

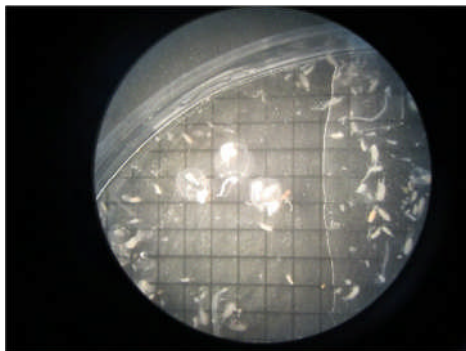


MASTS Small Grant Report SG170:
Attendance and Presentation at the International
Conference on Coelenterate Biology in Eilat,
Israel, 1-5 December 2013.
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The MASTS Small Grant provided financial support for me to attend the 8th International Conference on Coelenterate Biology in Eilat, Israel. The conference was a major opportunity to present both my own work and that of my colleague Chad Widmer, who had had a presentation accepted but been unable to attend himself. Both presentations were productive in obtaining excellent input and discussion from the more than 150 delegates present.

The conference covered topics ranging from macroecology to physiology in taxa from reef-building corals to a number of medusozoans. I presented Mr Widmer's research, "The effects of climate variability on life history stages of British *Aurelia aurita* and *Cyanea capillata*" during a session on how climate change may affect cnidarian populations, and mine, "Cryptic Hydromedusan Blooms and Caged Salmon: Challenges to Aquaculture in Identification and Pathology" during a general poster session. I was able to discuss the benefits of industrial support for my project, and its applicability in population ecology as well as aquaculture. I was pleased to receive valuable interest and advice from other delegates on answering some of the questions raised by my research.

Attendance at ICCB8 was extremely valuable to me in implementing improvements to my project and in providing ideal networking opportunities, which I will be able to use in future. I am grateful to MASTS for enabling me to attend this conference.



Hybocodon prolifer medusae captured at a weekly plankton tow at Loch Linnhe salmon aquaculture site.



Loch Linnhe salmon aquaculture cages