

## TOS News — January 12, 2017

### 1. Hello from incoming TOS President Alan Mix

I am delighted to start my term at the helm of TOS. I'll be your society President for the next two years, and I'm looking forward to working closely with the Council, and of course with Executive Director Jenny Ramarui, Oceanography Editor Ellen Kappel, and all our members. Many thanks to Susan Lozier for her steady leadership over the past two years (and her continuing guidance as Past President) as well as outgoing councillors John Largier (Applied Technology) and Kristen Buck (Chemical Oceanography). This is an exciting time for ocean sciences, with both challenges and opportunities. TOS is growing, and you will notice the launch of some new programs to better serve our members. More on this later. Do feel free to contact me directly any time with your ideas and concerns — [mix@coas.oregonstate.edu](mailto:mix@coas.oregonstate.edu). TOS is a member-driven organization, and we are here for you!

### 2. TOS Council Election Results

We are pleased to announce that the following persons have been elected to serve on the TOS Council:

#### **President-Elect**

– Martin Visbeck (GEOMAR, Kiel, Germany)

#### **Chemical Oceanography Councillor**

– Peter Sedwick (Old Dominion University, Virginia, US)

#### **Applied Technology Councillor**

– James Girton (University of Washington, Seattle, US)

Thank you to all members who voted in the election.

### 3. Deadline Tuesday (1/31/17) for the TOS Student Mentoring Program

In an effort to expand career pathways for ocean science graduates, TOS will launch a pilot mentoring program for TOS graduate student members in early 2017. This pilot program is modeled on the successful MPOWIR program in which two senior scientists lead monthly conference calls with six graduate students.

To be eligible to apply for this program, TOS graduate student members must be studying at an institution located in the United States and must have completed the equivalent of two years of their graduate program. Participants will be selected to achieve balance among institutions, demographics and scientific disciplines. Students meeting this criteria may [follow this link to apply](#). The online application must be completed by **January 31, 2017**. Contact Jenny Ramarui ([jenny@tos.org](mailto:jenny@tos.org)) with any questions.

### 4. TOS COSTARS Fund

One of our new programs, focussed on our student members, is the TOS COSTARS fund (Career Opportunity/Student Travel and Research Support). Opening soon, this fund will help graduate students to present their work at scientific conferences, to collaborate with colleagues at other institutions and to investigate career opportunities. We are still in fundraising mode and we encourage long-term members to contribute, remembering the help that we all got along the way. For more information, [visit this page](#).

## 5. Munk Award Nomination Deadline 3/31/17

The Walter Munk Award is granted jointly by The Oceanography Society, the Office of Naval Research and the Office of the Oceanographer of the Navy. Recipients are selected based on their:

- Significant original contributions to the understanding of physical ocean processes related to sound in the sea
- Significant original contributions to the application of acoustic methods to that understanding
- Outstanding service that fosters research in ocean science and instrumentation contributing to the above

Click [here](#) to learn more about submitting a nomination for the Munk Award.

## 6. Membership renewal information

Thank you to all members who have renewed their memberships! For those who haven't renewed yet, please do so by following [this link to the renewal form](#). Providing your payment information over the phone is welcome as an alternative; please call +1 301-251-7708.

For those who prefer to pay by check, please print out the invoice and mail it with a check to TOS, P.O. Box 1931, Rockville, MD 20849-1931. Any questions or concerns? Contact Jenny Ramarui ([jenny@tos.org](mailto:jenny@tos.org)).

**Important information for student members:** We are in the process of checking with all students who indicated that they are completing their degree in 2016. Once that process has been finished, the expiration dates for all members who are continuing as students will be extended through December 31, 2017. All student memberships will remain active through February 28, 2017 as we complete this process.

If you are a current student member who has recently graduated, please contact Jenny Ramarui ([jenny@tos.org](mailto:jenny@tos.org)) to request that your membership type be changed from Student to Early Career. You will then be provided with instructions on renewing your membership at the Early Career rate of \$30 per year.

## 7. Oceanography in 2017

We have a set of exciting special issues coming up this year:

**March:** International Cooperation in Harmful Algal Bloom Science

**June:** Autonomous and Lagrangian Platforms and Sensors (ALPS)

**September:** Sedimentary Processes Building a Tropical Delta Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow: The Mekong System

**December:** Celebrating 30 Years of Ocean Science and Technology at the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute

Please contact *Oceanography* editor Ellen Kappel ([ekappel@geo-prose.com](mailto:ekappel@geo-prose.com)) with ideas for future special issue topics.

## 8. Ocean Science Community Announcements

**Input requested on Future Needs for Advanced Cyberinfrastructure**

A new [NSF Dear Colleague Letter \(DCL\) has been posted](#) requesting information on future needs for advanced cyberinfrastructure to support science and engineering research (NSF CI 2030)  
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