajdu, no longer working on sponges, but still co-authoring sponge papers (info: Gisele Lôbo)
85	Costa	Gabriele	-	Morphology, taxonomy, ecology and ancient sponge communities in the coralligenous	Dipartimento di Scienze della Terra dell'Ambiente e della Vita (DISTAV), Corso Europa 26, 16132 Genova (GE), ITALY	gabrielecosta@me.com, gabrielec1987@gmail.com	NA	Nov 2016; PhD student with Dr. Marco Bertolino
86	Cristobo	Javier	-	Taxonomy and ecology, Antarctic and deep-sea sponges	Instituto Español de Oceanografía, Centro Oceanográfico de Gijón, Avda. Príncipe de Asturias 70bis, 33212, Gijón, SPAIN	cristobo@gi.ieo.es	http://nautiluslive.org/people/javier-cristobo ; http://www.ieo.es	2015
87	Cruz Barraza	José	Antonio	Morphological and molecular systematics (taxonomy and phylogeny), ecology, evolution, molecular ecology, biogeography	Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Instituto de Ciencias del Mar y Limnología, Avenida Joel Montes Camarena s/n, PO Box 811, 82100 Mazatlán, 82040 MEXICO	joseantonio@ola.icmyl.unam.mx	https://scholar.google.es/citations?user=zhNQgb4AAAJ&hl=es&oi=ao ; http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Jose_Cruz-Barraza	2015
88	Cruz Fernandez	Júlio	Cesar		Museu Nacional - Depto. Invertebrados, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Quinta da Boa Vista, s/n, 20940-040, Rio de Janeiro, RJ - BRAZIL	julioesarbio@yahoo.com.br	NA	2015; PhD with Eduardo Hajdu
89	Custódio	Márcio	(Reis)	Physiology, cell biology, symbiosis (microorganisms)	University of São Paulo, Department of Physiology, Rua do Matão, Travessa 14, no. 101, CEP 05508-090, São Paulo (SP), BRAZIL	mcust@usp.br	http://www.researcherid.com/rid/B-4981-2008 ; http://orcid.org/0000-0002-7075-0478	Nov 2016; Assistant Professor. Although nowadays I am more like a "any-aquatic-animal-that-has-no-bones-and-cant-run-fast-enough-to-escape" scientist, I still work with Porifera.

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90	Da Rocha Brandão	Francine	-	Calcarea: morphology, taxonomy	Departamento de Zoologia/ Instituto de Biologia/ Universidade Federal da Bahia, Rua Barão de Jeremoabo s/n - Campus de Ondina. CEP 40170-115, Salvador - Bahia, BRAZIL	francine.brandao@hotmail.com	NA	2015
91	Dailianis	Thanos	-	Morphology, taxonomy, phylogeny, biogeography	Hellenic Centre for Marine Research, PO Box 2214, 71003 Heraklion Crete, GREECE	thanosd@hcmr.gr	http://www.imbbc.hcmr.gr/users/thanos-dailianis ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Thanos_Dailianis	Nov 2016; Postdoc
92	De Bakker	Didier	-	The ecology of the different excavating sponge species and their effect as bioeroders on Caribbean reefs.	Institute for Marine Resources and Ecosystem Studies (IMARES, WUR); Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research (NIOZ), THE NETHERLANDS	didierdebakker@gmail.com; desiderius.de.bakker@nioz.nl	linkedin.com/in/didierdebakker/en	2015
93	DeBiasse	Melissa	-	Phylogeography, population genetics, phylogenetics, species delimitation, evolutionary ecology and physiology, local adaptation, transcriptomics and genomics	Whitney Laboratory for Marine Bioscience, University of Florida, St. Augustine, FL 32080, USA	melissa.debiasse@gmail.com	www.melissadebiasse.weebly.com	Nov-16
94	De Caralt	Sònia	-	Chemical ecology, reproduction, symbiosis, culture, ecology	Centre d'Estudis Avancats de Blanes (CEAB-CSIC), Accés Cala Sant Francesc, 14. 17300, Blanes (Girona), SPAIN	sonia.decaralt@udg.edu; sonia@ceab.csic.es	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Sonia_De_Caralt	2016
95	De C. Cook	Steve	-	Mostly dictyoceratids, taxonomy	NA, NEW ZEALAND	steve.cook@scorpius.co.nz	NA	2015; Presently not active in the sponge world
96	De Goeij	Jasper	M.	(Coral) reef ecology, marine and freshwater sponge physiology, cell biology, feeding, energetics, DOM, sponge loop.	University of Amsterdam (UvA), Institute for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Dynamics (IBED), Department of Aquatic Ecology and Ecotoxicology. Science Park 904, 1098 XH, Amsterdam, THE NETHERLANDS	j.m.degoeij@uva.nl	http://www.uva.nl/over-de-uva/organisatie/medewerkers/content/g/o/j.m.degoeij/j.m.de-goeij.html ; http://www.porifarma.com	2015
97	De Paula	Thiago	S.	Phylogenetics, molecular evolution, ecology, biodiversity, systematics, phylogeny	Rio de Janeiro State University, IBRAG, Genetics Dept, Rua Sao Francisco Xavier, 524 – PHLC, sala 205, Maracana, 20550-013, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, BRAZIL	depaula_ts@hotmail.com; depaula.thiagosilva@gmail.com	http://orcid.org/0000-0003-4468-4996 ; http://scholar.google.com.br/citations?user=4B9BOn8AAAAJ&hl=en	2015; Assistant Professor
98	De Souza Carvalho	Mariana	-	Taxonomy, phylogeny, biogeography	Museu Nacional - Depto. Invertebrados, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Quinta da Boa Vista, s/n, 20940-040, Rio de Janeiro, RJ - BRAZIL	mscarv@gmail.com	NA	2015; Postdoc
99	De Voogd	Nicole	-	Ecology, taxonomy	Naturalis Biodiversity Center, Darwinweg 2, Leiden, THE NETHERLANDS	nicole.devoogd@naturalis.nl	https://science.naturalis.nl/en/people/scientists/nicole-de-voogd/ ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Nicole_De_Voogd/info?endorsements=1423612800 ; https://scholar.google.nl/citations?hl=nl&user=WVhxCuCAAAAJ&view_op=list_works&sortby=pubdate	2016
100	DeBiasse	Melissa	-	Evolutionary ecology, population genetics, phylogeography, speciation	202 Life Sciences Building, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, USA	melissa.debiasse@gmail.com	www.melissadebiasse.weebly.com ; https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=uHF5_6oAAAAJ&hl=en&oi=sra ; also on twitter for science related discussion and networking: @MelissaDeBiasse	2015; Postdoc
101	Debitus	Cécile	-	Sponge biodiversity, chemotaxonomy, natural products	IRD, BP529, 98713 Papeete, Tahiti, FRENCH POLYNESIA	cecile.debitus@ird.fr	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Cecile_Debitus	2015

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102	Debrenne	Françoise	-	NA, palaeontology	NA	debrenne@club-internet.fr	http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Francoise_Debrenne	2015
103	Degnan	Bernard	-	Sponge cell and developmental biology, and genomics	School of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Science, University of Queensland, St. Lucia, QLD, AUSTRALIA	b.degnan@uq.edu.au	http://researchers.uq.edu.au/researcher/350	2015
104	Demers	Marie-Claire	-	Environmental factors and distribution	University of Wollongong, Northfield Ave. Wollongong, NSW 2522, AUSTRALIA	mdemers@uow.edu.au or mcd324@uowmail.edu.au	https://uow.academia.edu/MarieClaireDemers/Posts ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Marie_Claire_Demers ; https://www.flickr.com/photos/121528923@N02/	2015; My PhD project aims to identify and describe the sponge assemblage associated with seagrass meadows.
105	Díaz	María	Cristina	Sponge biodiversity, microbes-sponge associations, evolution of form and function in sponges, environmental health	1657 Eastlake Way, Weston, FL 33326, USA	taxochica@gmail.com	http://shapeoflife.org/scientist/dr-cristina-diaz-taxonomist	2016; Adjunct Faculty at HBO/FAU, Fort Pierce, Florida. Research associate Museo Marino Margarita, Venezuela
106	Dimarchopoulou	Donna	-	Sponge museum collections, sponges in caves studied with non-destructive photographic methods	Department of Zoology, School of Biology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, GREECE	ddimarch@bio.auth.gr	http://www.medit-mar-sc.net/index.php/marine/article/view/1069	2015
107	Dohrmann	Martin	-	Phylogeny, evolution, systematics, and taxonomy of Hexactinellida	Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich, Dept. of Earth & Environmental Sciences, Palaeontology & Geobiology, Molecular Geo & Palaeobiology Lab, Richard-Wagner-Str. 10, 80333 Munich, GERMANY	m.dohrmann@lrz.uni-muenchen.de; mdohrma@gmail.com	http://www.en.palaeontologie.geowissenschaften.uni-muenchen.de/personen/wissenschaft/dormann/index.html ; http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Martin_Dohrmann	2015; Postdoc
108	Domart-Coulon	Isabelle	-	Biology, microbiology, symbiosis, biomineralization, taxonomy, type specimens, species voucher collection, biotechnology	Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle, UMR7245 CNRS-MNHN (MCAM) 'Molécules de Communication et Adaptation des Microorganismes', 63 rue Buffon (CP54) 75005 Paris, FRANCE	icoulon@mnhn.fr	http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Isabelle_Domart-Coulon	2015
109	Downey	Rachel	Victoria	Sub-Antarctic sponge phylogeography, carbon stock assessment of Antarctic sponges	The Australia National University, Fenner School of Environment and Society, Acton, ACT 2000, Canberra, AUSTRALIA	rachel.v.downey@gmail.com, rachel.downey@anu.edu.au	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Rachel_Downey	Jan 2017; taxonomic editor for Porifera for the Register of Antarctic Marine Species (RAMS)
110	Duckworth	Alan	-	Ecology, environmental pressures (dredging, climate change), aquaculture	Australian Institute of Marine Science, PMB 3 Townsville MC, QLD 4810, AUSTRALIA	a.duckworth@aims.gov.au	http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Alan_Duckworth	2016
111	Dunn	Paul	-	Aging processes in basal metazoans	Armstrong State University, Department of Biology, Science Center 1019, 11935 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31419-1997, USA	paul.dunn@armstrong.edu	http://findresearcher.sdu.dk:8080/portal/en/person/dunn	2015; contact details updated by Christine in Jan 2017
112	Duque	Carmenza	-	Natural products chemistry, bioactivity and chemical ecology	Ciudad Universitaria, Edificio de Química (451), lab 401-1, Sede Bogotá, postal code 111123, COLOMBIA	cduqueb@unal.edu.co	http://ciencias.bogota.unal.edu.co/gruposdeinvestigacion/pnmarinos/	2015; Retired, but still active
113	Ehrlich	Hermann	-	Bioinspired materials science of sponges, biochemistry and structural biology, sponge chitin and spongin, practical application of sponges in biomedicine and tissue engineering	Institute of Experimental Physics, TU Bergakademie Freiberg, Leipziger Str. 23, 09599 Freiberg, GERMANY	hermann.ehrlich@physik.tu-freiberg.de	http://tu-freiberg.de/exphys/biomineralogy-and-extreme-biomimetics/gruppenleiter	2015

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114	Ehrlich	Andre	-	Secondary metabolites, polysaccharides, mariculture	TU Bergakademie Freiberg, GERMANY	andre.ehrlich@physik.tu-freiberg.de	http://tu-freiberg.de/exphys/biomineralogy-and-extreme-biomimetics/mitarbeiter	2015
115	Eilertsen	Mari	Heggernes	Taxonomy and phylogeny of calcareous sponges, population genetics/phylogeography of deep-sea sponges	Department of Biology, University of Bergen, Postbox 7803, 5020 Bergen, NORWAY	mari.eilertsen@uib.no	http://www.uib.no/en/persons/Mari.Eilertsen	2015; PhD; currently sponges are only a small part of my work (10%).
116	Ekins	Merrick	-	Morphology, taxonomy, phylogeny, evolution	Queensland Museum PO Box 3300, South Brisbane BC, Queensland 4101, AUSTRALIA	m.ekins@qm.qld.gov.au	http://www.qm.qld.gov.au/Research/People/People/Profile/E/Merrick+Ekins#.VObHnKUE5I ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Merrick_Ekins ; http://www.linkedin.com/profile/view?id=280211023&trk=nav_responsive_tab_profile ; https://scholar.google.com.au/citations?user=AXhCBK4AAAAJ&hl=en ; http://www.researcherid.com/Workspace.action	2016
117	Ereskovsky	Alexander	V.	Morphology, ultrastructure, taxonomy, reproductive ecology, development, gametogenesis, regeneration, ecology, symbiosis	Institut Méditerranéen de Biodiversité et d'Ecologie marine et continentale (IMBE), Station Marine d'Endoume, Rue de la Batterie des Lions, 13007 Marseille, FRANCE; Department of Embryology, Faculty of Biology, St. Petersburg State University, 7/9 Universitetskaya emb., St. Petersburg 199034, RUSSIA	alexander.ereskovsky@imbe.fr	https://sites.google.com/site/alexanderereskovsky/home	2015
118	Erpenbeck	Dirk	-	Phylogeny, molecular evolution, biochemical compound evolution, molecular taxonomy (DNA barcoding)	Department of Earth- and Environmental Sciences, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich, Richard-Wagner-Str. 10, 80333 Munich, GERMANY	erpenbeck@lmu.de	http://www.palaeontologie.geowissenschaften.uni-muenchen.de/personen/wissenschaft/erpenbeck/index.html ; http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Dirk_Erpenbeck ; The Sponge Barcoding Project: http://www.spongebarcoding.org ; The Sponge Genetree Server: http://www.spongegenetrees.org	2015
119	Erwin	Patrick	M.	Microbiology, symbiosis, ecology, phylogenetics	University of North Carolina Wilmington, Center for Marine Science, 5600 Marvin K. Moss Lane, Wilmington, NC 28409, USA	erwinp@uncw.edu	http://imesalab.com/iMESA/Erwin.html	2015
120	Esteves	Ana	I. S.	Biochemistry, biotechnology (non-aquaculture), drug discovery, symbiosis	The University of New South Wales, School of Biotechnology and Biomolecular Sciences, Centre for Marine Bio-Innovation, Kensington, 2052 NSW, AUSTRALIA	a.esteves@unsw.edu.au, aidsesteves@gmail.com	http://www.linkedin.com/profile/public-profile-settings?trk=prof-edit-edit-public_profile ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Ana_Esteves ; https://research.unsw.edu.au/people/dr-ana-isabel-dos-santos-esteves ; http://orcid.org/0000-0002-9614-0635 ; http://ajob4ana.weebly.com	2015; Postdoc/research associate
121	Esteves	Eduardo	Leal	Taxonomy and systematics of Crambeidae, biodiversity, inventory of marine sponges from northeast and southeast Brazil	Departamento de Zoologia, Instituto de Biologia Roberto Alcântara Gomes, Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Rua São Francisco Xavier, 524, PHLC, 5º andar, sala 520. 20550-013 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, BRAZIL	edlealesteves@yahoo.com.br	http://www.poriferabrasil.mn.ufrj.br/ ; http://www.biologiauerj.com.br/ ; http://www.uerj.br/	2015

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122	Evans	Karen	-	Freshwater sponges, ecology, phylogenetics	Institute of Integrative Biology (Lab F), University of Liverpool, Crown Street, Liverpool, L69 7ZB, UK	kevans@liv.ac.uk	NA	2015; PhD
123	Evcen	Alper	-	Ecology, marine biodiversity, sponges, especially Dictyoceratida	Ege Üniversitesi Su Ürünleri Fakültesi, 35040 Bornova İzmir, TURKEY	alperevcen@gmail.com	NA	2015; I am a PhD student at Ege University, Faculty of Fisheries, Department of Hydrobiology. My research is focused on the taxonomy of Porifera. I was involved in some national projects regarding to the marine biodiversity.
124	Fang	James	Kar-Hai	Sponge bioerosion, effects of environmental changes on sponge ecophysiology and ecological functions	Institute of Marine Research, Nordnesgaten 50, 5005 Bergen, NORWAY	james.fang@imr.no	http://www.imr.no/en	2016
125	Federwisch	Luisa	-	Antarctic sponges, Hexactinellids, distribution, ecology	Alfred Wegener Institute, Am Alten Hafen 26, D-27568 Bremerhaven, GERMANY	luisa.federwisch@awi.de	http://www.awi.de/en/about-us/organisation/staff/luisa-federwisch.html ; http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Luisa_Federwisch	Nov 2016; PhD candidate with Claudio Richter, working on distribution and ecology of hexactinellids in the southeastern Weddell Sea
126	Feldstein	Tamar	-	Mediterranean sponge taxonomy, molecular taxonomy	The Steinhardt Museum of Natural History and National Research Center; Department of Zoology George S. Wise Faculty of Life Science Sherman Building, Room 109 Tel-Aviv University, Tel Aviv 69978, ISRAEL	tfeldste@post.tau.ac.il	NA	2015; Tamar's main expertise is molecular taxonomy
127	Fernandez	Julio	C. C.	Taxonomy, phylogeny and biogeography of sponges	Laboratório Taxonomia de Porifera (TAXPO), Departamento de Invertebrados, Museu Nacional / UFRJ, Quinta da Boa Vista, s/n, CEP. 20940-040 Rio de Janeiro - RJ, BRAZIL	juliocezarbio@yahoo.com.br	http://lattes.cnpq.br/6629645472995471	2016; Professor in Zoology
128	Ferriol	Pere	-	Natural products, sponge aquaculture	Ecology, Dept. of Biology, University of the Balearic Islands, Cra. de Valldemossa, km 7.5, 07122 Palma de Mallorca, SPAIN	pere.ferriol@uib.cat; pereferriol@gmail.com	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Pere_Ferriol2 ; https://www.linkedin.com/in/pere-ferriol-92926512/en	2016
129	Fiore	Cara	-	Symbiosis, microbial ecology, biogeochemical cycling	Appalachian State University, 572 Rivers Street, Boone, NC 28608, USA	clfiore@gmail.com	https://sites.google.com/site/carafioreportfolio/ ; https://clfiore.wordpress.com/	Nov-16
130	Fortunato	Humberto	F.M.	Ecology, marine chemical ecology, phylogeny, evolution	Rio de Janeiro State University, IBRAG, Genetics Dept, Rua Sao Francisco Xavier, 524 – PHLC, sala 205, Maracana, 20550-013, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, BRAZIL	hfmfortunato@gmail.com ; humberto1084@hotmail.com	http://lattes.cnpq.br/6092419185620591	Jan 2017; PhD student in Oceanography - studying integrative taxonomy of Suberitida from Brazil to Caribbean
131	Fortunato	Sofia	A. V.	Cell and developmental biology, genetics, environmental stress response and climate change, calcareous sponges	ARC Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies, James Cook University Townsville, QLD 4811, AUSTRALIA	sofia.valerofortunato@jcu.edu.au; savfortunato@gmail.com	NA	2015; Postdoc, parttime also working on corals
132	Fourt	Maïa	-	Mediterranean sponges and benthic species, deep-sea sponges, bath sponge history and ecology	CNRS, Institut Méditerranéen de Biodiversité et d'Ecologie marine et continentale. Station Marine d'Endoume, rue de la batterie des lions 13007 Marseille, FRANCE	maia.fourt@imbe.fr	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Maia_Fourt ; https://scholar.google.fr/citations?user=6OfsGj4AAA&hl=fr ; https://fr.linkedin.com/in/ma%25C3%25Afa-four-59307355	Jan 2017, PhD
133	Freeman	Christopher	J.	Ecology, symbiosis, evolution	Smithsonian Marine Station, 701 Seaway Drive, Fort Pierce, FL 34949, USA	freemanc@si.edu	NA	2015

