



From the Rep

Happy summer, everyone! Well, at least to those of you in the Northern Hemisphere. Summertime, or any extended university “vacation” time, offers unique opportunities as well as some pitfalls. Only a few courses are held, freeing up schedules and causing a large portion of the undergrad population to temporarily disappear. Seminars are on hiatus and meetings are often postponed or skipped. What a glorious time to do research! No interruptions! You can write all day, pack for that cruise, or crunch away on some analysis.

But then you realize it's not as easy as it looks. Perhaps your advisor disappears for a month, right when you have pressing questions. Maybe you get stuck with a piece of writing or a lab procedure and need to step away for a few days, but there is nothing else “productive” to work on. You might feel guilty for taking breaks, or push through and feel frustrated when you have to redo large portions of work later.

That's what makes summer a great time to polish your skills and plan for the future. Want a job in industry, but they use R instead of Matlab? Now's a great time to try it out. How's that CV looking? Get it up to date and fix the formatting. Need to practice writing? Why not try out a blog post, a news piece for your department, or even a submit paragraph or two on an interesting experience you had as a grad student for this newsletter?

The summer is shorter than you think, and we will all be back to normal university life soon enough. Make the most of it and try to use your uncluttered schedule to your advantage.

– Stefanie



Meet Your TOS Student Subcommittee Member

VEOLISA MASCARENHAS. Oceanography amuses me as a career path full of opportunities and adventure. I love its interdisciplinary approach to science. I am currently pursuing my doctoral degree at the Institute for Chemistry and Biology of the Marine environment (ICBM), which is affiliated with the University of Oldenburg in Germany. I study marine optics in the context of ocean color remote sensing, focusing on bio-optical processes in the fjordal ecosystems along the coasts of Norway and Greenland. The institute offers opportunities in areas such as physical oceanography, numerical modeling, biogeochemistry, ecology, and sensor development. Having sailed as an oceanographer onboard research vessels in the Arctic, Indian, and Atlantic Oceans, the journey has been challenging yet exciting. As a TOS student subcommittee member, I wish to connect student communities across ocean boundaries and mobilize student efforts to support and promote ideas of ocean conservation and sustainability.



Countdown to Ocean Sciences 2018

February 11–16 » Portland, OR, USA » osm.agu.org

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION IS NOW OPEN. » <http://osm.agu.org/2018/abstract-submissions>

ABSTRACT TIPS. Need some help in writing your OSM abstract? Here are some tips from Chris Parsons, an associate professor at George Mason University. » <http://www.southernfriedscience.com/distracted-by-abstracts-tips-for-writing-a-good-abstract-for-a-scientific-conference>

SAVE THE DATE! PechaKucha 20x20 Fluid Oceans – Wednesday Night, February 14. Presenters show 20 images, each for 20 seconds. Anyone can attend this event (and it's free!). » <http://www.pechakucha.org/faq>

Student Resources

FELLOWSHIPS. For students at US institutions: Applications for the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program are due in October. Summer is a good time to start thinking about your application. » https://www.nsfgrfp.org/applicants/important_dates

STUDENT RESOURCES WEBPAGE. Resources in this section, as well as many other useful links for students and early career scientists, are available on the TOS webpage. Tell us if there are more topics you want information about. » <https://tos.org/opportunities>

News & Views

LARSEN C ICE SHELF. A chunk of the Larsen C ice shelf broke off last week, forming a large iceberg. Amidst some sensationalist news pieces, this is one voice of scientific reason.

» <http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/features/the-larsen-c-crack-up-in-antarctica-why-it-matters-w491929>

OCEAN CONSERVATION. Large portions of the world ocean are unregulated as they do not fall under any nation's jurisdiction. A UN ocean conference discusses international conservation laws.

» <http://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-40572676>

Seen In Oceanography

CAREER CHOICES IN MARINE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES: NAVIGATING A SEA OF OPTIONS

By D. Böttjer, S.P. Jungbluth, R. Boiteau, B. Burkhardt, F. de Leo, and B.C. Bruno



This 2014 article describes a series of successful workshops on careers and networking that were organized and led by graduate students and postdocs from the Center for Microbial Oceanography: Research and Education. The authors recommend that graduate students at other academic institutions consider using their approach.

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