

TOS News — March 2, 2017

1. Message from TOS President Alan Mix: TOS Members Support the March for Science

Many of you have read about the [March for Science](https://www.marchforscience.com) that will occur on Earth Day, April 22, 2017 (<https://www.marchforscience.com>). This event started as a small grass-roots effort, but quickly grew and became organized. Marches will take place in Washington, DC, and in over 300 other locations around the world. TOS engaged in conversation with the organizers, with our sister organizations, and with our members to make sure that what emerges is a positive non-partisan statement in support of science. After being reassured of that positive intent, we polled our members, and 92% of those who responded favored TOS support for the March for Science.

Given that clear response, TOS is now pursuing signing a Memorandum of Understanding as a partner with the March for Science. Our endorsement extends beyond the ocean sciences into a general statement about support for rational scientific inquiry. The search for truth based on scientific methods is foundational for modern societies and provides essential input for policies that govern human activities. The benefits of science are countless, but include sustaining the health of our planet and all its inhabitants, providing a sound basis for resource management, inspiring innovations that fuel economic growth, and informing national and international security. Reaping these benefits requires a productive relationship among scientists, their host institutions, and many governments.

TOS partnership in the March for Science reflects a strong majority view of our members, but does not imply that every member supports the march without reservation. We honor that diversity of opinion, and encourage our members to participate and make their own statements as they wish. Our members hail from 66 countries, so our sponsorship is in support of science and the open flow of scientific information worldwide. For updates on TOS activities associated with the event, please visit the [TOS website](#).

2. Corporate and Institutional Membership Program

TOS staff spent a busy few days in San Diego last month at the inaugural Oceanology International North America (OINA) Conference. Conversations with dozens of exhibitors yielded suggestions on how TOS can build linkages between the the academic and private sector ocean-sciences communities. As a result, TOS has updated the [Corporate and Institutional membership](#) program, and we invite all corporate or non-profit organizations interested in ocean sciences to join as members in this category. With the implementation of a flexible pricing strategy, TOS hopes to attract small "start-ups" as well as larger companies and institutions. Check out the list of benefits [here](#), and send any suggestions for organizations that you think could be good prospects for corporate or institutional membership to Jenny (jenny@tos.org).

3. *Oceanography* Magazine - call for papers for ALPS issue

The June 2017 issue of *Oceanography* will have a special section on Autonomous and Lagrangian Platforms and Sensors (ALPS). While there will be some invited papers, we are soliciting other short contributions (no more than two journal pages or ~ 1,000 words and two figures) from the global community. If you would

like to submit a paper to this special issue section, please contact either Dan Rudnick (drudnick@ucsd.edu) or Craig Lee (craig@apl.washington.edu) by **March 15**. We are particularly interested in contributions on topics including creative uses of autonomous platforms for scientific advancement, the utility of autonomy in achieving scientific goals, the coordinated use of traditional and ALPs to achieve research goals, and forward-looking papers on future ALPS technologies and applications.

The March issue (International Cooperation in Harmful Algal Bloom Science) and supplement (New Frontiers in Ocean Exploration) will be published online in the coming weeks. Don't forget to check the [early release page](#) for upcoming articles that are not part of the special issue section.

4. 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.

5. COSTARS Fund for Graduate Student Travel

We're getting closer to reaching our goal of raising \$10,000 to support graduate student travel through the TOS COSTARS Fund. Please [click here](#) to learn more and contribute!

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TOS is making great strides toward fulfilling its [mission](#) as we grow to represent more members of the oceanographic community worldwide. Please invite your colleagues to [join](#) by forwarding them [this link](#) to the membership page. If you would like to support TOS initiatives and programs, please consider [contributing](#) by following [this link](#).

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