



First MD194 EuroFLEETS Gateways post-cruise meeting

Late Pleistocene Carbonate Mound Record along the Mediterranean-Atlantic Gateway

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The **MD194 Eurofleets post-cruise meeting** aims to present and discuss the preliminary results of a unique multidisciplinary study, carried out in order to better understand the complex environmental dynamics influencing cold-water coral mound growth on either side of the Gibraltar gateway. Associated to the RCMNS colloquium, we will address as well the effects of the Neogene gateway processes on deep-water ecosystems.

The **meeting location** is in Rabat (Morocco): Faculty of Sciences, Mohammed V University, 4 Avenue Ibn Battouta, Agdal, Rabat. The meeting venue and suggested hotels (SR €56–€100, DR €67–€130) are indicated in the map below.



Practical travel information:

There are two options to get to Rabat:

- 1) From *Casablanca Mohammed V international airport* the connection is possible by train or by taxi: the **train** station is at the airport, the travel takes ~2h (change at Ain Sebaa or Casa Voyageurs, for more details see <http://www.oncf.ma>, schedule, prices); the **taxi** cost 600-700 DH (the price should be negotiate with the taxi driver before).
- 2) From *Rabat airport* to the city center, the Taxi cost 200 DH (the price should be negotiate with the taxi driver before).

Formalities and visa:

Apply to Moroccan embassy or consular office of your country, if a visa is needed; an official invitation can be provided. Please get in contact with Prof. N. Hamoumi (hamouminaima6@gmail.com).

Medical insurance:

It's highly recommended that participants and accompanying members arrange for their medical insurance.

Exchange

All exchanges transactions are ensured by bank offices (in airport and the city) and the reception desks of the hotels.

Climate

Rabat has a Mediterranean climate with Atlantic ocean influence. During May the weather is normally nice, days are generally sunny, daily temperatures may vary between 21 and 27°C.

ESF Travel Grants for Young Scientists

The European Science Foundation funds **8 travel grants for the participation of young scientists** to first MD194 Eurofleets post-cruise meeting. More information here: <http://www.cocarde.eu>.

Preliminary Programme:

Monday, 04.05.2015

17h Registration and Icebreaker reception

Tuesday, 05.05.2015

08h30 - 10h30 Scientific Session (oral presentations)

10h30 - 11h00 Coffee break

11h00 - 13h00 Scientific Session (oral presentations)

13h00 - 15h00 Lunch and Poster Session

15h00 - 16h00 Round table

16h00 - 16h30 Coffee break

16h30 - 18h00 Round table

Participation and abstracts:

To participate, please send an email to Prof. David Van Rooij (david.vanrooij@ugent.be) and add an abstract about your MD194-results (max. 200 words). **Deadline is 16th of March 2015.**

Please take care of travel and hotel booking by yourself (see travel information to the right and hotels on map). Young scientists can apply for a travel grant (see further information to the right).

