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izing additional scientific data to provide more in-depth indicators regarding the status of reefs in the region. Currently, the core working group is made up of HRI, UNAM, The Ocean Foundation (TOF), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the National Commission of Protected Natural Areas (CONANP), academic and research institutions from the US, Mexico and Cuba. We aim to host a larger meeting in 2020 with participation of key tri-national stakeholders. If you are interested in becoming involved or would like more information, please contact Dr. Nuno Simoes, at gmxreefcard@gmail.com. Stay tuned at www.bdmy.org.mx.

crecientes. El equipo está trabajando para identificar posibles fuentes de financiación con el fin de ampliar este informe sintetizando datos científicos para proporcionar indicadores más detallados sobre la situación de los arrecifes en la región. Actualmente, el grupo de trabajo está integrado por el HRI, la UNAM, la Fundación del Océano (TOF), la Administración Nacional del Océano y la Atmósfera (NOAA), la Comisión Nacional de Áreas Naturales Protegidas (CONANP) así como instituciones académicas y de investigación de México, Estados Unidos y Cuba. Nuestro objetivo es organizar una reunión más amplia en 2020 con la participación de los principales actores interesados a nivel tri-nacional. Si está interesado en participar o desea obtener más información, por favor, póngase en contacto con el Dr. Nuno Simoes, en gmxreefcard@gmail.com. Manténgase informado en la página web www.bdmy.org.mx.

Coral Bleaching Research Coordination Network Workshop

22nd – 24th May 2019

Ohio State University, Ohio, USA

Temperature stress is the single largest threat to coral reefs globally and the focal topic of the newly established Coral Bleaching Research Coordination Network (CBRCN). The goal of the CBRCN is to work with the broader coral reef research community to develop protocol recommendations over the course of three workshops, and to facilitate interdisciplinary collaborative team formation. Developing a framework of best practices is key to moving the science of coral bleaching research forward faster and more efficiently, and to facilitating large-scale data assimilation and meta-analysis. These objectives are imperative given the ongoing coral bleaching crisis.

On 22-24 May 2019, the first workshop was held in the School of Earth Sciences at The Ohio State University. Twenty-seven investigators from the USA, Germany, and Australia assembled to develop best practice recommendations for coral bleaching experimental designs, to identify baseline variables that all studies

should include, and to facilitate cross-study comparisons. The workshop was a success. The group achieved all goals and the outlines of two manuscripts were developed during the workshop. With writing tasks assigned, the goal was to submit both manuscripts for publication by the end of the summer or early fall. A webinar outlining the findings of the workshop will be presented in late-spring.

The Director of the CBRCN is Professor Andréa Grottoli. Steering committee members are Professors Robert Toonen, Robert van Woesik, Rebecca Vega Thurber, and Mark Warner. For additional information see the CBRCN website at <http://u.osu.edu/grottoli.1/coral-bleaching-rcn/> or email Professor Grottoli directly at grottoli.1@osu.edu.

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