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134	Fromont	Jane	-	Taxonomy, systematics, distribution, biogeography & faunistics, reproduction	Western Australian Museum, Department of Aquatic Zoology, 49 Kew Street, Welshpool, WA 6106, AUSTRALIA	Jane.Fromont@museum.wa.gov.au	http://museum.wa.gov.au ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Jane_Fromont	Jan-17
135	Ganase	Anjani	E.	Caribbean sponge communities and how they vary under different environmental drivers	Coral Reef Ecosystems Lab, University of Queensland, Level 7 Gehrmann Laboratories (60), St. Lucia, QLD 4072, AUSTRALIA	a.ganase@uq.edu.au	http://www.gci.uq.edu.au/anjani-ganase ; http://www.coralreefecosystems.org/	2015; PhD
136	Garate	Leire	-	Ecology (growth dynamics and predation on sponges) and microbial symbiosis in sponges	Centre d'Estudis Avançats de Blanes (CEAB-CSIC) Acces Cala Sant Francesc, 14. 17300 Blanes (Girona), SPAIN	lgarate@ceab.csic.es	http://www.ceab.csic.es/web/?p=3234	2015; PhD
137	García-Bellido	Diego	C.	Palaeozoic Porifera, sphinctozoans, systematics, sponges in Burgess Shale-type localities	University of Adelaide, SA 5005, AUSTRALIA	Diego.Garcia-Bellido@adelaide.edu.au	www.adelaide.edu.au/directory/diego.garcia-bellido , www.samuseum.sa.gov.au/about/staff/dr-diego-c-garcia-bellido , https://scholar.google.com.au/citations?user=Wve3QZ0AAAAJ&hl=en	2015; Originally from Spain
138	Garcia-Hernandez	Jaaziel	E.	Sponge taxonomy, molecular barcoding, sponge chemical properties, and holobiont ecology	University of Puerto Rico- Mayagüez, PUERTO RICO	jaaziel.garcia@upr.edu	http://www.hawaiisponges.com/ ; http://www.jaazielgarciahernandez.com/ ; https://instagram.com/underwaterexplorer/	2015; Graduate student
139	Garson	Mary	-	Natural products chemistry of sponges and molluscs, marine chemical ecology	School of Chemistry and Molecular Biosciences, University of Queensland, AUSTRALIA	m.garson@uq.edu.au	http://staff.scmb.uq.edu.au/staff/mary-garson ; http://researchers.uq.edu.au/researcher/102	2015
140	Gastaldi	Marianela	-	Interaction sponges-macroalgae, ecosystem engineering, bioremediation, taxonomy	CONICET-Instituto de Biología Marina y Pesquera Almirante Storni, Güemes 1030, San Antonio Oeste, ARGENTINA	marianelagastaldi@yahoo.es	NA	2015; PhD
141	Gazave	Eve	-	Sponge evo-devo and molecular phylogeny	Institut Jacques Monod, CNRS UMR 7592, 15 rue Hélène Brion, 75205 Paris cedex 13, FRANCE	eve.gazave@ijm.fr; evegazave@hotmail.com	https://scholar.google.fr/citations?user=eyomo7gAAAJ&hl=fr ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Eve_Gazave	Nov-16
142	George	Anita	Mary	Taxonomy, biodiversity, biogeography and impacts on ecological interactions of Demospongiae and Calcarea	Sessile Marine Invertebrates, Queensland Museum, PO Box 3300 South Brisbane BC Queensland 4101, AUSTRALIA	anitageorge@outlook.com.au	https://au.linkedin.com/in/anitageorgephd ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Anita_George2	Jan-17
143	Gerasileiou	Vasilis	-	Ecology, distribution, symbiosis, taxonomy, biogeography	Institute of Marine Biology, Biotechnology and Aquaculture, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research, 71003, Heraklion, Crete, GREECE	bill_ger@yahoo.com ; vgerovas@hcmr.gr	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Vasilis_Gerasileiou	2015; Postdoc
144	Giles	Emily	-	Sponge genetics, population biology, connectivity, sponge-microbe interactions	Instituto de Ciencias Ambientales y Evolutivas, 3r piso, oficina 329 Edificio Emilio Pugin, Avenida Rector Eduardo Morales Miranda Campus Teja - Universidad Austral de Chile, Valdivia, CHILE	emily.c.giles@gmail.com	https://scholar.google.cl/citations?user=z3hxS4AAAAJ&hl=en	2015; I just finished my Masters, am now working as a research assistant.
145	Gochfeld	Deborah	-	Ecology, disease, chemical ecology/natural products, symbiosis, interaction, competition, predation, environmental factors	National Center for Natural Products Research, University of Mississippi, P.O. Box 1848, University, MS 38677 USA	gochfeld@olemiss.edu	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Deborah_Gochfeld	2016
146	Göcke	Christian	-	Antarctic and freshwater sponges: ecology and taxonomy	Senckenberg Institute, GERMANY	christian.goecke@senckenberg.de	NA	2016

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147	Gokalp	Mert	-	Marine biotechnology, benthic ecosystems, marine ecology, fisheries, mariculture, popular science materials on Mediterranean ecosystem, underwater photography & videography, science oriented underwater documentaries	University of Wageningen, THE NETHERLANDS	mert.gokalp@gmail.com	www.mertgokalp.com; https://vimeo.com/user4026630; http://wu.academia.edu/MertGokalp; http://www.imdb.com/name/nm6768489/; https://tr.linkedin.com/pub/mert-gokalp/16/518/7a8; http://www.idefix.com/kitap/turkiye-deniz-canlilari-rehberi-mert-gokalp/tanim.asp?sid=IA1X3D3S8D2DWJLM9RWH (Mediterranean Sea Guidebook); https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/doga-rehberi/id903650333?mt=8 (itunes-Android Digital Marine Guidebook App, Mediterranean Sea)	2015; Doing a PhD in the Netherlands, otherwise independent researcher in Turkey
148	Goldstein	Donald	-	Palaeontology, interactions of endolithic sponges with their worm and crab symbionts	32 Lawler Road, West Hartford, Connecticut 06117, USA	dgoldstein46@GMAIL.COM	NA	2015
149	Gómez	Oliver	-	Sponge general research, taxonomy, ecology, biogeography and in the future some DNA work	Western Australian Museum, Locked Bag 49 Welshpool DC, WA 6986, AUSTRALIA	Oliver.Gomez@museum.wa.gov.au	www.museum.wa.gov.au	Jan-17
150	Gómez	Patricia	-	Systematics, taxonomiy, species diversity of marine sponges, sponge museum collections	Instituto de Ciencias del Mar y Limnología, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. Apartado Postal 70-305, México, D.F. 04510, MÉXICO	patricia@cmarl.unam.mx	NA	2015
151	González-Rivero	Manuel	-	Ecology, bioerosion, community, interactions	University of Queensland, Global Change Institute. St. Lucia, QLD 4072, AUSTRALIA	manuel.gonzalezrivero@uq.edu.au	http://www.coralreefecosystems.org; http://www.coralcoe.org.au/people/research-fellows; https://scholar.google.com.au/citations?user=L-TjbcAAAAJ&hl=en; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Manuel_Gonzalez-Rivero?ev=hdr_xprf	2016
152	Goodridge	Renata	-	Basic sponge ID	Centre for Resource Management & Environmental Studies (CERMES), University of the West Indies, BARBADOS	renata.goodridge@cavehill.uwi.edu	http://cavehill.uwi.edu/cermes/	2015; I am the Senior Marine and Lab Technician since 1987 and do plenty of WQ and reef work, but my passion remains with the sponges. I ID sponges since 1988; I visually know many of the sponge species in Barbados and most of the Eastern Caribbean fairly well. I am working on a basic 'visual' sponge guide for Barbados. I keep an eye on what is happening underwater – the dive shops are good about letting someone at CERMES know if they see anything abnormal. I enjoy being in the sea doing field work more than anything. I would like to be involved in some research.

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153	Goodwin	Claire	-	Taxonomy, morphology, distribution, ecology	Atlantic Reference Centre, Huntsman Marine Science Centre, 1 Lower Campus Road, St. Andrews, NB, E5B 2L7, CANADA	Claire.goodwin@huntsmanmarine.ca; claire.goodwin@gmail.com	http://www.huntsmanmarine.ca/research-applied-science-services/arc-research/	Nov 2016; Research Scientist/Manager, Atlantic Reference Centre (Canada Department of Fisheries and Oceans/Huntsman Research Museum)
154	Goudie	Lisa	-	Morphology, taxonomy, sponges of Victoria, Australia	c/- Museum Victoria or 1 Moor St. Sandringham, Vic 3191, AUSTRALIA	goudielj@bigpond.com	NA	2016; Self-employed consultant providing identifications of marine sponges for government and industry
155	Grant	Adrienne	-	Biochemistry and cell biology of marine invertebrates with emphasis on cell signals that are common to most organisms	University of Sydney, AUSTRALIA	adrienne.grant@sydney.edu.au	http://sydney.edu.au/science/biology/about_us/honorary_staff/grant_adrienne/	2015
156	Griffiths	Sarah	-	Population genetics, community genetics, ecological genetics	UK	sarah.griffiths@manchester.ac.uk	uk.linkedin.com/pub/sarah-griffiths/7a/5a3/177 ; http://personalpages.manchester.ac.uk/staff/Richard.Preziosi/preziosilab/people/sarah-griffiths.html	2015; PhD
157	Gutt	Julian	-	Benthic-pelagic processes, polar waters and deep sea, climate change, disturbance	Alfred Wegener Institute, Am Alten Hafen 26, D-27568 Bremerhaven, GERMANY	julian.gutt@awi.de	http://www.awi.de/People/show?jgutt	2015
158	Hadi	Tri	Aryono	Sponge ecology, morphology, taxonomy, metabolites	James Cook University; Research Center for Oceanography (RCO) – Indonesian Institute of Sciences (IIS), Pasir putih 1, Ancol Timur-Jakarta 14430, INDONESIA	ari_080885@yahoo.com	https://www.linkedin.com/profile/view?id=334481639	2015; MSc. I am interested in ecology of sponges. I have already collected sponges in many places in Indonesia and still waiting to be identified further. I also study about the morphology and taxonomy and try to identify the sponges have been collected. Sometimes I also collaborate with sponge scientists who are interested in metabolite compounds.
159	Hajdu	Eduardo	-	Taxonomy, phylogeny, biogeography and potential uses of South American sponges, fresh or salty, Antarctic sponge biodiversity, trans-Pacific biogeographic tracts...	Museu Nacional - Depto. Invertebrados, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Quinta da Boa Vista, s/n, 20940-040, Rio de Janeiro, RJ - BRAZIL	eduardo.hajdu@gmail.com	sites.google.com/site/hajdutaxpo/ ; porifera.zootaxa@gmail.com ; editor for the WORLD PORIFERA DATABASE, www.marinespecies.org/porifera ; www.poriferabrasil.mn.ufrj.br ; www.proyecto esponjas.blogspot.com ; www.mabirehsp9.blogspot.com ; www.esponjasdeangra.blogspot.com ; www.esponjasbrasileiras.blogspot.com	2015
160	Halasz	Mirna	-	Functional analyses of sponge genes and proteins, sponge mitochondrial genomics, taxonomy, phylogeny and	Ruder Bošković Institute, Laboratory for Molecular Biology, Bijenička cesta 54, 10000 Zagreb, CROATIA	mimesek@irb.hr	https://scholar.google.hr/citations?hl=en&user=fgTGJ-YAAAAAJ&view_op=list_works ; http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Mirna_Imesek	Nov-16
161	Hall	Kathryn	-	Taxonomy and systematics of Tetractinellida from IWP regions using molecular and morphological methods	Queensland Museum, PO Box 3300, South Brisbane 4101, Queensland, AUSTRALIA	kathryn.hall@qm.qld.gov.au	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Kathryn_Hall ; http://www.spongemaps.org	2016; I designed and implemented SpongeMaps.org.
162	Hamann	Mark	T.	Marine natural products chemistry, marine biotechnology and drug development	UMMC Cancer Center 407 Faser Hall, University, MS 38677, USA	mthamann@olemiss.edu	http://pharmacy.olemiss.edu/biomolecularsciences/team/dr-mark-t-hamann/ ; http://www.endophytebase.com/	2015; Works with Dr. Michelle Kelly on sponge marine chemistry and taxonomy

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163	Hammel	Jörg	U.	Bio-based and bio inspired materials, evolution and functional morphology of early evolved multicellular animals, fluid dynamics of suspension feeding and biological fluid transport systems, comparative anatomy, functional morphology and physiology of early evolved multicellular animals, imaging techniques, computational image processing, finite element modeling	Helmholtz-Zentrum Geesthacht, Center for Materials and Coastal Research, Institute of Materials Research, Outstation at DESY, Building 25c, Notkestr. 85, D-22607 Hamburg, GERMANY	Joerg.hammel@hzg.de	www.porifera.net	2015
164	Harcet	Matija	-	Functional analyses of sponge genes/proteins, studies of coding and regulatory sequences structure and evolution, molecular biodiversity, evolution	Ruder Bošković Institute, Laboratory for molecular biology, Bijenička cesta 54, 10 000 Zagreb, CROATIA; Multicellgenome lab, Institut de biologia evolutiva (UPF-CSIC), Psg. de Barceloneta 37-49. 08003 Barcelona, SPAIN	mharcet@irb.hr, matija.harcet@ibe.upf-csic.es	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Matija_Harcet ; http://www.irb.hr/eng/People/Matija-Harcet	2015
165	Hardoim	Cristiane	Cassiolato Pires	Microbial ecology and evolution: symbiosis, interaction, competition, predation, environmental factors and biogeochemical cycles	Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ), Microbiology Institute (Instituto de Microbiologia Paulo de Goes), 373, Av. Carlos Chagas Filho, Cidade Universitária 21941-902 - Rio de Janeiro, BRAZIL	cristianehardoim@gmail.com	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Cristiane_Hardoim	Nov-16
166	Harper	Mary	Kay	Chemotaxonomy, marine natural products, role of symbionts in metabolite production, metabolomics	Department of Medicinal Chemistry, University of Utah, 30 S. 2000 East, 307 Skaggs Hall, Salt Lake City, UT 84102, USA	mk.harper@pharm.utah.edu	NA	2015
167	Haskell	Brian	-	Processes in the preservation of sponges in the fossil record, palaeoenvironmental interpretation of stable oxygen isotopes in siliceous sponge spicules	3423 Grand Ave. S., Minneapolis MN 55408, USA	haskell@umn.edu	NA	2016; I am interested in the fossilization of Upper Jurassic sponges in SW Germany and oxygen isotopic signals in sponge-algal mud mounds in siliceous sponges through comparison of marine and freshwater samples.
168	Hench	Jim	-	Fluid mechanics, boundary layers, benthic-pelagic coupling	Duke University, Nicholas School of the Environment, 135 Duke Marine Lab Road, Beaufort, NC 28512, USA	jim.hench@duke.edu	people.duke.edu/~jlh82/	2015
169	Hentschel Humeida	Ute	-	Marine sponge microbiology, symbioses, 'omics' of uncultured microorganisms, novel anti-infectives	GEOMAR-Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research, RU3-Marine Microbiology, Düsternbrooker Weg 20, 24105 Kiel, GERMANY	uhentschel@geomar.de	http://scholar.google.com/citations?user=m6OBMjMAAAA&hl=en ; http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Ute_Hentschel	2016
170	Hestetun	Jon	Thomassen	Phylogeny, systematics, taxonomy, biogeography, sponge carnivory, microbial interactions, vent-seep fauna	Dept. of Biology, University of Bergen, PB7803, 5020 Bergen, NORWAY	jon.hestetun@bio.uib.no	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Jon_Hestetun ; http://www.uib.no/en/persons/Jon.Thomassen.Hestetun	2015; PhD
171	Hill	April	-	Evolution and development, symbiosis	University of Richmond, 28 Westhampton Way, Richmond, VA 23173, USA	ahill@richmond.edu	http://biology.richmond.edu/research/research-labs/april-hill-lab.html	2015
172	Hill	Kate	-	Sponge mesofaunal symbiont communities	Florida State University, USA	km13r@my.fsu.edu	NA	2016; Student in Wulff laborotory

