During the GA meeting in Seville, from October 8th to 10th, a summer school will be held titled **The MARBEFES Tools: Protecting marine biodiversity for nature and humans**. The program will offer an interdisciplinary overview of contemporary approaches to marine biodiversity assessment and management. Participants will explore methods for evaluating ecological structure and functioning, including both **individual and system**-level aspects of biodiversity. Attention will be given to system-level ecological valuation, large-scale biodiversity and habitat metrics, and the identification of risks and hazards affecting marine ecosystems. The school will also address the integration of biodiversity management tools such as decision support systems (DSS), along with a focus on social-ecological systems analysis. Finally, it will explore the socio-cultural and socio-economic dimensions of biodiversity, emphasizing the importance of holistic valuation frameworks in marine conservation and policy.

All the information currently available on the School from the pages:
News article on opening of call for application
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