

1. Message from TOS President, Martin Visbeck

In a few short months, many of us will gather in San Diego for the 2020 Ocean Sciences Meeting. During this week-long event, we'll celebrate TOS Honors recipients, including newly established medals. We will also provide several opportunities for members to engage with TOS Council members about any aspect of our Society including a new process that we call "TOS Strategy 2030".

TOS STRATEGY 2030

TOS has been successful in the past few years at growing its membership and starting various programs for students and young scientists and has revamped its honors program. We are now launching an initiative that we call "TOS Strategy 2030." We would like to engage all of you in the evolution of TOS. How can the Society provide additional value and support members? Are we realising our potential at each stage of their careers, whether in academia, public or non-profit organizations, government and/or industry? Are we covering all the disciplines and areas for the oceanographic community? How are we doing with membership communication and engagement with those around us? Is our international footprint adequate? Should we be more aggressive in fundraising and resource mobilisation?

We are planning to use several methods to gather input from all of you including disseminating a survey, convening a town hall on [Wednesday, February 19th](#) during the 2020 Ocean Sciences Meeting, and holding the "TOS Strategy 2030 Retreat" on Saturday, February 22. This event will be held at the Hotel del Coronado on nearby Coronado Island, and we'll discuss input received and begin the process of setting priorities. TOS members are welcome to participate in all events and, in particular, to apply to participate in the "TOS Strategy 2030 Retreat". If you are interested in applying to participate in the retreat, **please complete this short survey by December 15, 2019**. In special cases, financial support can be provided to support an additional hotel night in San Diego. If you have any questions about the retreat, please contact Jenny Ramarui. If you have additional suggestions to gather input please do not hesitate to contact [Martin Visbeck](#) President, [Andone Lavery](#) President Elect, and or [Alan Mix](#) Past President.

One of the best qualities of TOS is the ability for members to suggest ideas for Council consideration, and the healthy volunteer spirit of TOS members helping with TOS initiatives. This is your opportunity to guide the future of our Society, and we welcome your ideas!

2. Nominate colleagues for TOS Honors by December 13, 2019

Nominate your colleagues by December 13 for TOS Honors! In addition to the established [TOS Fellows](#) and updated [Munk Medal](#), nominations are open for the [Broecker Medal](#) for achievements in marine geoscience, chemical oceanography or paleoceanography, and the [Sears Medal](#) for achievements in biological oceanography. Full details available [here](#).

3. TOS Council Election

A message will be sent to all members within the next few weeks with instructions on voting in the 2019 TOS Council Election. Look for an email from "The Oceanography Society <invitations@mail.electionbuddy.com>" which will provide a link to your election ballot.

4. Ocean Sciences Meeting Late Breaking Session on Hurricane Dorian

Submit an [abstract](#) to the late-breaking session "Coastal Research Related to Hurricane Dorian and the 2019 Hurricane Season" at Ocean Sciences Meeting 2020. Contributions focused on coastal impact associated with Dorian or other storms from the 2019 hurricane season are welcome. **Abstracts will be accepted until 20 November.**

5. Community Announcements

Comments Requested for Two Draft Protocol Documents

A draft version of the protocol entitled "**Measurement Protocol of Absorption by Chromophoric Dissolved Organic Matter (CDOM) and Other Dissolved Materials**", is now available for community feedback for a period of ~60 days, with a closing deadline for comments of **22 December 2019**. This document is part of field measurement protocol series – IOCCG Ocean Optics & Biogeochemistry Protocols for Satellite Ocean Colour Sensor Validation. We welcome your comments on this protocol document – please send to the following e-mail address before the deadline: cdom_comments@oceancolor.gsfc.nasa.gov

A draft version of the protocol entitled "**Particulate Organic Carbon Sampling and Measurement Protocols: Consensus Towards Future Ocean Color Missions**", is now available for community feedback for a period of ~60 days, with a closing deadline for comments of **20 January 2020**. This document is part of field measurement protocol series – IOCCG Ocean Optics & Biogeochemistry Protocols for Satellite Ocean Colour Sensor Validation. We welcome your comments on this protocol document – please send to the following e-mail address before the deadline: poc_comments@oceancolor.gsfc.nasa.gov

Invitation to Submit to "Smart Spectral Sensors for Aquatic Environments" in Sensors (MDPI)

Authors are invited to submit manuscripts for a special issue on "Smart Spectral Sensors for Aquatic Environments" in Sensors (published by MDPI). To submit a manuscript, send an email with a draft title to Oliver Zielinski (oliver.zielinski@uol.de). Sensors is open-access journal and it is anticipated that this issue will also be published as a book. Follow [this link](#) for more information. **The deadline for submissions is 11 May 2020.**

Please contact Jenny Ramarui (jenny@tos.org), TOS Executive Director, with any questions about items in this message or your membership.