

1- Introduction

We are delighted to announce that following the TMS forum and nannofossil spring meeting, the Laboratory CNRS UMR 6112 - LPG-BIAF (Recent and Fossils Bio-Indicators) will host the first FRESCO (Foraminiferal coastal RESearch COnsortium) workshop, at Angers University, France.

FRESCO "Foraminiferal Research Consortium" is an international project with the aim is to structure the research on coastal benthic foraminifera through an international consortium of researchers (4 laboratories of the Pays de la Loire Region and 15 international partners gathered around the LPG-BIAF Laboratory). Since about 20 years, LPG-BIAF is internationally renowned for its studies on Foraminifera, marine micro-organisms.

The 15 international partners of the research consortium are composed of 9 of the most prominent foraminiferal specialists in the world, and 6 larger European teams, which are renowned internationally for their expertise in complementary topics, such as microbiology, cell biology, geochemistry and (paleo-)oceanography. Such interdisciplinary research will allow us to better understand the highly specific, and still poorly known, vital functions of foraminifera, which allow some species to subsist under strongly adverse conditions.

In summary, because of the very strong complementarity and interdisciplinarity, FRESCO guarantees the production of significant new results, and an improved understanding of the role of foraminifera in coastal environments.

The financial means provided by the Pays de la Loire Region in the context of its "International Strategy" program will allow thus not only to strengthen the role of the LPG-BIAF as international leader of the researches on foraminifera and to perpetuate the international visibility of the Pays de la Loire Region research, but also to strengthen the links with the complementary scientific teams and to assure an increase of top level research on the functioning of the coastal ecosystems.

For further information on the TMS meeting visit this website <http://www.tmsoc.org/foram-nanno-2016/>

2- FRESCO Workshop Schedule - Friday 24th June (Building L)

Time	Theme
8:45	Welcome of participants
Morning session 9:00 - 12:30 (For FRESCO partners):	
9:00 – 10:30	Presentation of the FRESCO project (E. Geslin / F. Jorissen) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction of the partners (E. Geslin / MC Schbath)• Scientific Projects: ForChlo (E. Geslin) + Amtep (F. Jorissen)
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	Presentation of the FRESCO project (E. Geslin / F. Jorissen) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Actions carried out (E. Geslin / MC Schbath)• Actions to come
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break (buffet)
Afternoon session 14:00 - 17:30 (This session is opened to all FRESCO scientists who want to present results on coastal studies in order to open new discussion and collaborations):	
14:00 – 16:00	Innovative Science concerning “foraminiferal studies in coastal areas”
16:15 – 16:45	Coffee break
16h45-18h15	Future projects - open discussion
18:30: cocktail party at Angers University	
20:00: Workshop dinner	

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3- Registration

The FRESCO workshop is free for all partners identified in the initial consortium.. Please complete the attached **form**, and email it to fresco@univ-angers.fr.

If researchers who are not in Fresco project are interesting to join this workshop, contact Frans Jorissen (frans.jorissen@univ-angers.fr).

Conference dinner and fieldtrip is subject to a maximum attendance. Please, register early.