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173	Hill	Malcolm		Symbiosis, competition, predation, ecology, phylogenetics, evolution	Department of Biology, University of Richmond, Richmond, VA 23173, USA	mhill2@richmond.edu	https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=UdNjku8AAAAJ&hl=en&oi=sra ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Malcolm_Hill ; http://www.researcherid.com/rid/B-6204-2015 ; https://www.linkedin.com/profile/view?id=31386031	2015
174	Hill	Russell	Terrence	Sponge microbiology	Institute of Marine and Environmental Technology, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, Columbus Center, Suite 236, 701 East Pratt Street, Baltimore MD 21202 USA	hill@umces.edu	http://www.imet.usmd.edu ; http://www.umces.edu/ ; https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=MfJnKxoAAAAJ ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Russell_Hill3 ; https://www.linkedin.com/profile/view?id=18753471&trk=nav_responsive_tab_profile_pic	Nov-16
175	Hinde	Rosalind		Physiology, particularly of sponges and their symbiotic algae and cyanobacteria	School of Life and Environmental Sciences, University of Sydney A12, NSW 2006, AUSTRALIA	rosalind.hinde@sydney.edu.au	http://sydney.edu.au/science/biology/marine_symbois/	Nov 2016; Honorary Associate Professor
176	Hooper	John	N. A.	Taxonomy, systematics, phylogeny, evolution, biogeography, biodiversity informatics, species diversity and distributions, chemotaxonomy, molecular barcoding, marine bioregionalisation and conservation	Natural Environments Program, Queensland Museum, PO Box 3300, South Brisbane, QLD 4101, AUSTRALIA	john.hooper@qm.qld.gov.au	http://www.spongemaps.org ; http://http://www.qm.qld.gov.au/Research/People/People/Profile/H/John+Hooper ; http://www.linkedin.com/profile/view?id=128286854&trk=vsrp_people_pivotbar_coc_photo&trkinfo=searchId%3A1282868541423789682420 ; https://scholar.google.com.au/citations?hl=en&user=8FG2DSMAAAJ&view_op=list_works&sortby=pubdate ; http://www.researchgate.net/profile/John_Hooper ; http://orcid.org/0000-0003-1722-5954 ; https://queenslandmuseum.academia.edu/JohnHooper	2016
177	Hourigan	Thomas	F.	Distribution and ecology of deep-sea sponges	NOAA Fisheries Service, Office of Habitat Conservation, 1315 East-West Hwy, Silver Spring, MD 20910, USA	Tom.Hourigan@noaa.gov	https://deepseacoraldata.noaa.gov/	Nov 2016; Leading NOAA's Deep Sea Coral Research and Technology Program to understand, conserve and manage deep-sea biogenic habitats, including deepwater sponge habitats. We maintain a database of deep-sea coral and sponge records and a web-accessible map portal that map allows for search, discovery, and download of the data and metadata.
178	Huang	Yusheng	M.	Sponge taxonomy, biodiversity, sponge endofaunal community, and sponge chemical ecology	Department of Marine Sports and Recreation, Department of Aquaculture, National Penghu University of Science and Technology, 300 Liu-Ho Rd., Magong City, Penghu 880, TAIWAN	yusheng@npu.edu.tw; yusheng@gms.npu.edu.tw	http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Yusheng_Huang/publications ; http://163.15.209.20/contents/teach/teach_list.asp?menuID=302&id=18	2015
179	Huchon	Dorothee	-	Mediterranean sponge taxonomy, mitochondrial introns, phylogenomics	Department of Zoology, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv 69978, ISRAEL	huchond@post.tau.ac.il	http://www.tau.ac.il/~huchond/	2016

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180	Huete-Stauffer	Carla	Grace	Sponge and microbial ecology, microbial symbiosis and its dynamics	Centre d'Estudis Avançats de Blanes (CEABCSIC) Acces Cala Sant Francesc, 14. 17300 Blanes (Girona), SPAIN	chuetestauffer@ceab.csic.es	www.ceab.es/personal ; http://www.benthis.eu/en/bluepharmtrain/About/People.htm	2016; Marie-Curie postdoc
181	Huggett	Megan	-	Ecology, microbiology	School of Natural Sciences, Edith Cowan University, 270 Joondalup Dr., Joondalup, WA 6027, AUSTRALIA	m.huggett@ecu.edu.au	NA	2016; Postdoc
182	Idan	Tal	-	Sponge ecology, biodiversity, sponge taxonomy	Department of Zoology George S. Wise Faculty of Life Science Sherman Building, Room 221 Tel-Aviv University, Tel Aviv 69978, ISRAEL	t_idan@hotmail.com	NA	2015; PhD
183	Ilan	Micha	-	Microbiology, biomineralization, natural products/secondary metabolites, bacteria, fungi, ecology	Department of Zoology, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv 69978, ISRAEL	milan@post.tau.ac.il	http://www.tau.ac.il/lifesci/departments/zoology/members/ilan/ilan.html ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Micha_Ilan	2015
184	Immanuel	Titus	-	Working on the taxonomy of the sponges of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Fisheries Science Division, Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, PO box no. 181, Garacharma post, Port Blair – 744101, INDIA	titusimmanuel@yahoo.co.in	NA	2015; PhD
185	Ise	Yuji	-	Taxonomy, ecology, bioeroding sponges and the order Clonaida sensu Morrow & Cardenas, 2015	Sugashima Marine Biological Laboratory, Graduate School of Science, Nagoya University, 429-63 Sugashima, Toba 517-0004, JAPAN	ug@bio.nagoya-u.ac.jp; libertador0429@gmail.com	NA	2015
186	Ismet	Meutia	Samira	Physiology, symbiosis, interaction, environmental factors, biochemistry	Bogor Agricultural University, Dept. Marine Science and Technology, Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Science, Bogor, West Java, INDONESIA 16680	ms.ismet@gmail.com ; meutiais@ipb.ac.id	NA	2015
187	Janson van Rensburg	Liesl	A.	Taxonomy, biodiscovery, biogeography	2nd Floor, Foretrust building, Martin Hammerschlagg way, Foreshore, 8011, Cape Town, SOUTH AFRICA	ljanson@gmail.com (home); ljanson@environment.gov.za (work)	http://porifera.lifedesks.org/user/29	2015; 80% of research on sponges
188	Janussen	Dorte	-	Sponge taxonomy, ecology and evolution, deep sea and polar sponges	Research Institute and Nature Museum Senckenberg, Senckenberganlage 25, D-60325 Frankfurt am Main, GERMANY	dorte.janussen@senckenberg.de	https://www.senckenberg.de ; https://www.linkedin.com/Dorte-Janussen	Nov-16
189	Kaandorp	Jaap	A.	Morphogenesis, marine sessile organisms, evolutionary processes, modelling and simulation of developmental regulatory networks and metabolic pathways, modelling and simulation of growth and form, biomechanics and biomineralisation	University of Amsterdam, Science Park 904, 1098 XH Amsterdam, THE NETHERLANDS	J.A.Kaandorp@uva.nl	http://www.science.uva.nl/~jaapk/	2015; Research on corals and sponges at a range of different levels of organisation (genome-gene regulatory networks-cells-tissue-organism). Modelling and analysis of gene regulation. Biomineralisation (experimental and modelling work). Growth and form, and the influence of light and hydrodynamics on the morphological plasticity and calcification / silicification. This work is a combination of modelling work, a genetic comparison between different growth forms, phylogenetics, morphometrics of 3D growth forms obtained from CT scans, microCTs and field work.

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190	Kahn	Amanda	-	Metabolism and energetics, evolution and ecology of early metazoans, adaptations to the deep sea, hexactinellid sponge ecology	CW-405 Biological Sciences Building, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB T6G 2E9, CANADA	kahn@ualberta.ca	http://www.biology.ualberta.ca/leys_lab/?page_id=8 ; https://bmscblog.wordpress.com/meet-the-authors/amanda-kahn/ ; https://scholar.google.ca/citations?user=DfPOcDQA AAAA ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Amanda_Kahn ; https://www.linkedin.com/profile/view?id=101848668	2015; PhD
191	Kandler	Nora	Marie	Ecology, microbial ecology, symbiosis, physiology, climate change impacts	School of Biological Sciences, Victoria University of Wellington, P.O. Box 600, Wellington 6140, NEW ZEALAND	nora.kandler@vuw.ac.nz; nora.kandler@gmail.com	https://www.linkedin.com/in/nora-kandler-8890a7133?trk=hp-identity-name ; http://www.victoria.ac.nz/sbs/research/marine-biology-research/sponge-marine-ecology/people/students	Nov 2016; PhD
192	Kang	Dong	Won	Systematics and taxonomy of marine sponges	Education Team, National Marine Biodiversity Institute of Korea, 101-75, Jangsan-ro, Janghang-eup, Seochon-gun Chungcheongnam-do 325-902, SOUTH KOREA	soma234@mabik.re.kr	NA	2015
193	Karlep	Liisi	-	Freshwater sponges, biochemistry, sponge microbes, molecular biodiversity	Valdeku 33, 11621, Tallinn, ESTONIA	liisikarlep123@gmail.com	-	2015; PhD
194	Kasper	Gustavo	Leite	Reproduction, development, gametogenesis, taxonomy, ecology	Federal University of Bahia, Dept. Biologia Geral. Sala 15-A, 2o Andar - Instituto de Biologia - UFBA. Rua Barão de Jeremoabo, s/n - Campus de Ondina. salvador, BA, BRAZIL	glkwaves@hotmail.com	http://lebr-ufba.wix.com/lebr-ufba#IA-trajetória-de-um-esponjólogo-determinado/c1vtX/55af94800cf24f011b6454ea ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Gustavo_Kasper?ev=hdr_xprf&_sg=OMnatga4eMg3cAVRU4uLsTs6UZf5r8JfGvDEY5iGhB6k8B8O9TbbYEMOJO3nGqSAM	2016; Graduated MSc
195	Kayal	Ehsan	-	Phylogenomics, genome evolution, gene expression; I spend a large part of my research time on sponges	Department of Invertebrate Zoology, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC 20013-7012, USA	kayale@si.edu; ehsan.kayal@gmail.com	NA	2015; Postdoctoral Fellow
196	Kazanidis	Georgios	-	Ecology of sponges from cold water reefs	Oceanlab, Main Street, Newburgh, Aberdeenshire, AB41 6AA, UK	r02gk11@abdn.ac.uk, gkazanidis@gmail.com	http://www.abdn.ac.uk/oceanlab/people/profiles/r02gk11 ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Georgios_Kazanidis	2015
197	Kefalas	Efthimios	-	Ecology and taxonomy of Mediterranean species	Aglasos, 81101, Lesvos, GREECE	kefthimios@gmail.com	NA	2015; Dr. of Biology, microbiology lab analyst
198	Kelly	Joseph	B.	Holobiont evolution and ecology	Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, New York, USA	joseph.b.kelly@stonybrook.edu	http://life.bio.sunysb.edu/ee/phdstudents.html	2016; PhD student

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199	Kelly	Michelle	-	Morphology/taxonomy, phylogeny/evolution, distributions	National Centre for Aquatic Biodiversity and Biosecurity, National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research, P. O. Box 109-695, Newmarket, Auckland, NEW ZEALAND	michelle.kelly@niwa.co.nz	www.niwa.co.nz	2016; Continuing to focus on describing the sponge fauna of New Zealand (Lyssacinosa and Amphidiscosida with Henry Reising, Asbestopuma with Jean Vacelet, Latrunculiidae, and various Astrophorina - Penares, Lamellomorpha with Carina Sim-Smith) and broader systematics problems as they arise. Adding to our e-guide to sponges of New Zealand and about to launch the Palau Sponge Guide.
200	Kelve	Merike	-	Sponge enzymes	Tallinn University of Technology, Department of Gene Technology, Akadeemia tee 15, Tallinn 12618, ESTONIA	merike.kelve@ttu.ee	NA	2015
201	Kennedy	Emma	-	Reef bioerosion in the context of carbonate budgets and reef health	Griffith University, Nathan Campus, 170 Kessels Road, Nathan 4111, QLD, AUSTRALIA	emma.kennedy@griffith.edu.au	researcher ID: M-3193-2014	2015; Postdoc, presently with focus on coral reef organisms other than sponges, but with a keen interest in sponges
202	Keren	Ray	-	Sponge-microbiology, ecotoxicology, geobiochemistry	Tel Aviv University, 69978, Tel Aviv, ISRAEL	mr.ray.keren@gmail.com	NA	2015
203	Kershaw	Stephen	-	Stromatoporoid and chaetetic sponges	Department of Life Sciences, Room HALB135, Halsbury Building, Brunel University London, Uxbridge, UB8 3PH, UK	stephen.kershaw@brunel.ac.uk	http://www.brunel.ac.uk/people/stephen-kershaw; www.earthsurfaceprocesses.com	2016; Author on two papers in the Treatise on Invertebrate Palaeontology, part E, Hypercalcified Sponges.
204	Kersken	Daniel	-	Morphology, ecology, genetics (DNA barcoding), Antarctic and deep-sea sponges	Senckenberg Research Institute and Nature Museum, Senckenberganlage 25, 60325 Frankfurt am Main, GERMANY	daniel.kersken@senckenberg.de	NA	2016; Student with Dorte Janussen. I work with Antarctic shelf sponges from the Weddell Sea and deep-sea sponges from the Clarion Clipperton Fracture Zone (CCFZ) which is in the northeastern Pacific Ocean.
205	Khati	Willia	-	Marine sponges, bioaccumulation, biomarkers, genotoxicity, biodiversity, south Mediterranean, reproduction, effects of metals	Departement of Marine Science, Tarf, Algeria	khati-hm@hotmail.com	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/W_Khati	Jan-17
206	Klautau	Michelle	-	Calcarea, morphology, taxonomy, molecular systematics, phylogeny, evolution, biogeography, faunistics, distribution, reproduction	Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Instituto de Biologia, Departamento de Zoologia, Laboratório de Biologia de Porífera, Av. Carlos Chagas Filho 373, Ilha do Fundão, Rio de Janeiro, BRAZIL	mklautau@biologia.ufrj.br	NA	2015
207	Knobloch	Stephen	-	Aquaculture, biotechnology, cold-water sponges, microbial ecology	Matis ohf., 113 Reykjavik, ICELAND	stephen@matis.is	http://www.matis.is/um-matis-ohf/starfsfolk/persona/218/fyrirtaeki/1	2015; PhD
208	Konstantinou	Despoina	-	Sponge symbioses	Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, School of Biology, university campus 54124, GREECE	kidespoi@bio.auth.gr	NA	2015; Masters

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209	Kruse	Peter ('Pierre')	-	Archaeocyatha and other Porifera: early Palaeozoic; taxonomy, biostratigraphy, palaeoecology; reefs	PO Box 825, Normanville SA 5204, AUSTRALIA	archaeo.kruse@gmail.com	NA	2016; Honorary Associate, South Australian Museum
210	Kulakova	Nina	V.	Freshwater sponges, biology, ecology, photosynthetic sponges, photosymbionts, biosilification, cultivation	Limnological Institute SB RAS, Ulan-Batorskaya 3, 664033, Irkutsk, RUSSIA	kulakova@lin.irk.ru	NA	2015
211	Kumala	Lars	-	Ecophysiology, demography, aging, evolution	University of Southern Denmark, Institute of Biology, Max-Planck Odense Center on the Biodemography of Aging, Campusvej 55, 5230 Odense M, DENMARK; Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Laboratory of Evolutionary Biodemography, Konrad-Zuse-Straße 1, 18057 Rostock, GERMANY	kumala@biology.sdu.dk; kumala@demogr.mpg.de	NA	2015; PhD
212	Kuuskalu	Anne	-	Molecular biology of the enzymes involved in sponge immune system	Akadeemia tee 15, Tallinn, ESTONIA	anne.kuuskalu@ttu.ee	https://www.etis.ee/portaal/isikuCV.aspx?PersonVID=37982&lang=en ; http://www.pubfacts.com/author/Anne+Kuuskalu	2015
213	Lafratta	Anna	-	Ecology, taxonomy	Edith Cowan University, Perth, Australia	anna.lafratta@hotmail.it	NA	2015; PhD, does not presently work on sponges
214	Lage	Anaira	-	Taxonomy, biogeography, phylogeny, Homoscleromorpha	Museu Nacional, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Quinta da Boa Vista, s/n, São Cristóvão, 20940-040, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, BRAZIL	anairalage@gmail.com	http://lattes.cnpq.br/6195952623330097 ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Anaira_Lage	2016; Muricy lab, PhD student
215	Lanna	Emilio	-	Reproduction, development, embryology, morphology and taxonomy	Federal University of Bahia, Dept. Biologia Geral. Sala 15-A, 2o Andar, Depto. de Biologia Geral - Instituto de Biologia - UFBA. Rua Barão de Jeremoabo, s/n - Campus de Ondina. Salvador, BA, BRAZIL	emiliolanna@gmail.com	http://scholar.google.com.br/citations?user=AoPGvEIAAAAJ&hl=pt-BR ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Emilio_Lanna	2016
216	Laport	Marinella	-	Biotechnological potential of sponge-associated bacteria, culture-dependent and culture-independent diversity, antagonistic Interactions among bacteria	Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ), Microbiology Institute (Instituto de Microbiologia Paulo de Goes), 373, Av. Carlos Chagas Filho, Cidade Universitária 21941-902 - Rio de Janeiro - RJ - BRAZIL	marinella@micro.ufrj.br	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Marinella_Laport ; http://lattes.cnpq.br/0611934018423943 ; http://www.microbiologia.ufrj.br/pos-graduacao/corpo-docente/permanentes	2015
217	Larroux	Claire	-	Evo-devo, genomics, transcriptomics, development	School of Biological Sciences, The University of Queensland, St Lucia 4072 QLD, AUSTRALIA	clarroux@gmail.com	http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Claire_Larroux/publications	2015
218	Lavrov	Andrey	-	Development, cell reaggregation, transdifferentiation of cells, stem cells	Lomonosov Moscow State University, Faculty of Biology, Dept. Invertebrate Zoology, 119992, Moscow, Leninskie gory str., 1-12, RUSSIA	lavrovai.bio@yandex.ru	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Andrey_Lavrov ; https://plus.google.com/u/0/118377821207861230176/about	2015; PhD
219	Lavrov	Dennis	-	Phylogenetics, molecular evolution, mitochondrial biology	Iowa State University, 251 Bessey Hall, Ames, IA 50011, USA	dlavrov@iastate.edu	https://sites.google.com/site/dennislavrov/	2015
220	Lavy	Adi	-	Microbiology, physiology, metagenomics	Department of Zoology, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv 69978, ISRAEL	mr.adi.lavy@gmail.com	https://www.linkedin.com/profile/view?id=96478017 ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Adi_Lavy2	2015; PhD

