To celebrate the Third International Year of the Reef (IYOR), MareMundi/RSEC is excited to announce one fully funded IYOR2018 scholarship sponsored by MareMundi/RSEC, Reef Check Germany e.V. and Sinai Divers Dahab.

Coral reefs are under threat worldwide, including the Red Sea. 1997 and 2008 were declared the first and second International Year of the Reef (IYOR), in response to the increasing threats on coral reefs and associated ecosystems, such as mangroves and sea grasses around the world. IYOR is a global effort to increase awareness and understanding on the values and threats to coral reefs, and to support related conservation, research and management efforts. We can help make a difference by learning more about tropical coral reefs and collecting valuable data to establish the state of coral reefs in the area.

**IYOR Scholarship includes:**
- Contribution to airfare and living expenses (€400, sponsored by Reef Check)
- 6 weeks package for the RSEC Dahab Reef Monitoring project (value €1.040) with Reef Check EcoDiver training and card, accommodation, airport shuttles (sponsored by MareMundi/RSEC)
- 40 project dives and 1 boat trip (sponsored by Sinai Divers)

**IYOR Scholarship applicants should have the following profile:**
- Be a student (preferably of Marine Science or a related field)
- Be a certified diver (optional: the applicant could learn to dive prior to the project).
- Be highly motivated
- Good writing skills in English
- Enjoy blogging on social media

**IYOR Scholar commits himself to:**
- Fully support RSEC’s conservation project
- Make a ten years comparison (2008/2018) of selected sites with analysis and report writing
- Regularly blog about the scholarship, project progress, travel and diving experiences in written form and with media to the MareMundi/RSEC online community and MareMundi/RSEC’s discussion board
- Agree to the global use of all media output (pictures, video, etc.) by MareMundi/RSEC, Reef Check, Sinai Divers.

**Deadline for application:** 1.5.2018

**Application procedure:** Please send a motivation letter and CV to scholarship@redsea-ec.org

**Next project:** Dahab Reef Monitoring 11.8.-22.9.2018 (optional 28.7.-1.9.2018)

The successful applicant will get a full training in scientific survey methods, indicator species for coral reef health and gain knowledge about coral reefs and connected habitats. We will provide you with a certification upon request which may be accepted by your University (students own responsibility to enquire if eligible for credit by University).