



FROM THE REP

Making the Most of a Big Conference

With AGU and OSM coming up, we're going to focus the next couple of months on tips for networking and making the most of your conference travel. First up, some things you can do way ahead of time to set yourself up well:

1. Business cards! It's really helpful to have some business cards that have your contact info. They are a physical reminder that the other person met you. Moo.com lets you print a reasonable/affordable number of beautiful cards.
2. RSVP for auxiliary events. The big societies hosting these meetings (ASLO, TOS, AGU) usually hold a networking breakfast (see SAVE THE DATE below) and an early career mixer, but smaller groups and societies also hold workshops and meet-ups. Look at the meeting website/program to browse these kinds of events (this town hall at AGU looks cool!), and RSVP for any that require it (these AGU workshops cost \$ and registration is open until November 27).
3. Email ahead. If there is a scientist you'd love to meet or collaborate with, check if they'll be at the conference. If they will, email them and invite them to your poster/talk, or ask if they have time to get a coffee! (PS: do this even if it scares you.)
4. Practice your "elevator pitch" so that you're ready to introduce yourself (even when you're nervous or tired or overwhelmed).

What other tips do you have? Do you have specific questions about conferences that you'd like us to address in the next Student News? Write to me at TOS Instagram or chernandez@whoi.edu!

— Chrissy



TOS STUDENT HIGHLIGHT

SYDNEY HAMPTON. I've always been in love with animals. I thought my destiny was to spend 100% of my time surrounded by dogs and have the greatest life as a veterinarian. However, after learning a little bit about the ocean in high school, I knew that marine science was for me. I grew up in Chicago, and chose to attend the University of South Carolina (USC) because I wanted to venture away from home, live in a warmer climate, and be closer to the water. Moving 12 hours away from home is not easy, but I could not be happier with my decision. The USC faculty who I've connected with have been extremely supportive in my journey, and I could not be more grateful for them. They've helped guide me toward several research experiences, such as those I had this past summer. I spent nine weeks at the University of South Florida studying how different social connections may affect hurricane preparedness. I also got to spend four weeks in Clearwater, Florida, researching the population dynamics of sharks and rays along the Gulf Coast. I fell even more in love with the ocean while in Florida. I've never been more sure of something than I am of my chosen career path in marine science. I can't wait to see where it takes me.

RECOMMENDED READING

Portrait of an Inessential Government Worker

<https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2019-10-15/lifesaving-coast-guard-scientist-reflects-on-government-service>

In this engaging article published in *Bloomberg Opinion*, Michael Lewis writes about the career of Art Allen, "the lone oceanographer inside the US Coast Guard's Search and Rescue division."

Why Can't Scientists Talk Like Regular Humans?

<https://blogs.scientificamerican.com/observations/why-cant-scientists-talk-like-regular-humans/>

In this *Scientific American* blog post, third-year Harvard graduate student Katherine Wu talks about how thinking of the general public as "other" compromised her ability to be an effective communicator.

NETWORKING TIPS

Networking for Young Scientists—How to Do It and Why You Should

By Richard Threlfall

<https://www.wiley.com/network/researchers/promoting-your-article/networking-for-young-scientists-how-to-do-it-and-why-you-should>

10 Tips for Easier Networking at Scientific Conferences

By Samantha Yammine

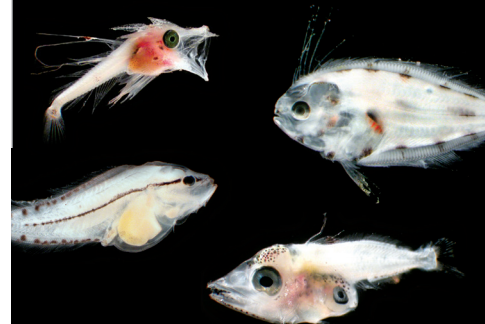
<https://medium.com/@samanthazy/10-tips-for-easier-networking-at-scientific-conferences-bde2a8ccc72a>

SEEN IN OCEANOGRAPHY

Early Life History and Fisheries Oceanography

NEW QUESTIONS IN A CHANGING WORLD

By Joel K. Llopiz et al.



<https://doi.org/10.5670/oceanog.2014.84>

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We need your input!

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SAVE THE DATE

TOS Awards Breakfast at the 2020 Ocean Sciences Meeting

Attending the 2020 Ocean Sciences Meeting? Be sure your plans include coming to the TOS Awards Breakfast on Tuesday morning, February 18. Breakfast will be served promptly at 7:00 am at the Marriott Marquis hotel, right next to the convention center. We'll wrap up in time for you to attend 8:00 am sessions. More information will be provided soon!