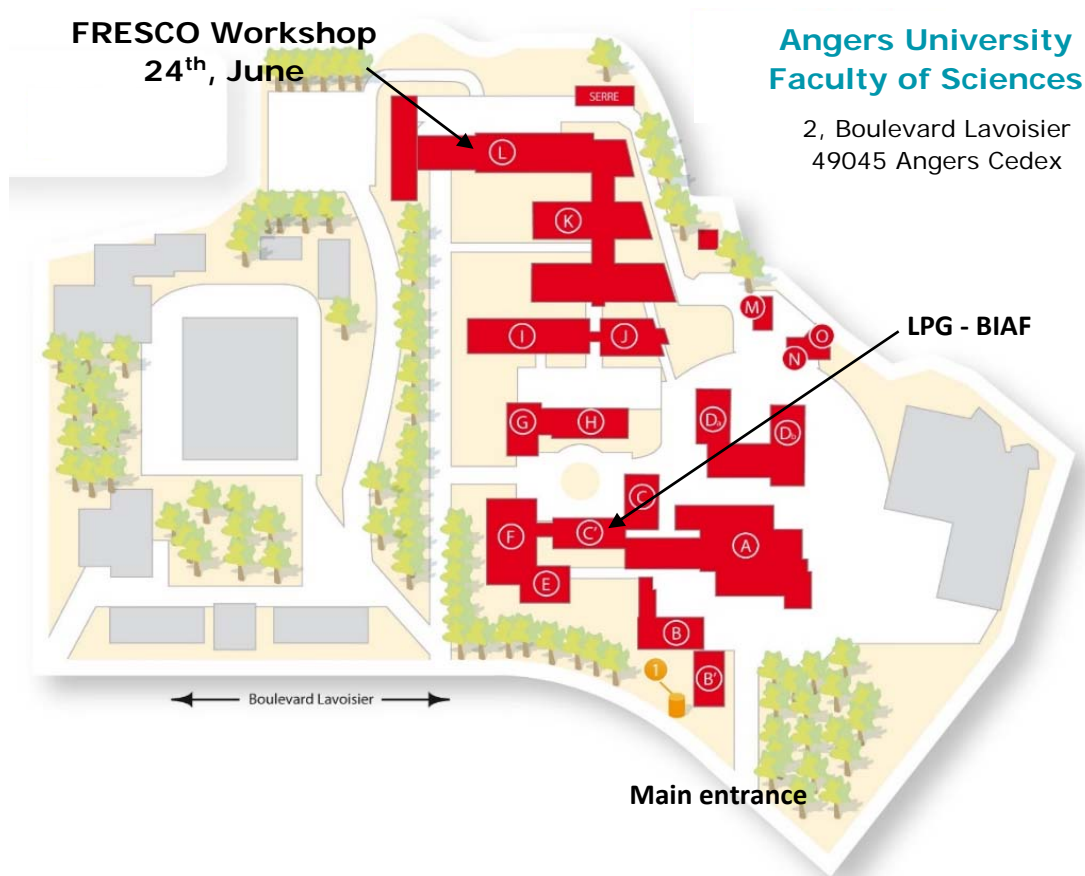


4- Venue

The FRESCO workshop will take place at the Science Faculty of Angers University (2 Boulevard Lavoisier Angers), building L (see map below).

Angers is a beautiful city in western France, about 300 km southwest of Paris. It is the historical capital of Anjou and was for centuries an important stronghold in northwestern France.

Angers can be reached by a direct train connection from Paris Charles De Gaulle airport (2.5 hours). Upon arrival at the train station (Angers Saint-Laud), the Faculty of Science can be reached by buses numbers 1 and 14, from the stop “Angers - Gares Papin” to the stop “Angers - Restaurant Universitaire”. This journey takes 20 to 25 min. The faculty of science is directly accessible following the plan below.



5- Accommodation

A selection of local hotels and hostels is provided below to assist you with your accommodation requirements. The prices are for one night and are given only as indications. They may vary. The list is not exhaustive and there is a wide variety of accommodation for all price ranges available in the city.

- Best Western Hôtel d'Anjou 1 Boulevard du Maréchal Foch 108€
- Hôtel des Plantes 12 Rue Savary 73 €
- Le Grand Hôtel de la Gare 5 Place de la Gare 50 €
- Le Continental 14 Rue Louis de Romain 59 €
- Hôtel Citotel l'Univers 2 Place de la Gare 69 €
- Hôtel Ibis Angers Centre rue de la poissonnerie 52 €
- Le Royalty 21 Boulevard Ayrault 62 €
- Hôtel de l'Europe 3 Rue Chateaugontier 50 €
- Hôtel de Champagne 34 Rue Denis Papin 44 €
- Hôtel Molière 2 Rue de la Roë 76 €
- Hôtel du Mail 8 Rue des Ursules 85 €
- Hôtel Mercure Angers Centre Gare 18 Boulevard Foch 71 €
- Hotel Mercure Angers Lac de Maine 2 Allée du Grand Launay 85€
- Hôtel Saint Julien 9 Place du Ralliement 64 €
- Hôtel Le Progrès 26 Rue Denis Papin 108 €
- Best Western Hôtel d'Anjou 1 Boulevard du Maréchal Foch 81 €
- Hôtel Mercure Angers Centre 1 Place Pierre Mendès France 78 €
- Hôtel de France 8 place de la gare 70 €
- Le Royal Hôtel 8 Place de la Visitation 51 €
- Hotel Des Lices 25 Rue des Lices 51€
- Ethic Etapes lac de Maine 49 Avenue du Lac de Maine 52€