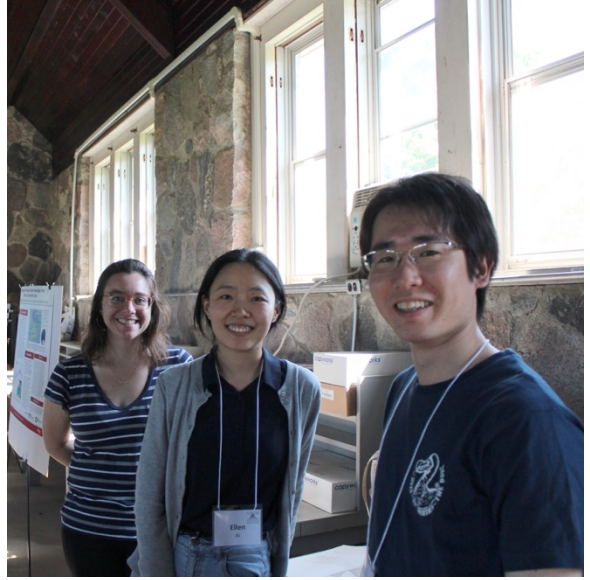
6th Polar Marine Diatom Workshop

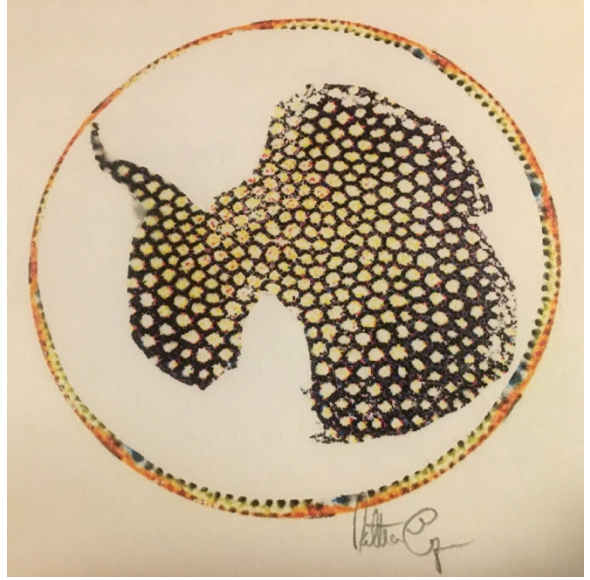
Iowa Lakeside Lab
August 6-10, 2018

40 participants, representing 12 countries gathered in northwestern Iowa for a week of diatom taxonomy and networking.

# Scientific Highlights

- Taxonomic collaboration between students, individuals new to polar marine diatoms, and established experts.
- Taxonomic handouts and microscope slide set provided to each participant.
- Talks and posters recent studies and drilling expeditions.
- Biostratigraphic focus prepared participants for upcoming IODP missions in the Southern Ocean.



# Outreach Highlights

- Two evening **biological illustration workshops** (30 attendees each).
  *Artwork to the right is by Mattias Cape.*
- **Public Event**: *Secrets of the diatoms: how microscopic algae from the Polar Regions reveal Earth's climate history* (40 attendees)
- Featured on Iowa Public Radio and the Young ISDR blog