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221	Le Croller	Marie	-	Chemical ecology of sponges, allelopathy, metabolomics, exometabolome	Mediterranean Institute of marine and continental Biology and Ecology, Station marine d'Endoume, Chemin de la Batterie des lions, 13007 Marseille, FRANCE	marie.lecroller@imbe.fr	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Marie_Le_Croller ; www.imbe.fr	2016; PhD student
222	Leal	Camille	-	Integrative taxonomy, bioprospection, excavating sponges, bioerosion, evolution, distribution	Museu Nacional - Depto. Invertebrados, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Quinta da Boa Vista, s/n, 20940-040, Rio de Janeiro, RJ - BRAZIL	camille.victoria@gmail.com	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Camille_Leal ; https://www.linkedin.com/profile/view?id=343594726&trk=nav_responsive_tab_profile ; http://lattes.cnpq.br/5782967713360703	2015
223	Lee	Kyung	Jin	Taxonomy	Strategic Planning Division, National Institute of Biological Resources, Hwangyeong-ro 42, Seo-gu, Incheon, 404-708, REPUBLIC OF KOREA	kjlee89@korea.kr	NA	2015
224	Lee	Welton	L.	NA	USA	WeltonLee@spamarrest.com	NA	2015; Retired, and no longer active
225	Lehnert	Helmut	-	Taxonomy	Eichenstr. 14, 86507 Oberottmarshausen GERMANY	Lehnert@spongetaxonomics.de	http://www.spongetaxonomics.de	2015
226	Lerner	Cléa	-	NA	Museum of Natural Science, Porto Alegre, BRAZIL	NA	NA	2015; No longer working on sponges (info: Gisele Lôbo)
227	Leys	Sally	P.	Evolution of sensory and coordination systems, sponge development, physiology and cell biology, ecophysiology of glass sponges especially glass sponge reefs	CW405 Biological Sciences Building, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB T6G 2E9, CANADA	sleys@ualberta.ca	http://www.biology.ualberta.ca/leys_lab/	2015; Professor. We work with marine and freshwater sponges at Bamfield (British Columbia), Panama, Norway, and elsewhere
228	Li	Zhiyong	-	Sponge microbial symbionts, coral microbial symbionts, molecular ecology, natural products, environmental genetics	Marine Biotechnology Laboratory & State Key Laboratory of Microbial Metabolism; School of Life Sciences & Biotechnology, Shanghai Jiao Tong University; 800 Dongchuan Road, Minhang District, Shanghai 200240, P.R. CHINA	zyli@sjtu.edu.cn	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Zhi-Yong_Li3 ; http://mbl.sjtu.edu.cn	2015; Main research interest: 1. Marine natural products and enzymes from sponge microbial symbionts, biosynthesis and fermentation; 2. Community structure and functions of sponge microbial symbionts, the association of sponge holobiont; 3. Omics of sponge microbial symbionts; 4. Response and adaption of sponge holobiont to environment and climate changes.
229	Lim	Swee-Cheng	-	Taxonomy, Singapore and Southeast Asia sponge fauna	Tropical Marine Science Institute, National University of Singapore, 18 Kent Ridge Road, SINGAPORE 119227	sponging@gmail.com; tmslsc@nus.edu.sg	http://lkcnhm.nus.edu.sg/dna/people/details/25	2015
230	Liu	Fang	-	Functional communities in sponges and host-microbes interaction	800 Dongchuan Rd. School of Life Sciences and Biotechnology, Shanghai Jiaotong University. Shanghai, P. R. CHINA 200240	yoyofangliu@sjtu.edu.cn	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Fang_Liu37	2015
231	Lôbo-Hajdu	Gisele	-	Biodiversity, systematics, taxonomy, phylogeny, phylogenetics, phylogenomics, molecular evolution, population genetics, and ecology	Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, IBRAG, Depto. de Genética, Rua São Francisco Xavier, 524 – PHLC, sala 205, Maracana, 20550-013, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, BRAZIL	lobohajdu@yahoo.com.br, lobohajdu.uerj@gmail.com, ghajdu@uerj.br	https://scholar.google.com.br/citations?user=TbdZTRwAAAAJ&hl=pt-BR ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/G_Lobo-Hajdu ; http://www.researcherid.com/rid/A-6709-2008 ; http://orcid.org/0000-0001-7792-9609 ; https://uerj.academia.edu/GiseleHajdu	Nov-16
232	Longakit	Maria Belinda	A.	Taxonomy	Molecular Evolution and Systematics Laboratory, MRI Zoology Department, National University of Ireland, Galway, Galway, IRELAND	bel_longakit@ymail.com	http://usc-ph.academia.edu/MariaBelindaLongakit	2015; PhD in Ireland, established in the Philippines, other interests: aquaculture, Fish Biology, fish Reproduction, fish physiology, communication

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233	Longo	Caterina	-	Morphology, taxonomy, faunistics, distributions, ecology, applied use, aquaculture, environmental factors	University of Bari, Biology Department, Via Orabona 4, 70125 Bari, ITALY	caterina.longo@uniba.it	NA	2015; PhD
234	Lopez	Jose	V.	Genomics, phylogeny, sponge symbiosis, evolutionary biology	Halmos College of Natural Sciences and Oceanography, Guy Harvey Oceanographic Center, Nova Southeastern University, Dania Beach FL 33004, USA	joslo@nova.edu	https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&view_op=list_works&gmla=AJsN&user=fVgMZ50AAAAJ ; http://cnso.nova.edu/overview/faculty-staff-profiles/jose_lopez.html ; http://giga-cos.org ; http://www.deependconsortium.org	Jan 2017; My research interests involve marine invertebrate-microbial symbiosis, genomics and metagenomics, gene expression of oil-exposed organisms, marine microbiology, and systematics/phylogenetics. We have recently initiated GIGA(http://GIGA-cos.org), that will apply genome sequencing of non-model invertebrate species, and Dr Lopez is also involved with other sponge biologists in the global Earth Microbiome Project (earthmicrobiome.org).
235	López-Acosta	María	-	Ecology, physiology, applied use (biochemistry)	Centre d'Estudis Avançats de Blanes (CEAB-CSIC), Acceso Cala St. Francesc 14, Blanes, 17300, Girona, SPAIN	lopezacosta@ceab.csic.es	http://ceab.csic.es/malias.net/web/maria-lopez-acosta/	2015; PhD
236	Lopez-Legentil	Susanna	-	Population genetics, phylogenetics, ecology, microbial symbiosis	University of North Carolina Wilmington, Center for Marine Science, 5600 Marvin K. Moss Lane, Wilmington, NC, USA 28409	lopezlegentils@uncw.edu	http://imesalab.com/IMESA/Lopez-Legentil.html	2015
237	Lopp	Annika	-	Enzymes, purine metabolism and natural products in sponges and other evolutionarily lower animals	Akadeemia tee 15, Tallinn, ESTONIA	annika.lopp@ttu.ee	https://www.etis.ee/portaal/isikuCV.aspx?PersonVID=38309&lang=en	2015
238	Ludeman	Danielle	-	NA	University of Alberta, CANADA	dludeman@ualberta.ca	NA	2015; Finished PhD with Sally Leys, no longer working on sponges
239	Lukić Bilela	Lada	-	Mitochondrial genomics, molecular biodiversity, evolution	Faculty of Science, University of Sarajevo, Zmaja od Bosne 33-35, 71 000 Sarajevo, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	lbilela@gmail.com; lbilela@pmf.unsa.ba	https://bib.irb.hr/lista-radova?autor=229620 ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Lada_Lukic_Bilela ; https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=2z8LU3oAAAAJ&view_op=list_works	2016
240	Łukowiak	Magdalena	-	Fossil Demospongiae, spicules, spicular analysis	Institute of Paleobiology, Polish Academy of Sciences, Twarda 51/55 00-818 Warsaw, POLAND	mlukowiak@twarda.pan.pl	http://www.paleo.pan.pl/pracownicy/lukowiak/magdalenalukowiak.html	2015; I try to reconstruct ancient sponge communities based on spicular analysis, both as separate elements or fused skeletons, which are (mainly) the only hard parts that we can find in the fossil record. This can give us information how sponge communities have changed through geological time.
241	Luo	Cui	-	Fossil record of non-spicular sponges, especially keratose and verongid demosponges	Nanjing Institute of Geology and Palaeontology, CAS, 39 East Beijing Road, Nanjing 210008, P.R. CHINA	cluoms@outlook.com	http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Cui_Luo	2015; I am interested in the fossil record of non spicular sponges, especially keratose and verongid demosponges. Sponge taphonomy (processes related to the fossilization of sponges) and (paleo-) ecology need to be investigated. Sponge evolution, which is naturally related to taxonomy of fossils, will probably be taken into my future scope of study as well.

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242	Luter	Heidi	-	Sponge microbiology & symbiosis	Australian Institute of Marine Science, PMB No. 3, Townsville, QLD 4810, AUSTRALIA	h.luter@aims.gov.au; hluter20@gmail.com	www.aims.gov.au; https://www.linkedin.com/profile/view?id=AAkAA6uVi4BL-c_HigDHoM2wjys9KtN6RU34Zo&authType=NAME_SEARCH&authToken=JdLu&locale=en_US&trk=tyah&trkInfo=clickedVertical%3AmyNetwork%2CclickedEntityId%3A246306350%2CauthType%3A_NAME_SEARCH%2Cidx%3A1-1-1%2CtarId%3A1448875789847%2Ctas%3Aheidi%20Luter ; https://scholar.google.com.au/citations?user=z074IIYAAAAJ&hl=en ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Heidi_Luter	2015
243	Maldonado	Manuel	-	Ecology, biotechnology	Sponge Bioecology and Biotechnology Group, Department of Marine Ecology, Centro de Estudios Avanzados de Blanes (CEAB-CSIC); Acceso Cala St. Francesc 14, Blanes 17300, Girona, SPAIN	maldonado@ceab.csic.es	http://www.ceab.csic.es/~maldonado/	2015
244	Manconi	Renata	-	Biodiversity, taxonomy, spongeculture, freshwater, marine, sustainable development	Università di Sassari, Dipartimento di Scienze della Natura e del Territorio, Via Muroni 25, 07100 Sassari (Sardinia), ITALY	r.manconi@uniss.it	https://scholar.google.com.au/citations?hl=en&user=WH0zDeAAAAAJ ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Renata-Manconi	2015
245	Manoharan (formerly Sutcliffe)	Patricia	-	Taxonomy, systematics	Brisbane Skin, 5 Kyabra Street, Newstead, QLD 4006, AUSTRALIA	Patricia Sutcliffe <patricia@brisbaneskin.com.au>	https://www.linkedin.com/profile/view?id=307208413&authType=NAME_SEARCH&authToken=2qN3&locale=en_US&srchid=3790329821428414388920&srchindex=1&srchtotat=3&trk=vsrcp_people_res_name&trkInfo=VSRPsearchId%3A3790329821428414388920%2CVSRPtargetId%3A307208413%2CVSRPcmpt%3Aprimary%2CVSRPnm%3A	2015; Trish is a sponge taxonomist, but presently not active in the sponge world. Would like to stay connected.
246	Mansure	José	João	NA	Laboratory of Molecular Biology of Embryonic Development, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, 21941-970 Ilha do Fundão, Rio de Janeiro, BRAZIL	NA	NA	2015; No longer working on sponges, now working on molecular biology in a hospital in Canada (info: Gisele Lôbo)
247	Manuel	Michaël	-	Calcareous sponges, morphology and systematics, molecular phylogeny, developmental genes	Institut de Biologie Paris-Seine, Département Evolution Paris-Seine (UMR 7138), Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Bat. A, 4ème étage, Case 05, 7 quai St Bernard, 75 005 Paris, FRANCE	michael.manuel@upmc.fr	http://www.ibps.upmc.fr/fr/Recherche/umr-7138/phylogenie-anatomie-evolution	2015; My sponge research dates back to my PhD thesis, and I have not worked on sponges in the last ten years except in the context of deep-level phylogenomic studies of metazoan relationships.
248	Marlow	Joe	-	Bioeroding sponges in Indonesia - research into coral reef degradation and the effect this is having on the sponges in terms of abundance, diversity and erosion rates.	School of Biological Sciences, Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, 6012, NEW ZEALAND	joe.marlow@vuw.ac.nz	NA	2016; PhD

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249	Marra	Maria	Vittoria	Sponge microbiology, symbiosis, role of symbionts in production of bioactive compounds, sponge farming	Martin Ryan Institute, National University of Ireland Galway, Galway, IRELAND	m.marra1@nuigalway.ie	https://it.linkedin.com/pub/maria-vittoria-marra/59/915/5aa ; http://www.nuigalway.ie/faculties_departments/zooology/mccormack/Molecular_Evolution_And_Systematics_Laboratory/mvmarra.html	2016; PhD
250	Martínez M.	Alejandro	-	Marine natural products, chemistry and biological activity	Facultad de Ciencias Farmacéuticas y Alimentarias, Universidad de Antioquia, Calle 70 N° 52-21, Medellín, COLOMBIA	alejandro.martinez@udea.edu.co	http://farmacia.udea.edu.co/~marinos	2015
251	Marty	Micah	J.	Ecology	University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Center for Marine Science, 5600 Marvin K Moss Lane, Wilmington NC 28409, USA	micahjmarty@gmail.com	http://www.tropicalcc.org/micahjmarty/	2015
252	Marulanda	Angela	Maria	Ecology, burrowing sponges	Pontificia Universidad Javeriana Cali, Calle 18 No. 118-250, COLOMBIA	ammarulandag24@gmail.com	NA	2015
253	Matsunaga	Shigeki	-	Secondary metabolism of marine sponges	Tokyo University, 1-1-1 Yayoi, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-8657, JAPAN	assmats@mail.ecc.u-tokyo.ac.jp	NA	2015; Professor
254	Mazard	Sophie	-	Genomics of cyanobacterial symbionts of marine sponge	Department of Chemistry and Biomolecular Science, Macquarie University, North Ryde, NSW 2109, AUSTRALIA	sophie.mazard@mq.edu.au	http://membranetransport.org/wiki/index.php?title=Sophie_Mazard	2015
255	Mc Cormack	Sam	-	Classical taxonomy, phylogenetic systematics, chemotaxonomy, biotechnology, ecology	University of Waikato Coastal Marine Field Station, Sulphur Point, Tauranga, NEW ZEALAND	samuel.pmccormack@gmail.com	NA	2015; Bsc (Hons) (expecting to graduate October 2015)
256	McCormack	Grace	P.	Evolution of sponges, multidisciplinary approach to ecology and evolution including molecular and morphological approaches, reproduction and development, chemical ecology and evolution of symbiosis	Zoology, School of Natural Sciences, National University of Ireland, Galway, IRELAND	grace.mccormack@nuigalway.ie	http://www.nuigalway.ie/faculties_departments/zooology/mccormack/index.html	Nov 2016; My group currently investigating 1. evolution of the skeleton in haplosclerid sponges; identifying genes involved and their expression. 2.the biological basis of bioactivity in haplosclerids including the role of mucus/mucus producing cells in protection. 3. Integrative systematics for haplosclerida. PhD
257	McGrath	Emily	-	Tropical sponge ecology	Victoria University of Wellington, NEW ZEALAND	emily.mcgrath@vuw.ac.nz	NA	2015; Bell group
258	McLean	Elizabeth	L.	Seaport climate change vulnerability, local ecological knowledge, Demospongiae, coral reef ecology	University of Rhode Island, Coastal Institute Suite 205, Kingston, RI 02881, USA	elmclean@uri.edu	https://www.linkedin.com/in/elizabeth-l-mclean-phd-88498820	Nov-16
259	McMurray	Steven	E.	Ecology, demographics, feeding, behavior, pumping	Dept. of Biology and Marine Biology, UNCW Center for Marine Science, University of North Carolina Wilmington, 5600 Marvin K Moss Lane, Wilmington, NC 28409, USA	mcmurrays@uncw.edu, mcmurrayse@yahoo.com	http://scholar.google.com/citations?user=ygUdkGUA AAAJ&hl=en; http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Steven_Mcmurray	Nov-16
260	Mehbub	Mohammad	Ferdous	Sponge ecology, interaction of sponge and associated bacteria, natural products from sponge and associated bacteria	presently: Dept. of Medical Biotechnology, 29, Health Science Building, Flinders University, PO Box 2100, Adelaide, SA 5001, AUSTRALIA; main position: Dept. of Fisheries Technology, Hajee Mohammad Danesh Science and Technology, Dinajpur, BANGLADESH	etuferdous@yahoo.com or mohammad.mehbub@flinders.edu.au	NA	Jan 2017; Dean at Faculty of Fisheries, Associate Professor

