



## Invitation to second BIOMARE workshop

We are pleased to invite you to the second BIOMARE workshop, at the Polar Environmental Centre in Tromsø, Northern Norway (built 1998).

7<sup>th</sup> –13<sup>th</sup> September (7<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> are travel days)



See <http://www.polarenvironment.no>

### Travel

To reach Tromsø, the easiest way is to fly to Oslo (Gardemoen Airport) and get a direct connecting flight to Tromsø. There are two airlines, SAS and Braathens. In Norway, this internal connection costs just over 200 Euros cheap-ticket, but sometimes its even less if you are booking from abroad.

### About Tromsø

The city of Tromsø is located on a small island at about 69°N. It is connected to the mainland and the surrounding islands by bridges and tunnels. During the last 10 years, Tromsø has greatly expanded into an international University city with 60 000 inhabitants. However, the charm remains that one is never more than 20 mins drive from open countryside. More information on Tromsø can be obtained at [http://www.destinasjontromso.no/eng\\_default.htm](http://www.destinasjontromso.no/eng_default.htm) or <http://home.no.net/steinfre/indexE.htm>

### Weather

The weather in September can be unpredictable, as it's the transition period between the end of day-round daylight and the 'hibernation' of the sun. It can be a fantastic time of colour, or it might simply rain. It has occasionally been known to snow, but only on the high ground... You will be advised to bring warm clothes (including hat and gloves) and footwear to cover any eventualities. More details will be given later.

### Additional activities

For those wishing to take extra day(s) in or around Tromsø, we can help organise some activities or tours for you (hillwalking highly recommended at that time of year, especially if you like berries and mushrooms). You could also consider making part of your in- or outward journey on the coastal steamer (<http://www.hurtigruten.com>).

### Currency

The currency is the Norwegian kroner (1 Euro = 7.6 Kroner). You can pay by credit card in most places (including taxis), and there are plenty of ATM machines for cash delivery, including at airports. Don't try to pay with Euro (you'll get ripped off).

### Special requirements

Please inform us if you have any special requirements, practical or food-wise, eg. allergies or phobias about bits of (non-endangered) marine mammals on a plate.

### **Preliminary Outline Agenda/ Time-frame**

A detailed agenda will be compiled nearer the time, in cooperation with the general coordinators and work package leaders.

#### September

7	Travel to Tromsø
8	Plenary workshop Evening reception
9	Sub-group tasks with plenary sessions
10	Group excursion
11	Sub-group tasks with plenary sessions
12	Plenary workshop and summing-up Concluding dinner
13	Departure from Tromsø

Lunches and coffee will be served at the institute by the resident caterers.

#### Workshop Facilities

The auditorium and smaller seminar room both have all modern facilities and access to internet (restricted number of lines). In addition, two smaller meeting rooms without electronic projection facilities will be available for group discussions. There will be two separate computers set up for internet and mail access.

## Registration and Accommodation form

Please fill out this form and return it to Sabine Cochrane  
([sabine.cochrane@akvaplan.niva.no](mailto:sabine.cochrane@akvaplan.niva.no)) or Merete Stefanussen  
(merete.stefanussen@akvaplan.niva.no) or by fax +47 777 50301

Name:

Institute:

Country:

E.mail:

Accompanying person? (yes/no)

### Hotel preference:

Please indicate your preference for hotel. Prices are given for single rooms, please indicate if you are bringing a partner.

First Choice       Second choice

	Hotel	Shared shower	En-suite	No. rooms	Comment	Price (Eu)*
A	Ami/ Nord	X		10/16	simple, ok, 15 min walk	60
B	Skansen		X	15	simple, ok, 15 min walk	65
C	Ami		X	7	simple, ok, 15 min walk	73
D	Rainbow Polar		X	lots	middle/nice 5-10 min walk	94
E	Bryggen		X	lots	very nice, on quayside, 5-10 min walk	113

\* given at present exchange rate, may be slight changes

*If no other options are requested by **June 1st**, options **B** and **D** will be booked.*

### Excursion

We will try our best to provide a boat excursion free of additional charge, but in worst case scenario, please be prepared to contribute a nominal fee (10-15 Euro). For booking purposes, please indicate below:

Yes, I will participate on the excursion       Yes, but only if no charge