

DOSI

During this meeting I had the opportunity to know and understand what are the general problems in deep waters around the world, some that I had not thought of before and others well known by our working group. Particularly in the pollution group of which I participated, we defined what we consider to be contaminants and which of these are the most relevant for the case (in addition to plastics), as well as their origin and need to monitor the most affected areas. The most important points for me were to recognize the need to work with people from other disciplines and to know what effect this has on organisms that live in deep waters. Without this last point is difficult to communicate to people the importance of becoming aware of our actions and the consequences they have. It is not minor because we as researchers have an obligation to communicate about the problems we generate as a society and offer tools to improve the situation. The exchange of opinions, ideas and experiences that was given in the workshop with people from different parts of the world and with such diverse works seemed to me the most enriching of the meeting. This meeting also gave me new tools to aboard the problems as well as ideas to look for the best possible way of working. This is very important not only for me but also for my work group, since in Argentina there are no other groups that work in deep waters and this type of exchange can be carried out.



Fig.1 : DOSI participants



Fig 2: ISA awardees with Maria and Rachel

CONFERENCE

This conference gave me the opportunity to know what is being studied around the world in deep waters, to know what are the new technologies used for sampling, the most recommended methods and analysis, as well as the most innovative studies. The fact that it is a conference that covers all types of study in this particular environment is very enriching and allows "assembling the pieces of the puzzle" to have a broader picture of how is this ecosystem. This is very important for us as an undeveloped country since we do not have the possibility of using cameras or ROVs, we only have an idea of how this environment can be based solely on what we obtain from the samplings. The presentations (oral and poster sessions) gave me new ideas for our work as well as contacts of people with whom a joint work is possible. It was very interesting that they approached my poster authors of papers that I usually read and the exchange of opinions and

ideas with them. I also took advantage of the space to meet as many people as possible and generate contacts in other parts of the world, perhaps allowing me, in a year, to have the possibility of doing a postdoc in another country.



Fig. 3: Sunday registration



Fig. 4: Conference presentation



Fig. 5: Poster session



Fig. 6: Student BBQ



Fig. 7: Banquet



Fig. 8: ISA awardees before the banquet