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261	Mehiri	Mohamed	-	Marine natural products from sponges	University of Nice, Institut de Chimie de Nice, UMR CNRS 7272, Marine Natural Products team, Faculté des Sciences, Parc Valrose, 28 Avenue Valrose, F06108 Nice cedex 2, FRANCE	mehiri@unice.fr	http://icn.unice.fr/spip.php?article113	2015; Associate Professor
262	Meister	Marie	-	Collection curation, phylogeny	Museum of Zoology, 29 bvd de la Victoire, F67000 Strasbourg, FRANCE	mf.meister@unistra.fr	http://www.musees.strasbourg.eu/index.php?page=mzoo-collection-en	2015; Marie works on various organism groups, but also curates the sponges.
263	Melis	Paolo	-	Taxonomy, barcoding, cave exploration, biodiversity assesment	University of Sassari, Dipartimento di Scienze della Natura e del Territorio (DIPNET), Via Muroni 25, 07100 Sassari, ITALY	pamelis@uniss.it	NA	2015; Postoc
264	Menegola	Carla	-	Systematics and biogeography, ecology, bioinvasion	Universidade Federal da Bahia, Instituto Biologia, Rua Barão de Jeremoabo, Ondina, CEP 40.170-115, Salvador, Bahia, BRAZIL	carla.menegola@gmail.com	http://lattes.cnpq.br/3881833045044771 ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Carla_Menegola ; https://independent.academia.edu/CarlaMenegola ; http://www.mzufba.ufba.br/WEB/Cole%C3%A7%C3%B5es_Porifera.html	Jan-17
265	Menshenina	Larisa	L.	Taxonomy, Hexactinellida	Moscow State University, 119991 Moscow, ГСП-1, Leninskie Gory, MSU 1-2, Physical faculty RUSSIA	llmensh@mail.ru	NA	2015
266	Mercurio	Mariella	-	Faunistics, distributions, ecology, applied use, reproduction, acquaculture, environmental factors, distribution	University of Bari, Biology Department, Via Orabona 4, 70125 Bari, ITALY	maria.mercurio@uniba.it	NA	2015; PhD
267	Meschke	Stephan	-	Secondary metabolites, polysaccharides, mariculture	TU Bergakademie Freiberg, GERMANY	stephan.meschke@bwl.tu-freiberg.de	http://tu-freiberg.de/en/fakult6/up/team/stephan-meschke	2015
268	Milanese	Martina	-	Applied use, ecology (but besides sponges: public perception research, ocean literacy, citizen science, conservation)	Studio Associato Gaia snc, Via Brigata Liguria 1/9, 16121 Genoa, ITALY	m.milanese@studioassociatogaia.com	www.studioassociatogaia.com ; it.linkedin.com/pub/martina-milanese/36/634/469/ ; https://independent.academia.edu/MartinaMilanese ; http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Martina_Milanese ; http://scholar.google.com/citations?user=bHRTbq8A AAAJ&hl=it	2015; I am moving from biology/zoology to the so called "human dimension" of conservation.
269	Miller	Ian	J.	Natural product biosynthesis, drug discovery, marine sponges, microbial biodiversity, symbiosis, microbial biotechnology	UW-Madison Pharmaceutical Sciences Division, School of Pharmacy, 777 Highland Ave., Madison, WI 53705-2222, USA	ijmiller2@wisc.edu; k09im01@gmail.com	http://apps.pharmacy.wisc.edu/sopdir/jason_kwan/ ; www.linkedin.com/in/ijmiller2 ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Ian_Miller9	2016; PhD in Jason Kwan's laboratory

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270	Misevic	Gradimir	N.	MORPHOGENESIS: self assembly, evolution of life, self-non self recognition, cell adhesion. GLYCOBIOLOGY: glycan structure (NMR and MS) to function related studies (cell recognition and adhesion). NANO-SCIENCES: single cell analyses and single molecular detection, mathematical modeling. IMMUNOLOGY: therapeutic methods for treating cancer and viral/retroviral infections.	Gimmune GmnH Research and Development Switzerland and University of Brest France	gradimir@gimmune.com; gradimir@gradimir.com	http://www.gimmune.com/ ; https://www.mendeley.com/profiles/gradimir-misevic/ ; http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Gradimir_Misevic ; https://www.linkedin.com/pub/gradimir-misevic/38/940/434	2015; Not presently active in the sponge world, but would like to stay connected
271	Moraes	Fernando	(Coreixas de)	Taxonomy and ecology	Instituto de Pesquisas Jardim Botânico do Rio de Janeiro, Pacheco Leão, 915, Horto, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, Brazil. Museu Nacional - UFRJ. Quinta da Boa Vista, s/n. São Cristóvão, Rio de Janeiro-RJ, BRAZIL. ZIP 20.940-040	fmoraes@mn.ufrj.br	http://lattes.cnpq.br/1261985000435815 ; http://www.abrolhos.org/equipe.php	2015
272	Moreira Lamarão	Flávia	Rachel	NA	Departamento de Genética, Instituto de Biologia Roberto Alcântara Gomes, Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Rua São Francisco Xavier, 524—PHLC—Sala 205, 20550-013, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, BRAZIL	NA	NA	2015; Former student of Gisele Lôbo, no longer working on sponges, but interested to come back (info: Gisele Lôbo)
273	Morrow	Christine	C.	Morphological and molecular systematics, biodiversity studies, alpha taxonomy, ecology	Queen's University Belfast, School of Biological Sciences, Medical Biology Centre, 97 Lisburn Road Belfast BT9 7BL Northern Ireland, UK	christinemorrow@gmail.com	http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Christine_Morrow	2015
274	Mote	Sambhaji	-	Taxonomy and Molecular ecology	CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography, Goa, India	sambhajimote41@gmail.com; smote@nio.org		Jan 2017; I am a researcher at CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography. I work on the taxonomy of marine sponges from the west coast of India. Presently I am investigating synergistic impacts of global warming and ocean acidification on tropical coral reefs (India) with an emphasis on bioerosion of scleractinians by bioeroding sponges.
275	Mueller	Benjamin	-	Ecology, bioerosion, bioremediation	Carmabi Research Station, Piscaderabaai Z/N, P.O. Box 2090, CURAÇAO	muellerb@ymail.com	https://scholar.google.de/citations?user=Hg8QIB4AAAJ&hl=en https://scholar.google.de/citations?user=Hg8QIB4AAAJ&hl=en ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Benjamin_Mueller https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Benjamin_Mueller http://www.nioz.nl/staff-detail.html?id=590500#top http://www.nioz.nl/staff-detail.html?id=590500#top	2015

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276	Müller	Werner	E.G.	Molecular biodiversity, evolution, skeleton/bone formation, enzymatic synthesis, nanobiotechnology, regeneratively active implants	Institute for Physiological Chemistry, University Medical Center of the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Duesbergweg 6, D-55128 Mainz, GERMANY	wmueller@uni-mainz.de	http://www.uni-mainz.de/FB/Medizin/PhysiolChemie/physiol/molekular/molekular_startseite.php	Nov 2016; Vice-President of the International Marine Biotechnology Association
277	Muricy	Guilherme	Ramos (da Silva)	Ecology, taxonomy, Homoscleromorpha	Departamento de Invertebrados, Museu Nacional Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Quinta da Boa Vista, s/n, São Cristóvão, 20940-040 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, BRAZIL	muricy@mn.ufrj.br	http://www.museunacional.ufrj.br/labpor/ ; http://www.poriferabrasil.mn.ufrj.br/	2015
278	Murphy	Gary	-	Bioerosion, sponge contributions to reef carbonate budgets	University of Exeter, Amory Building, Rennes Drive, Exeter, EX4 4RJ, UK	gnm203@exeter.ac.uk	https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=t2hWZUAAAAAJ&hl=en&oi=sra ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Gary_Murphy ; http://geography.exeter.ac.uk/reefbudget/	2015
279	Mutsenko	Vitalii	V.	Stem cell-based tissue engineering using scaffolds derived from marine sponges	Institute for Problems of Cryobiology and Cryomedicine of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, 23, Pereyaslavskaya str., Kharkov, UKRAINE 61015	v.v.muzenko@gmail.com	NA	2015; PhD
280	Naranjo	Sandra	Judith	Natural products chemistry, bioactivity	Ciudad Universitaria, Edificio de Química (451), lab 401-1, Sede Bogotá, postal code 111123, COLOMBIA	sjnaranjog@unal.edu.co	http://ciencias.bogota.unal.edu.co/gruposdeinvestigacion/pnmarinos/	2015; PhD
281	Naumann	Malik	S.	Functional ecology, trophic interactions, energy and nutrient budgets	Fahrenheitstr. 6, 28359 Bremen, GERMANY	mnaumann@uni-bremen.de	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Malik_Naumann ; http://orcid.org/0000-0002-6870-291X	Nov-16
282	Nemoy	Philip	-	Ecology, aquaculture	University of Haifa, Sderot Aba Hushi, Mount Carmel, Haifa, ISRAEL	philip.nemoy@gmail.com	http://il.linkedin.com/pub/philip-nemoy/24/118/b24	2015; PhD student with a thesis research entitled "Application of marine sponges to enhance sustainable aquaculture"
283	Nichols	Scott	-	Evolution, development, cytology, animal origins	Department of Biological Sciences, 2101 E. Wesley Ave., SGM 203, University of Denver, Denver, CO 80208 USA	scott.nichols@du.edu	http://scottnicholslab.weebly.com	2015
284	Nickel	Michael	-	Scientific project consulting in relation to sponges, marine invertebrates, bionics, evolutionary biology, evolution of cell and tissue types, evolution of functional modules in basal Metazoa	Bionic-Consulting, Brückenacker 4, 70565 Stuttgart, GERMANY	m.nickel@bionic-consulting.de	www.bionic-consulting.de	2015; Michael Nickel is associated member of Institut für Spezielle Zoologie und Evolutionsbiologie, Friedrich-Schiller Universität Jena, GeoBio-Center LMU, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, EMBL Heidelberg, Developmental Biology Unit, Arendt Group
285	Nonnis Marzano	Carlotta	-	Faunistics, distributions, ecology, applied use, reproduction, aquaculture, environmental factors	University of Bari, Biology Department, Via Orabona 4, 70125 Bari, ITALY	carlotta.nonnismarzano@uniba.it	NA	2015
286	Nozawa	Yoko	-	Population dynamics of the coral-killing sponge, Terpios hoshinota	Biodiversity Research Center, Academia Sinica, 128, Section 2, Academia Road, Nangang, 115 Taipei, TAIWAN	nozaway@gate.sinica.edu.tw	http://biodiv.sinica.edu.tw/en2007/index.php?pi=61 ; https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=CgJriaQAAAAJ	2015; I just completed 3-4 yr project on the population dynamics of Terpios hoshinota in Lyudao, Taiwan and will publish some papers in the next couple of years.

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287	Núñez Pons	Laura	-	Sponge ecology, symbiosis, bioerosion, chemical defenses and natural products	Dept. of Biology and Evolution of Marine Organisms (BEOM), Stazione Zoologica "Anton Dohrn", Villa Comunale, 80121 - Naples, ITALY; Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI), Altieri Lab, PANAMA	laura.nunezpons@szn.it; NunezL@si.edu; lauguau@gmail.com	lauranunezpons.wix.com/lauranunezpons; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Laura_Nunez-Pons ; https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=W5sXyy8AAAAJ&hl=es .	Nov 2016; Research Fellow
288	Oliveira	Franciele	S.	Ecology, demographics, populational dynamics, reproduction, evolution, Demospongiae	Federal University of Bahia- Instituto de Biologia - UFBA, Salvador, Bahia, BRAZIL.	oliveira.franciele@ufba.br; fsoliveira92@gmail.com	http://lattes.cnpq.br/5206284917442253 ; http://lebr-ufba.wixsite.com/lebr-ufba/equipe	Jan 2017; MSc
289	Osinga	Ronald	-	Ecophysiology, growth, aquaculture, natural products, coral reefs	Wageningen University, Marine Animal Ecology Group, PO box 338, 6700 AH Wageningen, THE NETHERLANDS	ronald.osinga@wur.nl	http://www.wageningenur.nl/en/Persons/dr.-R-Ronald-Osinga.htm ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Ronald_Osinga	Jan-17
290	Padiglia	Andrea	-	Biodiversity, taxonomy, spongeculture, marine, sustainable development, environmental sustainability	Department of Earth, Environment and Life Sciences of University of Genoa -DISTAV Corso Europa 26, 16132 GE; Department of Science for Nature and Environmental Resources University of Sassari - DIPNET Via Muroni 25, 07100 SS, ITALY	andreapadiglia@alice.it	NA	2015
291	Padua	André	-	Calcareous sponges - ecology, evolution, population genetics, taxonomy	Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Instituto de Biologia, Departamento de Zoologia. Avenida Carlos Cagas Filho, 373. CCS, A0-100. Cidade Universitária, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, BRAZIL. 21941-902	andreqpadua@gmail.com	NA	2015; PhD
292	Pansini	Maurizio	-	Taxonomy, ecology, biogeography	University of Genoa, Distav, Corso Europa 26, 16132 Genova, ITALY	mpansini@dipteris.unige.it	NA	2016
293	Pasnin	Olivier	Charles, Arvin	Marine conservation, marine spatial planning, phylogeny, phylogeography	Evolutionary Genomics Group, Department of Botany and Zoology, Stellenbosch University, Private Bag X1, Matieland, 7602 SOUTH AFRICA	Olivier.Pasnin@gmail.com; opasnin@sun.ac.za	NA	Jan 2017; PhD Candidate (Stellenbosch University); Associate Research Scientist (Mauritius Oceanography Institute)
294	Pawlik	Joseph	-	Caribbean sponge ecology, chemical ecology	UNCW, 5600 Marvin K Moss Ln, Wilmington, NC 28409, USA	pawlikj@uncw.edu	http://people.uncw.edu/pawlikj/index.html < https://mail.uncw.edu/owa/UrlBlockedError.aspx > ; http://people.uncw.edu/pawlikj/pubs2.html < https://mail.uncw.edu/owa/UrlBlockedError.aspx > ; YouTube Channel; "Pawlik Lab".	2015
295	Payne	Robyn	Pauline	Sponge taxonomy, biodiversity, biogeography and ecology	Biodiversity and Conservation Biology Department, Faculty of Natural Science, New Life Sciences Building, 5th Floor, Core 2, University of the Western Cape, Modderdam Road, P/Bag X17, Bellville, 7530 Cape Town, SOUTH AFRICA	robynppayne@gmail.com	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Robyn_Payne	Nov 2016; PhD student working on the Demospongiae taxonomy and diversity of the Amathole region (Eastern Cape, South Africa)
296	Pereira	Raquel	-	Sponge grounds, deep-sea sponges, demosponges, taxonomy, megasponges (megafauna)	(previously) Department of Oceanography and Fisheries of the University of the Azores, Rua Prof. Dr. Frederico Machado, 9901-862 Horta, PORTUGAL	imsolaris@gmail.com	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Raquel_Pereira ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Raquel_Pereira2	2015; MSc

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297	Pérez	Thierry	-	Taxonomy, systematics, ecology, evolution, reproduction, disease outbreaks and mass mortality events, environmental factors, chemical ecology, metabolomics	CNRS, Institut Méditerranéen de Biodiversité et d'Ecologie marine et continentale. Station Marine d'Endoume, rue de la batterie des lions 13007 Marseille, FRANCE	thierry.perez@imbe.fr	https://scholar.google.fr/citations?user=IYQKX48AAA&hl=fr ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Thierry_Perez ; http://www.ecimar.org ; http://www.imbe.fr	2015
298	Pérez-Porro	Alicia	R.	Ecology, transcriptomics, genomics, global warming effects, molecular biology, development	Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, 10th St. & Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20560, USA	alicia.r.perezporro@gmail.com	https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=LPI7L80AAA&hl=en ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Alicia_R_Perez-Porro ; https://harvard.academia.edu/AliciaRPerezPorro ; http://figshare.com/authors/Alicia_R_Perez_Porro/542207 ; www.linkedin.com/in/aliciarperezporro ; http://www.researcherid.com/rid/F-9384-2012	2015
299	Perina	Dragutin	-	Functional analyses of sponge genes/proteins, studies of coding and regulatory sequences structure and evolution, evolution	Ruder Bošković Institute, Laboratory for molecular biology, Bijenička cesta 54, 10 000 Zagreb, CROATIA	dperina@irb.hr	http://bib.irb.hr/lista-radova?autor=285712 ; http://www.irb.hr/eng/People/Dragutin-Perina	2015
300	Pica	Daniela	-	Taxonomy, ecology, biology of marine sponges	Università Politecnica delle Marche-DiSVA, Laboratory of Marine Zoology, Via Brecce Bianche, 60131 Ancona, ITALY	daniela.pica@gmail.com	NA	Jan 2017; Postdoc
301	Picton	Bernard	Eric	Sponge taxonomy, species identification, mostly NE Atlantic, underwater photography, spongiology	National Museums Northern Ireland, 153 Bangor road, Holywood, BT18 0EU, Northern Ireland, UK.	Bernard.picton@nmni.com, Bernard.picton@gmail.com	http://www.habitas.org.uk/staff/bpicton.html , http://www.habitas.org.uk/marinelife/sponge_guide/	2015; Underwater photography and linking of external morphology to internal and molecular characters. Fieldwork and collecting by SCUBA. < 10% activity is on Porifera, but strong interest in sponges as food of nudibranchs.
302	Piel	Jörn	-	Sponge-microbial symbioses, natural products, drug discovery, genomics, biochemistry, physiology	ETH Zürich, Institute of Microbiology, Vladimir-Prelog-Weg 1-5/10, 8093 Zürich, SWITZERLAND	jpiel@ethz.ch	http://www.micro.biol.ethz.ch/research/piel	2015
303	Pineda	Mari-Carmen	-	Ecology, microbial ecology, molecular biology, environmental factors, physiology, biodiversity and conservation, population genetics	Australian Institute of Marine Science, PMB 3, Townsville MC, Townsville, 4810, Queensland, AUSTRALIA	mcarmen.pineda@gmail.com / m.pineda@aims.gov.au	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/M_Carmen_Pineda	2016
304	Pinheiro	Ulisses	-	Taxonomy of marine and freshwater sponges	Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Departamento de Zoologia, Cidade Universitária, Recife, PE, BRAZIL	uspinheiro@hotmail.com	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Ulisses_Pinheiro2 ; http://lattes.cnpq.br/9558308121632441	2016
305	Pisera	Andrzej	-	Fossil and Recent siliceous sponges, especially desma-bearing demosponges and coralline sponges	Institute of Paleobiology, Polish Academy of Sciences, ul. Twarda 51/55, 00-818 POLAND	apis@twarda.pan.pl	http://www.paleo.pan.pl/pracownicy/pisera/andrzej_pisera.html ; http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Andrzej_Pisera/publications	2015; Other research included crinoids and coralline algae
306	Pita Galán	Lucía	-	Sponge-microbe symbiosis, ecology, biogeography	Geomar Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel, GERMANY	luciapitagalan@gmail.com	NA	Jan 2017; postdoc with Hentschel Humeida
307	Pleše	Bruna	-	Biodiversity, evolution, mitochondrial genomes	Ruder Bošković Institute, Laboratory for molecular biology, Bijenička cesta 54, 10 000 Zagreb, CROATIA	bplese@irb.hr	https://bib.irb.hr/lista-radova?autor=315612 ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Bruna_Plese2	2015
308	Pohler	Susanne	-	Ecology, bioerosion, taxonomy of SW Pacific bioeroding sponge species	Geologisches Institut, Universitaet zu Koeln or (better) 53505 Kraelingen, Kirchestr. 4, GERMANY	dr.s.pohler@gmail.com	NA	2015

