



## Toxic Cyanobacteria and Environmental Changes (NOSTOTOX)

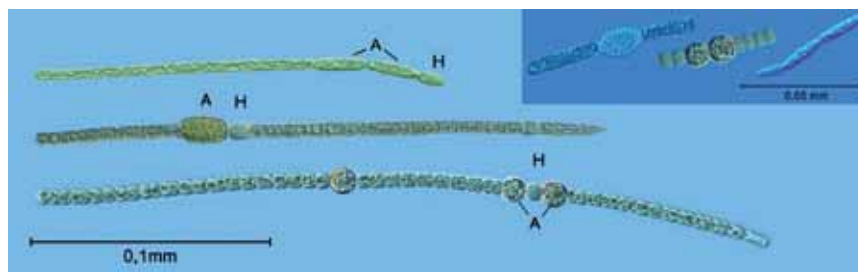
Toxic nostocalian cyanobacteria are on the rise in lakes of the Berlin region - local species as much as species of tropical origin. The toxin cylindrospermopsin produced by nostocales, in addition, is spreading and often exceeds the recommended threshold value for drinking water of  $1 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ . The hypothesis is that the combination of reduced trophication and warming of water bodies affects nostocales positively and results in a changed mixture of species and changes in toxin production.

### Aim of the project

- To provide a sound scientific basis for formulating recommendations for water management as well as decision aids for risk assessment in water supply

### Work packages

- Comparative screening of 15 lakes in the Berlin region for changes in phytoplankton and cyanotoxin composition since 1995
- Continuation of long-term monitoring of well investigated lakes in the Berlin region
- Laboratory and mesocosm experiments on factors affecting phytoplankton growth and toxin production as well as on toxin degradation
- Development of a decision support system for risk assessment in drinking water supplies and swimming sites



Microscopic image of nostocalian cyanobacteria



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