

Algal courses in the North Aegean Sea

The field courses give an introduction to the taxonomy, systematics and biogeography of Mediterranean seaweeds. We visit several biotopes and survey the marine flora. We study about 100 species and discuss their relationships to other taxa. We use dissecting & light microscopes to identify the material and preserve it either on slides or as herbarium specimens. The language of the course is English, Swedish or Greek

PLACE, TIME & ACCOMMODATION: at the village of Sarti, on the east coast of the Sithonia Peninsula (Halkidiki), about 140 km southeast of Thessaloniki (North Greece). Each course lasts 6 days (the last week of June and August). It takes place at a summer house where we also prepare our food (we share costs)

LECTURES & LABS: literature and materials are available during the course. Four hours lecturing and 20 hours labs & field work are scheduled

EXCURSIONS: we survey 5-6 biotopes for collecting by free- or scuba-diving

LITERATURE: A Survey of the Seaweeds of the Aegean Sea,
A Bibliography and Biogeography of Scandinavian Rhodophyta and Phaeophyta

COURSE LEADER: Athanasios Athanasiadis, PhD (Univ. of Goteborg), Docent (Univ. of Goteborg)

TRANSPORT: coming by airplan you will be collected and driven back at the end of the course (we share petrol costs). Bus transport from Thessaloniki to Sarti: daily (c. 40 Euro)

WEATHER is typical Mediterranean: surface water temperature around 20-22 C in June and 24-26 C in August (15-18 C below 15 m depth). Air temperature 20-25 C and 25-30 C, respectively

FEES: lectures & labs are free of charge. The costs for the excursions and scuba-diving (optional) are shared

REGISTRATIONS until the 1st of May. You must inform me in advance when and how you plan to come to Sarti

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