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309	Pomponi	Shirley	A.	Biotechnology, cell culture, demosponge ecology & systematics (in particular, tropical and deepwater ecosystems)	Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, Florida Atlantic University, 5600 U.S. 1 North, Fort Pierce, FL 34946 USA; Wageningen University, Bioprocess Engineering, Wageningen, THE NETHERLANDS	spomponi@fau.edu	http://www.fau.edu/hboi/mbbr/spongebio.php , http://oceanexplorer.noaa.gov/edu/oceanage/03pomponi/pomponi.html	2015; Biotechnology (in particular, marine bioproducts and how/why they are produced); cell culture (in particular, establishment of cell culture models and sponge cell lines), demosponge ecology & systematics (in particular, tropical and deepwater ecosystems)
310	Porter	Sean	-	Reef ecology, reef biodiversity, isotope trophic ecology, marine conservation	South African Association for Marine Biological Research, 1 King Shaka Avenue, Point, Durban 4001 KwaZulu-Natal, SOUTH AFRICA; PO Box 10712, Marine Parade 4056 KwaZulu-Natal, SOUTH AFRICA	sporter@ori.org.za	www.saambr.org.za	2016
311	Porto	Ubaldo	-	Reproduction, genetics, biogeography	Universidade Federal da Bahia. Laboratório de Embiologia e Biologia Reprodutiva - Instituto de Biologia - UFBA. Rua Barão de Jeremoabo, s/n - Campus Ondina. CEP: 40170-115. Salvador, Bahia, BRAZIL	ubaldoporto06@gmail.com	http://lattes.cnpq.br/0566810439608163	2015; Undergraduate
312	Preston	Joanne	-	Sponge-microbe symbioses, ecology/function, sponge disease, impact of plastic on sponges	Institute of Marine Sciences, University of Portsmouth, Ferry Road, Eastney, PO4 9LY, UK	joanne.preston@port.ac.uk	http://www.port.ac.uk/school-of-biological-sciences/staff/dr-joanne-preston.html	Nov 2017; Current projects: molecular barcoding of sponge biodiversity s in Skomer Marine Conservation Zone; metagenomic profile of microbial community associated with healthy and diseased <i>Cliona celata</i> ; uptake of liquid plastic PEG by sponges
313	Pronzato	Roberto	-	Taxonomy, ecology, sponge farming, natural products, bath sponges, freshwater sponges	University of Genoa, Dipartimento di Scienze della Terra dell'Ambiente e della Vita (DISTAV), corso Europa 26. 16132, Genova, ITALY	pronzato@dipteris.unige.it	http://www.distav.unige.it ; http://www.sibm.it	2015
314	Przeslawski	Rachel	-	Ecology, biodiversity	Geoscience Australia, GPO Box 378, Canberra ACT 2601, AUSTRALIA	rachel.przeslawski@ga.gov.au	www.thebigcrunch.com/rachelp	2015
315	Pulido Caiedo	Alejandra	-	Ecology, conservation, taxonomy	Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Facultad de ciencias, Crr30#45, Bogotá, COLOMBIA	alepulidocai@unal.edu.co	NA	2015
316	Putchakarn	Sumaitt	-	Biodiversity	Institute of Marine Science, Burapha University, Bangsaen, Chonburi 20131, THAILAND	sumaitt@buu.ac.th ; sumaitt@gmail.com ; sumaitt@hotmail.com	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Sumaitt_Putchakarn2	2015
317	Ramos	Freddy	Alejandro	Natural products chemsitry, bioactivity	Ciudad Universitaria, Edificio de Química (451), lab 401-1, Sede Bogotá, postal code 111123, COLOMBIA	famosr@unal.edu.co	http://ciencias.bogota.unal.edu.co/gruposdeinvestigacion/pnmarinos/ ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Freddy_A_Ramos	2015
318	Ramsby	Blake	-	Ecology, symbiosis, microbes, bioerosion	James Cook University, QLD, AUSTRALIA	blake.ramsby@my.jcu.edu.au	https://scholar.google.com.au/citations?user=mjqBBY8AAAAJ&hl=en&oi=ao%20202016	2016
319	Rapp	Hans	Tore	Taxonomy, phylogeny, diversity, deep-sea sponge ecosystems	Department of Biology and Centre of Geobiology, University of Bergen, Thormøhlensgate 53A, N-5020 Bergen, NORWAY	hans.rapp@bio.uib.no	http://www.uib.no/en/geobio or http://www.uib.no/en/persons/Hans.Tore.Rapp#	2015

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320	Ravasi	Timothy	-	Sponges genomics	Division of Biological and Environmental Sciences & Engineering, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, SAUDI ARABIA	timothy.ravasi@kaust.edu.sa	http://systemsbiology.kaust.edu.sa/Pages/Home.aspx ; http://medgenetics.ucsd.edu/research/Pages/ravasi-lab.aspx ; http://scholar.google.com/citations?user=UR9EUP8A-AAJ&hl=en&oi=ao	2015
321	Regueiras	Ana	-	Sponge diversity and phylogeny, symbiosis and natural products	Universidade do Porto, Blue Biotechnology and Ecotoxicology - BBE, Centro Interdisciplinar de Investigação Marinha e Ambiental (CIIMAR), Rua dos Bragas 289, 4050-123 Porto, PORTUGAL	anaregueiras@gmail.com	http://www.ciimar.up.pt/	2016
322	Reiswig	Henry	M.	Systematics of Hexactinellida, systematics of freshwater sponges of North America, sponge physiology, sponge biology	University of Victoria. Department of Biology, 3800 Finnerty Road, Victoria, British Columbia, V8P 4H9, Canada and Royal British Columbia Museum, Natural History Section, 675 Belleville St., Victoria, British Columbia, V8W 9W2, CANADA	hmreiswig@shaw.ca	NA	2016
323	Reitner	Joachim	-	Sponge related microbes, fossil sponges, hexactinellids	Geobiology/Paleontology, Faculty of Geosciences and Geography, University of Göttingen, Goldschmidtstr. 3, 37077 Göttingen, GERMANY	jreitne@gwdg.de	www.geobiologie.uni-goettingen.de	Nov-16
324	Renard	Emmanuelle	-	Evolution, molecular evolution, evo-devo, eco-devo, metazoan phylogeny	IMBE Station Marine d'Endoume OSU institut Pytheas- Chemin de la Batterie des Lions 13 007 Marseille, FRANCE	emmanuelle.renard@imbe.fr; emmanuelle.renard@univ-amu.fr	http://www.imbe.fr/spip.php?page=pageperso&nom=RENARD&prenom=Emmanuelle&lang=en	2015
325	Riesgo	Ana	-	Cytology, reproduction, embryogenesis, molecular evolution, phylogeny, genetic connectivity, biodiversity	Department of Life Sciences, Natural History Museum of London, Cromwell Road, London SW7 5BD, UK	A.Riesgo@nhm.ac.uk; anariesgogil@gmail.com	https://scholar.google.es/citations?user=HGSTjVUAAAJ&hl=en ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Ana_Riesgo2 ; http://www.anariesgogil.com/ ; http://www.anariesgogil.com/ ; http://www.nhm.ac.uk/our-science/departments-and-staff/staff-directory/ana-riesgo%20gil.html	2016; Originally from Spain
326	Ríos	Pilar	-	Taxonomy, phylogenetics and ecology, Antarctic and deep-sea sponges, sponge molecular taxonomy	Instituto Español de Oceanografía, Centro Oceanográfico de Gijón, Avda. Príncipe de Asturias 70bis, 33212, Gijón, SPAIN	pilar.rios.lopez@gmail.com	http://www.ieo.es	2015
327	Ritterbush	Kathleen	A.	Palaeontology, biomineralisation, spicules, benthic ecology, developmental biology and population dynamics, mass extinction	University of Utah, Department of Geology and Geophysics, 115 S 1460 E, Salt Lake City, UT 84112, USA	k.ritterbush@utah.edu	http://geosci.uchicago.edu/~ritterbush/Kathleen_Ritterbush/Kathleen_Ritterbush.html ; https://faculty.utah.edu/u6002857-Kathleen_A._Ritterbush/research/index.html	2016
328	Rix	Laura	-	Ecology, physiology, feeding, DOM, sponge loop, nutrient cycling, sponge microbe interactions	GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel, Düsternbrooker Weg 20, 24105 Kiel, GEMANY	lrix@geomar.de	http://www.geomar.de/en/mitarbeiter/fb3/mi/lrix/#c25875	Jan-17

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329	Roberts	J.	Murray	Functional ecology, mapping and vulnerability to anthropogenic impact	School of Life Science, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh Campus, EH14 4AS Edinburgh, UK	j.m.roberts@hw.ac.uk	http://www.cmbb.hw.ac.uk/people/researchers/murray-roberts.html	2015; Primary focus at the moment is on deep-water sponge grounds in the NE Atlantic. We hope to expand to encompass spatial management and trans-Atlantic work in the coming years.
330	Rocha Gonçalves da Silva	Livia	-		Museu Nacional - Depto. Invertebrados, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Quinta da Boa Vista, s/n, 20940-040, Rio de Janeiro, RJ - BRAZIL	liviahrocha@yahoo.com.br	NA	2015; MSc with Eduardo Hajdu
331	Roller	Maša	-	Computational biology, genomics, transcriptomics, metagenomics	Bioinformatics Group, Department of Molecular biology, Division of Biology, University of Zagreb, CROATIA	masa@bioinfo.hr	NA	2015; PhD
332	Rossi	André	Linhares	Biomineralisation	Centro Brasileiro de Pesquisas Físicas, Dr. Xavier Sigaud, 150 - Urca, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 22290-180, BRAZIL	alinhaires@cbpf.br	NA	2015
333	Rozas	Enrique	-	Microbiology, biotechnology	Chemical Engineering Dep., University of São Paulo, BRAZIL	isoquir@gmail.com	NA	2015; I am a PhD working with bacteria associated with sponge a biotechnological tools, actually with bioleaching bacteria isolated from sponge cells.
334	Rua	Cintia	-	Microbial ecology and biodiversity of sponge symbionts	Avenida Trabalhador São-carlense, 400 - CEP 13566-590 Instituto de Química de São Carlos IQSC-USP Departamento de Físico-Química, BRAZIL	cintiarua@yahoo.com.br	http://www.researcherid.com/rid/J-2966-2014	2015; Postoc
335	Ruengsawang	Nisit	-	Biodiversity, ecology, conservation & application	Rajamangala University of Technology Krungthep, 2 Nanglinchee Road, Sathorn, Bangkok 10120, THAILAND	nisit.r@rmutk.ac.th	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Nisit_Ruengsawang	2015
336	Ruggiero	Juliet	Ann	Evolutionary biology and conservation ecology	2 John Brewer's Bay, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, USVI 00802, USA territory	julietann66@gmail.com	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Juliet_Ruggiero	Nov 2016; Undergraduate, University of the Virgin Islands
337	Ruiz	César	Augusto	(Integrative) taxonomy, ecology, Homoscleromorpha	Mediterranean Institute of Marine and Continental Biology and Ecology, Station Marine d'Endoume, Chemin de la batterie des lions, 13007 Marseille, FRANCE	cruiz@imbe.fr	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Cesar_Ruiz8	Nov 2016; PhD student
338	Rush	Nicola	-	Taxonomy, ecology	National Centre for Aquatic Biodiversity and Biosecurity, National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research, P. O. Box 109-695, Newmarket, Auckland, NEW ZEALAND	nicola.rush@niwa.co.nz	www.niwa.co.nz	2015
339	Rützler	Klaus	-	Systematics, ecology (coral reefs and mangroves, Caribbean), symbioses, developmental biology	Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History, 10th and Constitution Ave, NW Washington, DC 20560-0163, USA	RUETZLER@si.edu	http://invertebrates.si.edu/staff/ruetzler.cfm ; http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Klaus_Ruetzler	Nov 2016; Emeritus
340	Ryu	Taewoo	-	Sponge genome evolution, host-microbe interaction	4216-WS11, Building 2, KAUST, Thuwal, SAUDI ARABIA	Taewoo.Ryu@kaust.edu.sa; dakter179@gmail.com	http://systemsbiology.kaust.edu.sa/Pages/Ryu.aspx	2015
341	Sacramento da Hora Barros	Jéssica	-	Reproduction, benthos, ecology	Laboratório de Embriologia e Biologia Reprodutiva. Sala 15-A, 2º Andar, Depto. de Biologia Geral - Instituto de Biologia - UFBA. Rua Barão de Jeremoabo, s/n - Campus de Ondina CEP (ZIP code): 40170-115. Salvador-Bahia, BRAZIL	jessiedahora@gmail.com	http://lattes.cnpq.br/2669957439785040	2015; Undergraduate

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342	Sacristán-Soriano	Oriol	-	Ecology, symbiosis, natural products	Department of Biology, Gottwald Center for the Sciences, University of Richmond, 28 Westhampton Way, 23173 VA, USA; Centro de Estudios Avanzados de Blanes, s Acc. Cala St. Francesc 14, 17300 Blanes, Girona, SPAIN	osacriso7@gmail.com; osacristan@ub.edu	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Oriol_Sacristan-Soriano ; http://orcid.org/0000-0003-4900-884X ; http://www.researcherid.com/rid/M-1516-2014	Jan 2017; Marie Curie Fellow
343	Salani	Sula	-	Ecology, biogeography, phylogeny, systematics and taxonomy	Museu Nacional - Depto. Invertebrados, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Quinta da Boa Vista, s/n, 20940-040, Rio de Janeiro, RJ - BRAZIL	sulasm@gmail.com	http://buscatextual.cnpq.br/buscatextual/visualizacv.do?metodo=apresentar&id=K4776325J1 ; http://br.linkedin.com/pub/sula-salani/75/b1/911	2015; PhD
344	Samaai	Toufiek	-	Taxonomy, ecology, biogeography, biodiversity, genetics, marine natural products chemistry (biodiscovery)	Department of Environmental Affairs, Oceans and Coasts Branch, Marine Biodiversity and Coastal Research, Foretrust Building, Martin Hammerslaght Way, Foreshore, Cape Town, SOUTH AFRICA	Tsamaai@environment.gov.za and toufiek.samaai@gmail.com	NA	2015
345	Sammarco	Paul	W.	Ecology, space competition, invasive species	Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON), 8124 Hwy. 56, Chauvin, LA 70344-2110, USA	psammarco@lumcon.edu	www.lumcon.edu	2016; I worked on sponges but primarily in Australia and to some degree in Jamaica, WI - yrs ago. I am based in the US and have been for some number of yrs now (like 24). Any sponge work I'm doing today deals with epibenthic ones that are competitors for space with our invasive species of corals and other corals.
346	Sandes	Joana	-	Taxonomy and ecology (spatial and temporal distribution)	Museu Nacional, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Quinta da Boa Vista, São Cristóvão, Rio de Janeiro, BRAZIL	jcsandes@gmail.com	http://lattes.cnpq.br/7006338484259977 ; http://www.museunacional.ufrj.br/labpor/en/conten/joana	2015
347	Sandford	Floyd	-	Ecology, taxonomy, symbiosis	Coe College, Biology Department, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 52402, USA	fsandfor@coe.edu	http://www.public.coe.edu/~fsandfor/	2015; My work is with suberitid hermit crab sponges and especially the Florida hermit crab sponge Spongosorites suberitoides and with sponges from sea grass beds and mangrove roots in Belize that are inhabited by small cryptic sponge-eating shrimps.
348	Santos	George	-	Taxonomy, systematics, biogeography, diversity, marine sponges	Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Laboratório de Porífera, Recife, Pernambuco, BRAZIL	balgeorge42@yahoo.com.br	George Garcia Universidade Federal de Pernambuco - Academia.edu	2015
349	Schejter	Laura	-	Taxonomy, biogeography, endobiotic and epibiotic associations	Instituto Nacional de Investigación y Desarrollo Pesquero, Laboratorio Bentos, Paseo Victoria Ocampo 1, 7600 Mar del Plata, ARGENTINA	schejter@inidep.edu.ar; lauraschejter@hotmail.com	Member of "Ecología Pesquera" Project, INIDEP. www.ecologiapesquera.com.ar	2015; I work on the taxonomy of marine sponges from Argentina, and I am also starting to study Antarctic and Subantarctic samples. I am a PhD (Universidad Nacional de Mar del Plata, Argentina). I am a researcher at Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas (CONICET, Argentina).
350	Schläppy	Marie-Lise	-	Sponge symbionts, ecology, effects of flow and sedimentation on sponges and their symbionts	Environmental Research Institute, Centre for Energy and Environment (CFEE), The North Highland College UHI, Ormlie Road, Thurso, Caithness, Scotland, KW14 7EE, UK	marie-lise.schlappy@uhi.ac.uk, marie.lise@lycos.com	http://www.eri.ac.uk ; http://www.uhi.ac.uk/en/merika ; https://uk.linkedin.com/pub/marie-lise-schl%C3%A4ppy/44/5a1/88	2015; Currently working on the effects of flow and sedimentation on temperate sponges
351	Schmitt	Susanne	-	NA, microbiology	GERMANY	susanne.schmitt@mail.uni-wuerzburg.de	NA	2015; According to Beate Slaby: Susanne is no longer active in the sponge world

