

## TOS NEWS — March 20, 2017

### 1. Message from TOS President Alan Mix: Ocean Science Funding Process

A big event last week was the release of the US President's [initial budget proposal](#). Many of you have already noticed that the proposed cuts in science funding are particularly focused in the areas of environment, climate, and education, and these may affect our members. It is worth remembering that this is a first proposal that will be modified [as it works its way through the US Congress](#), and that this political process will be informed by public opinion.

To help keep TOS members apprised of the developing situation, we have decided to post links to relevant public documents and analyses on the home page [news section](#) of the TOS website, and through [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). We encourage our members to stay informed about developing science budgets and to express their personal opinions to their elected representatives.

Although much of the headline news right now is from the US, TOS is an international organization and we would like to post news about worldwide science funding and developments. We encourage TOS members from all of our 66 represented countries keep us apprised of the status of ocean sciences research and funding in their regions. We would especially like to note opportunities for productive international collaboration. We will not post individual political opinions, but we will try to post substantive information and non-partisan analyses from around the world. You can send relevant news items to the TOS office ([info@tos.org](mailto:info@tos.org)). In the mean time, check the TOS website and its social media feeds to stay informed and engaged. We always welcome your input.

### 2. March for Science - updates on the Washington, DC event

**Are you planning on traveling to the March For Science in Washington, DC?** We're in the initial stages of planning a "Sea Party" for TOS members and friends that will take place in Rockville, Maryland on Friday, April 21st, the evening before the march. Email Jenny ([jenny@tos.org](mailto:jenny@tos.org)) if you are interested in coming; details will be provided over the next few weeks.

The March for Science organizers are requesting high-quality videos (30-90 seconds in length). The theme is "the value of science" and the impact for people in their everyday lives. These videos will be shown on large screens during the March for Science events in Washington, DC and other locations. If you would like to submit a video for consideration, please send the link or an email to Jenny ([jenny@tos.org](mailto:jenny@tos.org)).

### 3. Ocean Forum e-discussions

UNDP launched the Ocean Action Hub on 6th March to encourage discussion and the creation of partnerships in preparation for the UN Oceans Conference in New York in June 2017. [Follow this link](#) to access links to upcoming e-discussions on topics such as Marine and Coastal Ecosystems, Sustainable Fisheries and more.

### 4. XPRIIZE Big Ocean Button Challenge

The Big Ocean Button Challenge is a competition to develop mobile apps using ocean data sets. A total of \$100,000 in prizes will be awarded for apps in the following categories: Fishing, Shipping and Trade, Ocean Acidification, Public Safety, and Exploration. Learn more [here](#); register and submit app concepts by 3/31/17.

## 5. New Frontiers in Ocean Exploration 2016 Field Season and March issue of *Oceanography Magazine*

The report on the 2016 field season of the *E/V Nautilus*, *Okeanos Explorer* and *R/V Falkor* is now available online [here](#). This booklet will also be mailed to all TOS members with the March issue of *Oceanography*.

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

## 6. 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.

## 7. Ocean Sciences Meeting Submission System Opens for Scientific Sessions and Tutorials

Click [here](#) to read instructions on submitting topical session and tutorial presentation proposals. The deadline for submission is Wednesday, May 3, 2017.

## 8. Ocean Science Community Announcements

**Internal Waves, Turbulence, and the Overturning Circulation of the Ocean: A Symposium in honor of Walter Munk's Centennial** taking place from May 15-17 2017, at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla California. The event will feature a succession of focused discussions and keynote presentations and posters. All are welcome to present a poster on recent results. To submit a poster, please email a <200 word abstract to [efriedlander@ucsd.edu](mailto:efriedlander@ucsd.edu) with the subject line "Munk Symposium poster" **Please register [here](#) by March 25th.**

**The American Meteorological Society mourns the loss of its president, Matthew J. Parker** (read more [here](#)). The Oceanography Society offers its condolences to family, friends, and colleagues. We particularly note his role as a community builder through AMS and the four strong winds of government, academic, private-sector, and international meteorology.

**Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR - <http://www.scor-int.org/>) is accepting proposals for 2017 SCOR Working Groups** from now until 15 April 2017. SCOR will approve new working groups at its annual meeting, this year held in Cape Town, South Africa on 4-6 September 2017

**NSF sponsored Antarctic Biology Course for early career scientists on the biology of marine organisms in January 2018.** Applications are due April 17 <https://www.usfca.edu/arts-sciences/antarctic-biology-training-program>

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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, and businesses or organizations you work with to join TOS by forwarding them [this link to the membership page](#). Please note recent changes in TOS membership policies to increase access by making student membership free, cutting the cost of early-career membership, and creating more flexible policies for [corporate and institutional membership](#).

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