

Greece

There were several GEOTRACES related activities in Greece the last year (June 2011-2012).

Meetings

- Two young scientists Dr. Theodosi Christina and Ms. Nicolaou Panagiwta from University of Crete attended the 3-day training school on data quality of marine trace elements and isotopes held from the 30th of May 30th until the 1st of June 2012 at the Institute for Reference Materials and Measurements in Geel, Belgium.
- Prof. Mihalopoulos Nikolaos from University of Crete attended the annual COST meeting held in Alexandroupolis (Greece, 20-22/7) and presented the ES0801 activities on behalf of the consortium.

New funding

- A consortium of Greek scientists from University of Crete and Hellenic Center of Marine Research (HCMR), granted an amount of 600Keu from Greek government in the frame of THALIS projects, to study the role of Aeolian deposition as a source of micronutrients and its impact on marine productivity of the Eastern Mediterranean. To achieve the aims results from long-term monitoring of nutrients and trace metals at Finokalia sampling site, a regional background station, will be used (www.finokalia.chemistry.uoc.gr).

Other activities

- Within the framework of the Crete mesocosms facilities an international consortium composed by scientists from Israel, Turkey, UK, France and Greece (University of Crete, HCMR, University of Athens) studied the changes in dissolved and particulate abiotic components and the impact of dust on the autotrophic and heterotrophic surface microbial populations during a transitional spring season that is characterized by high inputs of dust events.

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