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352	Schönberg	Christine	H. L.	Benthic ecology, environmental change, conservation, bioerosion, taxonomy of bioeroding sponges	University of Western Australia, School of Earth and Environment and Oceans Institute, Fairway, Crawley, WA 6009, AUSTRALIA	christine.schonberg@uwa.edu.au; spongechris@iinet.net.au	https://scholar.google.com.au/citations?user=Q-hUuTAAAAAJ&hl=en ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Christine_Schoenberg ; http://www.researcherid.com/rid/B-3925-2009 ; https://www.linkedin.com/profile/edit?trk=spm_pic ; http://ningaloo-atlas.org.au/content/sponge-functional-growth-forms-means-classifying-spo	Jan 2017; In a nutshell I am a sponge ecologist with keen interests in bioerosion processes and anything to do with environmental change, mostly in context with coral reef health. I also do some taxonomy, especially on clionads and Siphonodictyon spp. I am strong in experimental science and love fieldwork. I support sound science ethics.
353	Schupp	Peter	J.	Chemical and microbial ecology, biodiversity, ecosystem function, tropical coral reef and deep-sea sponges, marine natural products research, pharmacological activity of sponge metabolites	Institute of Chemistry and Biology of the Marine Environment (ICBM), Environmental Biochemistry, Carl-von-Ossietzky University Oldenburg, Schleusenstr. 1, 26382 Wilhelmshaven, GERMANY	peter.schupp@uni-oldenburg.de	http://www.icbm.de/umweltbiochemie/ ; http://www.icbm.de/umweltbiochemie/veroeffentlichungen	2016; Our current research focus is on phase shifts from coral to sponge dominated reefs. In particular we are looking at trades which aid sponges to outcompete corals (e.g. growth, secondary metabolites). Of special interest are sponge chemical defences and allopathic interactions. We are also investigating sponge microbial communities using traditional culturing and next generation sequencing techniques. Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation alumni.
354	Schuster	Astrid	-	DNA Barcoding, biodiversity, evolution, systematics, morphology and biogeography, tetractinellids & other deep sea sponges	Department of Earth- and Environmental Sciences, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich, Richard-Wagner-Str. 10, 80333 Munich, GERMANY	astrid.schuster85@gmail.com	https://www.researchgate.net/publications	2016; PhD
355	Shefer	Sigal	-	Mediterranean sponge taxonomy, sponge ecology, biodiversity, mesophotic sponge gardens	The Steinhardt Museum of Natural History and National Research Center; Department of Zoology George S. Wise Faculty of Life Science Sherman Building, Room 221 Tel-Aviv University, Tel Aviv 69978, ISRAEL	shef@post.tau.ac.il	NA	2015; PhD
356	Sherlock	Emma	-	Collections at the London Museum, including sponges	British Museum, London, UK	emmas@NHM.AC.UK	NA	2015; Main research interest: earthworms
357	Shim	Eun	Jung	Systematics and taxonomy of marine sponges	Natural History Museum of Hannam University, 133, Ojeong-dong, Dadeok-gu, Daejeon 306-791 SOUTH KOREA	hyny1999@hanmail.net	NA	2015
358	Silva	Siguara	B. L.	Metabolomics, biosynthesis and biomimetic synthesis of alkaloids produced by Mediterranean sponges	Université de Nice-Sophia Antipolis and Université Paris-Sud (5, rue Jean-Baptiste Clément, 92290 Châtenay-Malabry), FRANCE	siguara.silva@unice.fr	http://lattes.cnpq.br/7415080710507768	2015; PhD
359	Sim	Chung-Ja	-	Systematics and taxonomy of marine sponges	Hannam University, Dept. of Biological Sciences and Biothchnology, 1646, Yuseong-daero, Yuseong-gu, Daejeon 305-811 SOUTH KOREA	cjsim@hnu.kr	NA	2015
360	Sim-Smith	Carina	J.	Taxonomy	ClearSight Consultants Ltd., 35 Mellons Bay Rd, Howick, Auckland, NEW ZEALAND	carina@clearsight.co.nz	NA	2015

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361	Sini	Maria	-	Ecology, distribution, sciaphilic hard substrate benthic communities	Department of Marine Sciences, University of the Aegean, Lesvos Island, GREECE	mariasini@hotmail.com	NA	2015; PhD with main focus of research on the study of Mediterranean coralligenous communities and the ecology of gorgonians, with a special interest on sponges as important components of these communities.
362	Sipkema	Detmer	-	Symbiosis, ecology, evolution, microbiology	Wageningen University, Laboratory of Microbiology, Dreijenplein 10, 6703HB Wageningen, THE NETHERLANDS	detmer.sipkema@wur.nl	http://www.wageningenur.nl/en/Expertise-Services/Chair-groups/Agrotechnology-and-Food-Sciences/Laboratory-of-Microbiology/Research/Molecular-Ecology/Marine-Microbial-Ecology.htm ; http://www.wageningenur.nl/en/Expertise-Services/Chair-groups/Agrotechnology-and-Food-Sciences/Laboratory-of-Microbiology/People.htm	2015; My research entails interactions between eukaryotes and microorganisms in the marine environment: sponges, fish, shrimp and algae
363	Sitjà	Cèlia	-	Taxonomy, ecology, biotechnology	Centre d'Estudis Avançats de Blanes (CEABCSIC), Acceso Cala St. Francesc 14, Blanes, 17300, Girona, SPAIN	csitja@ceab.csic.es	NA	2016
364	Slaby	Beate	-	Symbiosis, -omics (single-cell/metagenomics of sponge symbionts)	GEOMAR, RD3 Marine Ecology, RU Marine Microbiology, Düsternbrooker Weg 20, 24105 Kiel, GERMANY	bslaby@geomar.de	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Beate_Slaby ; http://www.geomar.de/en/mitarbeiter/fb3/mi/bslab/y/	2016
365	Slattery	Marc	-	Sponge ecology, natural products, deep reef structure & function	University of Mississippi, Dept of BioMolecular Sciences, Oxford MS 38677, USA	slattery@olemiss.edu	http://pharmacy.olemiss.edu/biomolecularsciences/team/dr-marc-slattery/	2015; Professor
366	Smith	Caitlin	-	Ecology, distribution, health status	Sanibel Sea School, Sanibel, FL 33957, USA	caitlin@sanibelseaschool.org	NA	2015; PhD. Researched giant Xestospongia muta in the Cayman Islands, now work as a marine science educator in Florida.
367	Sokolova	Agniya	-	Taxonomy of the freshwater sponges, symbiosis in freshwater and marine Demospongiae, deep-water sponges	A.N. Severtzov Institute of Ecology and Evolution, Leninsky prospect, 33, Moscow, 117071, RUSSIA	enfado@ya.ru	NA	2015; MSc to be PhD
368	Sorokin	Shirley	-	Sponges of South Australia	SARDI Aquatic Sciences, Hamra Ave, West Beach SA, AUSTRALIA	shirley.sorokin@sa.gov.au	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/S_Sorokin3?ev=hdr_xprf	2016
369	Souza Dias	Carla	Juliana	Reproduction and biology of sponges	Universidade Federal da Bahia. Rua Barão de Jeremoabo, 147, Ondina - Salvador, BRAZIL	cjs.dias@hotmail.com	http://lattes.cnpq.br/8672667142332078	Jan 2017; no longer working on sponges
370	Steindler	Laura	-	Sponge microbiology, molecular mechanisms of sponge-microbe interaction, cyanobacterial symbionts of sponges	Department of Marine Biology, Leon H. Charney School of Marine Sciences, University of Haifa 199 Aba-Hushi Avenue, Mt. Carmel, Haifa 3498838, ISRAEL	lsteindler@univ.haifa.ac.il	http://marisci.haifa.ac.il/labs/mbb	2015
371	Steinert	Georg	-	Microbial/molecular biodiversity, taxonomy & ecology	Marine Microbial Ecology, Laboratory of Microbiology, Wageningen University, Dreijenplein 10, 6703 HB Wageningen, THE NETHERLANDS	georg.steinert@iba-science.de; georg.steinert@wur.nl	http://bluepharmtrain.eu/ ; http://georg.iba-science.de/	2016; BluePharmTrain project
372	Stock	Carl	-	Fossil stromatopore sponges	NA	carlwstock7@gmail.com	NA	2016; I was one of the contributing authors on the revision of the Porifera volume of the Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology.

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373	Strzelecki	Joanna	-	Ecology, filtering rates, food web, benthic-pelagic coupling	CSIRO Oceans & Atmosphere, Indian Ocean Marine Research Centre, The University of Western Australia, M097, 35 Stirling Highway, Crawley, WA 6009, AUSTRALIA	joanna.strzelecki@csiro.au	www.csiro.au; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Joanna_Strzelecki	Nov-16
374	Stubler	Amber	D.	Sponge bioerosion, sponge interactions with other taxa, sponge ecology, the effects of acidification and warming on sponge ecology, anthropogenic stressors driving sponge community structure	University of North Carolina Wilmington, 601 S. College Rd, Wilmington, NC 28403, USA	astubler@gmail.com, stublera@uncw.edu	http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Amber_Stubler ; http://amberstubler.weebly.com/	Nov 2016; Post-doctoral Research Associate with Dr. Chris Finelli
375	Subagio	Iwenda	Bella	Ecology, taxonomy	University of Airlangga, Surabaya, Ecology Laboratory Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember Surabaya, INDONESIA	iwendasubagio@gmail.com	https://www.facebook.com/iwenda.subagio	2015; I'm a newcomer in sponges research. My undergraduate research was community structure of marine sponges in Pasir Putih Situbondo. It was published in the POMITS journal, titled Struktur Komunitas Spons Laut (porifera) di Pantai Pasir Putih Situbondo. Now I'm studying in Airlangga University and try to study sponges deeper. I'm interested in cyanobacterial endosymbionts in Xestospongia testudinaria and vertical distribution of marine sponges Baluran National Park Situbondo.
376	Sutthacheep	Makamas	-	Sponge ecology and conservation, reef restoration	Marine Biodiversity Research Group, Department of Biology, Faculty of Science, Ramkhamhaeng University, Huamark, Bangkok 10240 THAILAND	msutthacheep@yahoo.com	http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Makamas_Sutthacheep ; www.thaicoralreef.in.th	2015
377	Świerczewska-Gładysz	Ewa	-	Fossil sponges, especially Hexactinellidae, taxonomy and paleoecology	Institute of Earth Science, University of Lodz, Narutowicza 88, 90-139 Lodz, POLAND	eswiercz@geo.uni.lodz.pl	http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Ewa_Swierczewska-Gladysz	2015
378	Swierts	Thomas	-	Population genetics and phylogeography of sponges	Naturalis Biodiversity Center, Darwinweg 2, Leiden, THE NETHERLANDS	Thomas.Swierts@naturalis.nl; tswierts@gmail.com	https://scholar.google.nl/citations?user=h4JhUBQAAAJ&hl=nl&oi=ao	2016
379	Tabachnick	Konstantin	R.	Taxonomy and systematics, mainly Hexactinellida, drugs in sponges	Russian Academy of Sciences, Nahimovsky 36, Moscow, 117218, RUSSIA; INTIB Internationales Institut für Biomineralogie GmbH, Talweg 26, Freiberg, Sachsen, 09599 GERMANY	tabachnick@mail.ru	NA	2015
380	Tan	Joan Philyn	Cua	Deep water sponges, ecological role of sponges, medical applications of sponges	-	joanphilyn@yahoo.com	NA	2016; Student
381	Tendal	Ole	Secher	Sponge grounds, taxonomy and distribution of Northern Boreal and Arctic sponge faunas	State Natural History Museum of Denmark, University of Copenhagen, Universitetsparken 15, DK 2100, Copenhagen O, DENMARK	ostendal@snm.ku.dk	NA	2015; Retired, but still active
382	Ternon	Eva	-	Chemical ecology (secondary metabolism, allelopathy, metabolomics, climate change)	University of Nice, Institut de Chimie de Nice, UMR 7272, Faculté des Sciences, Parc Valrose, 28 Avenue Valrose, F06108 Nice cedex 2, FRANCE	eva.ternon@unice.fr	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Eva_Ternon	2015

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383	Thacker	Robert	W.	Ecology, evolution	Department of Ecology and Evolution, 650 Life Sciences Building, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, New York, USA	robert.thacker@stonybrook.edu	http://thackerlab.weebly.com/ ; https://www.portol.org/ ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Robert_Thacker ; https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=Y2ic9FWA-AAAJ&hl=en	2016
384	Tholleson	Mikael	-	Phylogeny/evolution, systematics, taxonomy, distribution	Uppsala University, Norbyvägen 18D, SE-752 36 Uppsala, SWEDEN	mikael.tholleson@ebc.uu.se	http://scholar.google.se/citations?user=VDx_CWQAAA&hl=sv ; http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Mikael_Tholleson ; https://se.linkedin.com/pub/mikael-tholleson/75/61/68b	2015
385	Thomas	Torsten	-	Microbial symbionts of sponges, metagenomics and metatranscriptomics, molecular interactions between sponges and symbionts	Centre for Marine Bio-Innovation, The University of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW 2052, AUSTRALIA	t.thomas@unsw.edu.au	https://research.unsw.edu.au/people/dr-torsten-thomas	2015
386	Thomas	Olivier	P.	Evolution, biotechnology, aquaculture, natural products, environmental factors, biosynthesis	Marine Biodiscovery, School of Chemistry, College of Science, National University of Ireland Galway, University Road Galway, IRELAND	olivier.thomas@nuigalway.ie	http://www.nuigalway.ie/our-research/people/chemistry/olivierthomas/ ; http://scholar.google.fr/citations?user=KQ14c4gAAA&hl=en ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Olivier_Thomas2	2016
387	Thoms	Carsten	-	Chemical & microbial ecology, dynamic chemical defense mechanisms, invasive & proliferating species in coral reefs, climate change	Bogor Agricultural University (IPB), Department of Marine Science & Technology (ITK), Kampus IPB Darmaga, 16680 Bogor, INDONESIA	carsten.thoms@gmail.com	www.carsten-thoms.net ; www.spongepage.info	2015; Originally from Germany, presently DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Longterm Lecturer in Marine Science
388	Torkildsen	Marte	-	Hexactinellids, taxonomy	University of Bergen, NORWAY	marte.torkildsen@bio.uib.no; marte.torkildsen@gmail.com	http://www.uib.no/en/persons/Marte.Mj%C3%A5nes.Torkildsen	2015
389	Tribalat	Marie-Aude	-	Marine natural products, biosynthesis, ecology	University of Nice, Nice Chemistry Institute, 28 avenue Valrose 06108 Nice, FRANCE	marie-aude.tribalat@unice.fr	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Marie_Aude_Tribalat ; https://www.linkedin.com/profile/view?id=377992011&trk=nav_responsive_tab_profile_pic	2015
390	Turon	Marta	-	Sponge taxonomy and symbiotic microbiomes	Centre D'Estudis Avançats de Blanes, Molecular Ecology of the Marine benthos team, Access Cala St Francesc, 14, 17300 Blanes (Girona), SPAIN	mturon@ceab.csic.es	NA	2016
391	Turon	Xavier	-	Ecology, chemical ecology, symbiosis, population genetics	Centre D'Estudis Avançats de Blanes, Molecular Ecology of the Marine Benthos team, Access Cala St Francesc, 14, 17300 Blanes (Girona), SPAIN	xturon@ceab.csic.es	www.ub.edu/beb/english/invertebrates/turon/turon.htm	2015
392	Ugalde	Diana	-	Taxonomy, phylogeny, systematics, ecology	Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, Unidad Academica Sisal, Puerto de Abrigo s/n C.P. 97356 Sisal, Hunucma, Yucatán, MEXICO	dugabiol@gmail.com	https://independent.academia.edu/UgaldeDiana ; www.researchgate.net/profile/Diana_Ugalde3	Jan 2017; PhD

