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18.00 – Bremer Presse-Club, Schnoor 27/28, 28195 Bremen

Dr. Susanne Gatti

Head of Science & Education (SEA) at AWI



Dr Susanne Gatti was born '64 in Schwerte (NRW). She spent her childhood in the heavily industrialized "Ruhrpott" and on board of sailing boats. Prior to studying biology she worked as a trained nurse in several hospitals. For her Diplom degree in marine biology (University of Kiel, 1996) Susanne worked on predator/prey relationships of nudibranchs in the Baltic Sea. She completed her Dr degree (University of Bremen) in 2002 about growth rates of Antarctic sponges. Today she works in pre- and early career support at the Alfred-Wegener-Institut Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research (AWI) in Bremerhaven.

Susanne is head of SEA (Science & Education @ the AWI). With SEA the AWI creates an environment for learning and doing research for school kids who are specifically interested in science. Susanne also designed HIGHSEA – a unique programme for 15-18 year old high school students that has been running since 2002. Having participated in several research cruises to the Antarctic, Susanne now organizes expeditions for high school students ashore and on board of traditional sailing ships — combining her own fascination for sailing with the aim to share her enthusiasm for science with teenagers.

In Nov. 2012 Susanne started chairing the "Taskforce Nachwuchsförderung" – a team of 10 AWI staff members who are bringing together all the different AWI-measures of pre- and early career support. She has a strong interest in teaching and learning and creating adequate environments to foster both.