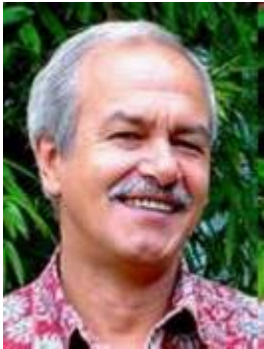


### The Ombudsperson

Personal problems between supervisors and PhD students (or in other combinations) may occur from time to time. For such cases, an ombudsman is available to moderate discussion among the involved parties. The person should be independent and not involved in the ESSReS structure.

In the case of ESSReS Prof. Dr. Victor Smetacek from the Alfred Wegener Institute has been officially nominated for this position. Prof. Smetacek is the ombudsman at the AWI and elected by the AWI PhD students in their annual plenary meeting.



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