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393	Ubare	Vibha	Vasant	Systematics, taxonomy, ecology and biodiversity of marine sponges	India	vibhaubare@gmail.com; vibhaubare@rediff.com	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Vibha_Ubare	2016, Ph.D student, work on basic taxonomy of marine sponges from Andaman and Nicobar Islands, India. I am interested to continue this work and also further study the molecular taxonomy and other ecological aspects of marine sponges from India as well as Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
394	Urbassek Hoffmann	Friederike	-	NA, e.g. microbiology	University of Bergen, NORWAY	Friederike.Hoffmann@gfi.uib.no	http://www.uib.no/personer/Friederike.Urbassek.Hoffmann	2015; Friederike's focus is presently stronger on research management than on sponge science
395	Uriz	Maria	J.	Taxonomy, phylogeny, growth dynamics, reproduction, larval ecology, population dynamics, population genetics, chemical ecology, biomineralization, symbiosis	Centre D'Estudis Avançats de Blanes, Cala St Francesc, 14, 17300 Blanes (Girona), SPAIN	iosune@ceab.csic.es	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Maria_J_Uriz ; http://www.ceab.csic.es	2015
396	Vacelet	Jean	-	General taxonomy (emphasis on carnivorous sponges and hypercalcified sponges), ecology, phylogeny/evolution.	Station marine d'Endoume (Aix Marseille Université & CNRS), chemin de la Batterie des Lions 13007 Marseille, FRANCE	jean.vacelet@imbe.fr	http://www.imbe.fr	2015; Emeritus since 14 y
397	Vad	Johanne	-	Environmental assessment of deep-water sponge fields in relation to oil and gas activity, west of Shetland	School of Life Science, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh Campus, EH14 4AS Edinburgh, UK	jv63@hw.ac.uk	NA	2015; My PhD project includes three main objectives: (1) complete visual surveys of sponge density and occurrence in the vicinity of BP's installations west of Shetland; (2) conduct experimental exposures to determine sponge response to oil/oil dispersant mixtures; (3) analyse microbial symbionts of deep-water sponges to test for the presence of oil-degrading taxa via CARD-FISH (Catalysed Reporter Deposition and Fluorescence In-Situ Hybridization) protocols.
398	Valentine	Claire	-	NA, taxonomy and collections	Natural History Museum of London, Cromwell Road, London SW7 5BD, UK	c.valentine@nhm.ac.uk	NA	2015; Although I keep an eye on the mailbox out of personal interest I no longer work on sponges. The key contact for the NHM now is Emma Sherlock.
399	Vallmann	Kerli	-	Sponge enzymes, purine metabolism in sponges, freshwater sponges, stress in sponges	Akademia tee 15, Tallinn ESTONIA	kerli.vallmann@gmail.com	http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Kerli_Vallmann/publications	2015; PhD
400	Vallon	Lothar	Herbert	Mainly bioerosion by sponges, especially in the Cretaceous-Danian of Denmark	Geomuseum Faxø (Østsjælland Museum), Østervej 2, DK-4640 Faxø, DENMARK	kv@oesm.dk; lothar.vallon@GMAIL.COM	http://www.ichnopolis.dk	Nov-16
401	Van der Ent	Esther	-	Sponge ecology, taxonomy, sponge microbial communities, environmental change	Naturalis Biodiversity Center, Vondellaan 55, Leiden, THE NETHERLANDS	esther.vanderent@naturalis.nl	https://science.naturalis.nl/en/people/scientists/esther-van-der-ent/ ; https://scholar.google.nl/citations?user=SnPrY5wAAAJ&hl=nl&oi=ao	Jan 2017; PhD with Nicole de Voogd

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402	Van Duyl	Fleur	C.	Nutrition/role symbionts, bioerosion in relation to eutrophication and acidification, 3D complexity, changes in sponge cover over time	Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research (NIOZ), THE NETHERLANDS	Fleur.van.Duyl@nioz.nl	www.nioz.nl ; www.acroporanet.nl ; researchgate.net/profile/Fleur vanDuyl/	2015
403	Van Soest	Rob	-	Taxonomy of Porifera	Naturalis Biodiversity Center, Dept. Marine Zoology, Darwinweg 2, 2333CR Leiden, THE NETHERLANDS	rob.vansoest@naturalis.nl	https://science.naturalis.nl/en/people/scientists/rob-van-soest/ ; Editor World Porifera Database: http://www.marinespecies.org/porifera/ ; Identify Northeast Atlantic sponges: http://species-identification.org/species.php?species_group=sponges&menuentry=inleiding	2015; The emphasis is on species discovery, revision of genera, and biogeography, guided by materials collected during many past expeditions and fieldwork trips. Next to these activities I will continue to work as editor in chief of the World Porifera Database.
404	Vasconcellos	Vivian	-	Reproduction, evolution	Universidade Federal da Bahia, Instituto de Ciências Biológicas, Salvador - Bahia, BRAZIL	vivianvasconcellos@gmail.com	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Vivian_Vasconcellos	2015; PhD
405	Vaterlaus	Christian	-	Aquaculture, sponge farming, coral farming, coral reef protection, artificial reefs	marinecultures.org, Ottikerstr.53, 8006 Zurich, SWITZERLAND	c.vaterlaus@marinecultures.org	www.marinecultures.org	Nov 2016; We do community based aquaculture development in Zanzibar, Tanzania to generate jobs and protect the marin environment.
406	Vicente	Jan	-	Sponge-sponge interactions, biomineralisation, ocean acidification	Columbus Center, 701 E Pratt St, Baltimore, MD, 21202 USA	vicentejan@gmail.com	http://porifera.lifedesks.org/user/34 ; http://www.umces.edu/imet/people/jvicente	2015; PhD. Specifically a highly specialized symbiosis between sponges of the genera Plakortis and Xestospongia. I am looking at several molecular aspects of this association including silicatein gene expression between sponge pairs and a free living form of Xestospongia. I am also conducting ocean acidification experiments on these sponge pairs to look at how the process of silica biomineralization is affected in sponges. These are currently the topics of my PhD dissertation which might change once I graduate.
407	Vieirals	Thomáz	-	Morpho-molecular taxonomy and systematics, investigating cryptic species of Amphimedon and Callyspongia, taxonomy, phylogeny, systematics	Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, IBRAG, Depto. de Genética, Rua São Francisco Xavier, 524 – PHLC, sala 200A, Maracanã, 20550-013, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, BRAZIL	tvieirals@gmail.com	NA	2015; PhD of Gisele Lôbo (info: Gisele Lôbo)
408	Vlahoviček	Kristian	-	Sponge genomics	Faculty of Science, University of Zagreb, Horvatovac 102a, Zagreb 10000, CROATIA	kristian@bioinfo.hr	http://scholar.google.hr/citations?user=ueE8GRsAAA&hl=en ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Kristian_Vlahovicek2 ; http://www.researcherid.com/rid/D-9661-2011 ; https://www.linkedin.com/pub/kristian-vlahovicek/21/778/688	2015
409	Voigt	Oliver	-	Phylogeny, evolution, molecular biology, biomineralization, calcareous sponges	LMU Universität München, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, Palaeontology & Geobiology, Richard-Wagner-Str. 10, 80333 Munich, GERMANY	oliver.voigt@lmu.de	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Oliver_Voigt	2015

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410	Volkmer-Ribeiro	Cecilia	-	NA, e.g. freshwater sponges	Museu de Ciências Naturais, Fundação Zoobotânica do Rio Grande do Sul. Rua Dr. Salvador França, 1427. 90690-000, Porto Alegre, RS, BRAZIL	cvolkmer@fzb.rs.gov.br	NA	2015
411	Voultsiadou	Eleni	-	Taxonomy, ecology, fisheries, history, nomenclature	Department of Zoology, School of Biology, Aristotle University, 54124 Thessaloniki, GREECE	elvoults@bio.auth.gr	http://users.auth.gr/~elvoults ; http://www.bio.auth.gr/users/elvoults	2015
412	Wang	Dexiang	-	Ecology, taxonomy, reproduction, aquaculture, symbiosis	College of Ocean and Earth Sciences, Xiamen University, Xiang'an South Road, Xiamen, Fujian, 361102, P.R. CHINA	dxwang@xmu.edu.cn	http://coe.xmu.edu.cn/ ; http://spongelab.xmu.edu.cn	2016; We use sponges in integrated ways based on aquaculture in China, including native compounds, cosmetic, ornamental sponge and marine environmental protecting. We had harvested more than ten tons of red and yellow sponges (<i>Mycale</i> spp.; <i>Tedania</i> spp.) in 2014 and 2015.
413	Wareham	Vonda	E.	Identification (taxonomy), distribution (faunistics) and associations (symbiosis) with deep-sea sponges of the Northwest Atlantic. Applied use: to identify Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems (including deep-sea corals and sponges) for conservation and protection	Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, 80 East White Hills Road, St. John's, NL A1C 5X1 CANADA	Vonda.wareham@dfo-mpo.gc.ca	http://www.meds-sdmm.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/sdb-bds/profile-profil.do?id=1166&lang=eng	2016
414	Webb	Alice	-	Bioerosion, physiological mechanisms of CaCO ₃ dissolution by bioeroding sponges and ocean acidification	Department of Ocean Systems, Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research (NIOZ), THE NETHERLANDS	Alice.Webb@NIOZ.nl	NA	2016
415	Webby	Barry	D.	Palaeobiology of hypercalicified sponges	School of Geosciences, University of Sydney, NSW 2006; Home address: 77 Woolwich Rd. Hunters Hill, NSW 2110, AUSTRALIA	bwebby25@gmail.com	NA	Nov 2016; Two treatise volumes on hypercalicified sponges were published in 2015: Selden P.A. ed. 2015. Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology, Part E Porifera (Revised), volumes 4 (i-iii, 1-416 p., 1-272 fig., 1-29 tables) and 5 (i-ii, 417-1223 p., 273-665 fig., 30-42 tables). Geological Society of America, Boulder, and University of Kansas, Lawrence. Available from: The Editorial Office, Paleontological Institute, University of Kansas 1475 Jayhawk Blvd., Room 119, Lawrence, Kansas 66045-7594, USA.
416	Webster	Nicole	-	Microbial ecology, symbiosis, environmental stress	Australian Institute of Marine Science, AUSTRALIA	n.webster@aims.gov.au	http://data.aims.gov.au/staffcv/jsf/external/view.xhtml?partyId=100000289 ; http://scholar.google.com.au/citations?user=nLT0VhIAAAAJ&hl=en&oi=ao ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Nicole_Webster?ev=hdr_xprf ; http://community.frontiersin.org/people/nicolewebster/39834	2016

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417	Weigel	Brooke	-	Molecular ecology, nutrient cycling, microbial communities in sponges, symbionts	University of Chicago, 1025 E. 57th Street, Chicago, IL 60637, USA	brookeweigel711@gmail.com	http://brookeweigel.weebly.com	Jan 2017; PhD candidate in Evolutionary Biology at the University of Chicago studying microbial symbiont communities in sponges.
418	Weinstein	David	-	Geomorphology of coral reefs (especially mesophotic coral reefs), bioerosion of coral reefs, relationship between these topics	12524 Eastbourne Dr. Silver Spring, MD 20904, USA (subject to change once I move for Japan post doc)	dweinstein@rsmas.miami.edu, dave090@gmail.com	http://www.rsmas.miami.edu/users/dweinstein/ ; https://www.facebook.com/UmMesophoticGeologyLab ; https://miami.academia.edu/Dweinstein ; https://www.linkedin.com/pub/david-weinstein/70/879/71b	2015; Postdoc
419	West	Ronald	Robert	Chaetetid sponges	1014 Houston Street, Manhattan, Kansas 66502, USA	rrwest@ksu.edu	NA	2016; Author of six chapters in the Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology, part E, volume 4, Hypercalcified Sponges.
420	Weisz	Jeremy	B.	Ecology, symbiosis, microbiology	USA	jweisz@linfield.edu	http://www.linfield.edu/bio/faculty-details.html?id=529 ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Jeremy_Weisz	2015
421	Whalan	Steve	-	Population biology, larval and reproductive ecology, bath sponge aquaculture	Marine Ecology Research Centre, Southern Cross University, Lismore, New South Wales, 2478, AUSTRALIA	stephen.whalan@scu.edu.au	https://scholar.google.com.au/citations?user=qdgbmEAAAAJ ; http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Steve_Whalan	2015
422	White	Alex	-	Drug discovery, bioactive marine natural products	School of Pharmacy, Cardiff University, CF10 3NB, Wales, UK	whiteaw@cf.ac.uk	NA	2015
423	Wiens	Matthias	-	Biomimetic/bioinspired materials synthesis, biomaterials, molecular biotechnology, apoptosis, evolution	Institute of Physiological Chemistry, University Medical Center, Johannes Gutenberg-University, Duesbergweg 6, D-55128 Mainz, GERMANY	wiens@uni-mainz.de	https://scholar.google.de/citations?user=TT_X8RIAAAJ&hl=en	2015
424	Willenz	Philippe	-	Ultrastructure (TEM and SEM) of living tissues or SEM of skeleton for taxonomical purposes. Taxonomy of South American sponges (mainly Chile & Peru + Argentina). Past experience in ultrastructural investigation on particle retention. Hypercalcified sponges (ultrastructure, growth rate, palaeo proxy).	Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (Taxonomy & Phylogeny), 29 Rue Vautier, 1000 Brussels and Laboratoire de Biologie marine, Université Libre de Bruxelles, 50 Av. F.D. Roosevelt, 1050 Brussels, BELGIUM	philippe.willenz@naturalsciences.be	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Philippe_Willenz	2015
425	Williams	Stacey	M.	Ecology, distribution, environment	Institute for Socio-Ecological Research, Inc. (ISER), Lajas, PUERTO RICO 00667	stcmwilliams@gmail.com	www.isercaribe.org , https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Stacey_Williams4	2015; My research has been focused on understanding the ecology and biology of marine benthic organisms, especially sponges. I have examined the drivers, both natural and anthropogenic, which influence sponge distribution and diversity. I have collected data on sponge richness and composition from all around the Caribbean, on shallow-water to mesophotic reefs.
426	Wilson	Nerida	Gaye	Phylogenetics, phylogeography and population genetics	Western Australian Museum, Department of Aquatic Zoology, 49 Kew Street, Welshpool, WA 6106, AUSTRALIA	Nerida.Wilson@museum.wa.gov.au	http://museum.wa.gov.au/research/research-areas/molecular-systematics-unit/curators-contacts/nerida-wilson	2015; Senior research scientist

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427	Wisshak	Max		Influence of global change on bioerosion rates of clonoid sponges; ichnotaxonomy of sponge borings	Senckenberg am Meer, Marine Research Department, Südstrand 40, 26382 Wilhelmshaven, GERMANY	max.wisshak@senckenberg.de	www.senckenberg.de/mefo/mwisshak	2016
428	Witte	Ursula	-	Feeding ecology, C & N cycling	University of Aberdeen, Oceanlab, Main Street, Newburgh, Aberdeenshire, AB416AA Scotland, UK	u.witte@abdn.ac.uk	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Ursula_Witte	2015
429	Wolff	Carsten	-	Taxonomy, natural products, drug discovery, biotechnology, molecular systematics, ecology, cell culture, aquaculture, microbiology	Marbios Novel Marine Bioactives, Letchworth, UK and Vision Environment, Gladstone, AUSTRALIA	CarstenWolff@hotmail.com	Marbios.com; https://www.linkedin.com/in/carstenwolffaustralia	Jan-17
430	Wooster	Michael	Kuiken	Research interest is sponge ecology (effects from climate changes, feeding, spatial ecology), and new interest in sponge taxonomy	KAUST	michael.wooster@kaust.edu.sa	NA	Nov 2016; MSc student
431	Wörheide	Gert	-	Biodiversity, systematics, phylogeny, phylogenomics, genomics, transcriptomics, biomineralization	Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, Paleontology & Geobiology & GeoBio-Center LMU, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Richard-Wagner-Straße 10, 80333, München, GERMANY	woerheide@lmu.de	https://scholar.google.de/citations?user=UETwI3gAAAJ&hl=de ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Gert_Woerheide ; http://orcid.org/0000-0002-6380-7421 ; http://www.scopus.com/authid/detail.url?authorId=6602867063 ; https://www.facebook.com/molpalaeo	2015
432	Wulff	Janie	-	Ecology, spongivory, population and community dynamics, coral reef functional roles, biogeography, regeneration	Florida State University, USA	wulff@bio.fsu.edu	http://www.bio.fsu.edu/faculty-wulff.php	2015
433	Wuttke	Michael	-	Freshwater sponges, Tertiary, Europe, taxonomy, palaeoecology	Until Sept. 2015: GDKE-Erdgeschichte, Große Langgasse 29, 55116 Mainz, GERMANY	michaelwuttke@yahoo.de	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Michael_Wuttke	2015; Soon to be retired, but planning to stay active.
434	Xavier	Joana	Rita	Taxonomy, phylogenetics and ecology (now with a focus on deep-sea sponges)	Centre for Geobiology, Department of Biology, University of Bergen (UiB), Thørmohlgate 53A, 5006 Bergen, NORWAY	joana.xavier@bio.uib.no	http://www.uib.no/en/persons/Joana.Xavier ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Joana_Xavier3	2015
435	Yang	Qi	-	Sponge molecular taxonomy; diversity of microbial communities associated with marine sponges; pharmaceutical compounds discovery from sponges and their associated actinobacteria/fungi	Medical Biotechnology, Flinders University, Adelaide, SA 5042, AUSTRALIA	qi.yang@flinders.edu.au; peonyqi1104@gmail.com	http://www.flinders.edu.au/medicine/sites/medical-biotechnology/research/biodiscoverymarinebioproductsandmarinebioprocessing.cfm	2015; PhD
436	Yeemin	Thamasak	-	Sponge ecology and taxonomy, reef restoration	Marine Biodiversity Research Group, Department of Biology, Faculty of Science, Ramkhamhaeng University, Huamark, Bangkok 10240, THAILAND	thamasakyeemin@yahoo.com	http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Thamasak_Yeemin ; www.thaicoralreef.in.th	2015
437	Zea	Sven	-	Taxonomy (Caribbean), ecology, natural products, aquaculture	Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Sede Caribe, c/o INVEMAR, Calle 25 2-55, Rodadero Sur - Playa Salguero, Santa Marta, 470006, COLOMBIA	sezeas@unal.edu.co	http://www.docentes.unal.edu.co/sezeas/index.html ; https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Sven_Zea/tev=hdr_xprf ; www.spongeguide.org	2015

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438	Zhang	Wei	-	Natural products, drug discovery, biotechnology, cell culture, aquaculture, biosensors, bioremediation, microbiology	Centre for Marine Bioproducts Development, Flinders University of South Australia, Bedford Park, Adelaide, SA5042, AUSTRALIA	Wei.Zhang@flinders.edu.au	http://www.flinders.edu.au/people/wei.zhang ; http://www.flinders.edu.au/medicine/sites/marine-bioproducts/news/	2016
439	Zilberberg	Carla	-	Molecular systematics, morphology and ecology of cnidarians and sponges	Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro - UFRJ, Departamento de Zoologia - CCS - Bloco A, Ilha do Fundão, 21941-590 - Rio de Janeiro, RJ - BRAZIL	carlazelber@yahoo.com.br	http://buscatextual.cnpq.br/buscatextual/visualizacv.do?metodo=apresentar&id=K4777783J4	2016; Has worked with molecular systematics of <i>Chondrilla</i> spp., occasionally works on other sponges, main interest in sponge-invertebrate zooxanthellate symbioses