



Benthic Taxonomy Summer School

18th - 29th June 2012

Marine Biological Association of the UK, Plymouth

The two week Benthic Taxonomy Summer School provides students with hands-on experience, working in the marine environment and an introduction to invertebrate species identification skills. The course will build upon practical sampling and identification skills which many students will have gained during related undergraduate degree courses and provide the skills and experience vital to those wishing to pursue a commercial or academic career in Marine Biology.

Week 1:

Intertidal and subtidal sampling
Sorting and identification of samples collected

Week 2:

Identification of the two most commonly encountered groups of benthic invertebrates: marine polychaetes and amphipods

Participants can attend either or both weeks.

There may be opportunities to learn Seasearch dive survey techniques over the weekend.



"Excellent course which made me far more comfortable with my ID skills"

"Approachable staff with in-depth knowledge of taxonomy and sampling"



"Plenty of specimens and lab time to get to grip with things"

Course fees:

1 Week: £480 (£380 for full-time students and volunteer taxonomists)

2 Weeks: £900 (£730 for full-time students and volunteer taxonomists)

Includes: Teas and coffees during breaks, lunches, Monday evening reception (both weeks), Wednesday course meal (with wine) (both weeks), one-year membership to the Marine Biological Association with journal access (reduced course fees for existing members), access to the National Marine Biological Library and other MBA resources.

Excludes: Overnight accommodation and other main meals.

The MBA has a competition to win a £200 bursary towards the cost of the course. Deadline Spring 2012.

More details and booking information is available on the Marine Ecological Surveys Ltd (MESL) website www.seasurvey.co.uk