EDITORIAL

2011 David Cushing Prize

The prize honours the memory of David Cushing, Founding Editor of *Journal of Plankton Research*. It is awarded annually for the best paper by an early career stage scientist published in the journal during the previous year, where the first author is aged 35 or younger. The prize helps foster the interesting and high-quality papers by young scientists that David Cushing so actively supported.


Gabriel Reygondeau is currently a PhD student working on the theme of “The effects of climate changes (i.e. from seasonal to long term variations) on the biogeography of the global ocean” in the laboratory of Sète, France, in the unity “Exploited Marine ecosystem” and in the Department of Oceanography in Cape Town (South Africa). His PhD is under the direction of Dr Philippe Cury and Dr Olivier Maury. He started in October 2008, and plans to finish by December 2011.

Previously, he completed a BS in Ecology and Biology in the University of Savoie and then a MS in Marine Ecology (specializing in statistical methodology and climate effects on the global ocean) in the University of Paris VI (Pierre & Marie Curie). His MS was validated after an internship with Dr Gregory Beaugrand on “the impact of environmental changes on the life cycle of *Calanus finmarchicus* in the North Atlantic”.

Gabriel is presently working on the interaction between global earth climate and the biogeography of the ocean. He first focused his PhD on three biogeo graphical aspects: (i) to identify a global partition of the ocean that characterizes the regional and global specificity at each trophic level, (ii) to evaluate the effect of several modes of climatic variations on these epipelagic and mesopelagic divisions (identified previously), and (iii) to project the potential effects of global climate changes on these oceanic divisions in accordance with IPCC AR5 RCPs scenarios.

During the last 3 years, he has particularly enjoyed collaboration on several and multidisciplinary topics with Dr Gregory Beaugrand, Dr Jean Marc Fromentin, Dr Séverine Alvain, Dr Daniel Pauly and Dr Alan Longhurst. Gabriel is really interested in the development of numerical tools for macro-ecological studies that may be useful for the implementation of environmental indices for global ecosystem protection and management. Finally, he is presently at the end of his PhD and is actively searching for a post-doctoral fellowship in macro-ecology and effects of environmental changes on marine ecosystems.

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