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Dr. Valeriia Kirillova

Background: isotope geochemistry

Current position: environmental consultant at ERM GmbH
(Environmental Resources Management)
in Frankfurt a.M.



At MARUM: from 2014 to 2017 as PhD student and ArcTrain and GLOMAR member

I did my undergraduate studies in chemistry when living in Russia where I originally come from. For my master I decided to change my direction and did a double diploma German-Russian master in polar and marine sciences, spending one semester in Kiel and working on my thesis at GEOMAR. After graduation, I moved to Bremen for my PhD with ArcTrain in MARUM, working in the isotope geochemistry group on sediment samples from the Baffin Bay.

After finishing my degree, I was quite open to a wide job search, not sure what to look for. I spend about a year polishing my German, working part-time at the Universum Science Center and applying for jobs from time to time. In the end of 2018, I got a job at ERM as a consultant and moved to Frankfurt.

I am working in Product Stewardship department, assessing products for environmental and human risks in order for them to be compliant with regulations on the market worldwide. I additionally hold a role of sustainability coordinator for my Business Unit, collecting office emission data for our annual Sustainability report and a board member of the ERM Foundation, which is supporting environmental projects in Germany and abroad.

In February 2020, I am moving to a cosmetic company, staying within regulatory affairs sector and planning to develop my career in Product Sustainability and Life Cycle Assessment.

Meeting details:

Date: 23 November 2020

Time: 17.30 – 19.00 hrs.

Format: online via Zoom

Registration: <https://www.marum.de/en/education-career/career-chats/201123.html>

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What is their current job like? How did they get it? Which skills do they need?