**Biology and Biogeochemistry of Diatoms: Application in Climate Research in the Arctic and Antarctic**

Under the Researcher Links scheme, Dr Nikolai Pedentchouk (University of East Anglia, UK) and Dr Maxim Kulikovskiy (Timiryazev Institute of Plant Physiology of Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia) are coordinating a workshop on the above theme in Norwich, United Kingdom on 16 – 19 December 2019. There will also be contributions from other leading researchers from the UK (Prof Thomas Mock, UEA and Prof Simon Belt, University of Plymouth) and Russia (Dr Maria Sinetova, Timiryazev Institute of Plant Physiology of Russian Academy of Sciences).

The workshop will cover the following aspects: 1) systematics of marine diatoms; 2) ecology of aquatic algae; 3) genetics of polar microalgae; 4) algal biomarkers with focus on their chemistry, occurrence and application in palaeoclimate research; 5) stable isotopes of biomarkers produced by diatoms and other microalgae. Please refer to the programme for a list of seminars, discussion groups and other activities.

We are now inviting Early Career Researchers (with <10 years post-doc experience since award of their PhD) from the UK and Russia, working in the fields of biology, ecology and organic geochemistry of microalgae to apply to attend this workshop. All travel and accommodation expenses will be covered by the Researcher Links programme.

The application form should be sent to n.pedentchouk@uea.ac.uk and max-kulikovsky@yandex.ru by the deadline of **10 October 2019**.