



Letter to AGU Ocean Sciences membership

Announcements

The 2016 AGU Fall Meeting attracted over 20,000 attendees and provided many exciting and memorable events and sessions. Special thanks go to the volunteers who coordinated judging for the Outstanding Student Presentation Awards at the Fall Meeting. The 2017 Fall Meeting will move to New Orleans because of the renovation of the Moscone Center in San Francisco, which is expected to take 2 years. Expect information about the 2017 meeting over the next few months.

As we move into 2017, the Ocean Sciences section officers are undergoing a transition based on the results of the elections last Fall. So, it is appropriate to begin the new year with thanks to the outgoing section officers and welcome to incoming section officers.

Lynne Talley did an excellent job as section president the past 2 years and will now take on the role of past president and chair of the Ocean Sciences Honors and Recognition Committee. Jim Murray is ending 6 years as an Ocean Sciences officer as he moved from president-elect to president and past president. Jim distinguished himself in each of those positions and his service to the Ocean Sciences community is very much appreciated.

Deborah Hutchinson is ending her term as the marine geology and geophysics secretary, and Adina Paytan is ending her term as the marine geochemistry secretary. Both have done an outstanding job of organizing and coordinating the Fall AGU and Ocean Sciences Meetings for the past 4 years. Their efforts contributed to the success of those meetings.

Incoming section officers are Bob Anderson (president-elect), Chuck Nittrouer (marine geology and geophysics secretary), and Claudia Benitez-Nelson (marine geochemistry secretary). We will look forward to working with them for the next 2 years. Victoria Coles and Heidi Sosik will continue as section secretaries for physical oceanography and biological oceanography, respectively.

We are soliciting self-nominations to continue the section's social media presence. The position does not take a lot of time but requires a high degree of organization, responsiveness and willingness to learn. The webmaster will be a member of the Ocean Sciences executive committee and will report to the committee and the section president. Interested individuals should send a vita and a short description of expertise and interest in the position to [Eileen Hofmann](#) by 31 January 2017.

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Nominate your colleagues for awards and honors in 2017

- 15 January: Nominations for awards, honors, and Fellows open
- 16 February, 5:00 p.m. Japan Standard Time: Abstract submission deadline for the Japan Geoscience Union and AGU Joint Meeting on 20–25 May 2017 in Makuhari Messe, Chiba, Japan. Several of the sessions for this meeting are of interest for Ocean Sciences members.
- 15 March: Closing date for Union awards, including Fellows
- 15 April: Closing date for Ocean Sciences section awards

Member Accomplishments

Congratulations to the following Fellows and award and medal recipients:

Eight Fellows with primary Ocean Sciences affiliation were elected and honored at the 2016 AGU Fall Meeting:

- Matthew England, Charles C. Eriksen, James Cloern, Timothy D. Jickells, Robert W. Embley, Paul Tréguer, and Deborah S. Kelley

Awards and medals conferred at the 2016 Fall Meeting:

- Laurent Bopp (Centre national de la recherche scientifique) received the Ocean Sciences Voyager Award
- Peter Brewer (Monterey Bay Aquarium) received the Ewing Medal
- Ellen Druffel (University of California, Irvine) received the Revelle Medal
- Ashanti Johnson (Mercer University-Cirrus Academy) received the Ambassador Award and Education Award
- Susan Lozier (Duke University) received the Ambassador Award
- Heiko Pälike (MARUM Center for Marine Environmental Sciences, University of Bremen) received the Taira Prize

Named lectures at 2016 Fall Meeting:

- Rachel Carson Lecture: Virginia Armbrust (University of Washington), “Hidden Worlds of Marine Microbes”
- Sverdrup Lecture: Susan Wijffels (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation), “Detecting Anthropogenic Climate Forcing in the Ocean”
- Reeburgh Lecture: Ronald Oremland (U.S. Geological Survey), “Acetylene Fermentation: Primordial Biogeochemistry, the Search for Life in the Outer Solar System, and Maybe Some Earthly Bioremediation Too”
- Emiliani Lecture: Bette Otto-Bliesner (National Center for Atmospheric Research), “Resolving Some Puzzles of Climate Evolution Since the Last Glacial Maximum: A Melding of Paleoclimate Modeling and Data”

FYI: Nominations & Awards

Please consider nominating colleagues for the Ewing Medal, Revelle Medal, and Macelwane Medal, which are [Union honors](#).

Ocean Sciences awards that are open for nominations in 2017:

- Early Career (Ph.D. after 2007)
- Ocean Sciences Award

Named Lectures open for nominations in 2017:

- Rachel Carson Lecture
- Sverdrup Lecture

Bob Anderson is the chair of the Ocean Sciences Fellows Selection Committee, and Lynne Talley is chair of the Honors and Recognition Committee. Please contact Bob, Lynne, or any of the Ocean Sciences section officers if you have questions about how to prepare and submit a nomination. Contact information and the criteria for the Union and Ocean Sciences awards and lectures are on the [Ocean Sciences section website](#) and on the [AGU website](#).

For the past few years, the Ocean Sciences section website, Facebook page and Twitter feed have been maintained by Fred Bingham. Fred has done a great job with all of this and we owe him a big thanks. However, Fred has taken on the job of co-chair of the 2018 Ocean Sciences Meeting and his time is even more limited. At the Ocean Sciences executive committee meeting held at the AGU Fall Meeting it was decided to advertise for an individual to take on the webmaster position.

Our Many Ways to Communicate

AGU, AGU Ocean Sciences, and our journals host Web pages and Facebook pages. AGU and AGU Ocean Sciences also use Twitter. The Facebook pages provide timely information about findings in geosciences, highlighted publications in our journals, and Union and section information. The section [Facebook page](#) and the Twitter feed is @agu_os. Check it out!

From,

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