

TOS NEWS — April 4, 2017

1. Message from TOS President Alan Mix

We're hoping for a strong TOS turnout for the [March for Science](#) on April 22, 2017. Everyone is welcome in DC (see Jenny's note below about the "Sea Party") but it is also easy to find marches in your area of the world [here](#). For further information and updates about TOS activities, please visit our [web page](#) dedicated to the March for Science.

In the mean time, opportunities for ocean scientists continue to emerge. Check out the request for help planning Future Earth's Ocean KAN ([Knowledge Action Network](#)). This group will help to facilitate research programs seeking solutions to big challenges such as climate change, overfishing, ocean acidification, de-oxygenation, and pollution. The process will include engagement with stakeholders from diverse sectors and regions. There are already many working groups addressing specific parts of this multifaceted enterprise, but the goal of the Ocean KAN is to bring these groups together in a coordinated global strategy spanning natural science, social science, government, and private-sector perspectives. This idea has been brewing for a few years (I was pleased to attend the first planning session in 2015) but is now becoming active and is seeking volunteers to plan and implement a program. See the [Official Announcement](#) and the draft [Terms of Reference](#). The deadline for applying to become part of the development team is April 30 – [Follow this link to apply](#).

2. Pre-March for Science "Sea Party" on April 21st

TOS members traveling to the March for Science in Washington, DC are invited to gather with fellow members, family and friends for a pre-march backyard party on April 21st in Rockville, Maryland. **If you would like to come, please email jenny@tos.org** for directions. The party will start at 6:30 and we'll provide beverages, dinner and sign making supplies. The party location is within walking distance of the Rockville Metro (but we're happy to pick people up). More details will be posted on the [TOS March for Science webpage](#).

Stay tuned for details on pre-march activities taking place in downtown Washington, DC on Saturday, April 22nd. TOS is joining in with several other scientific societies to plan events for that morning.

3. *Oceanography* Magazine - March issue has been posted

The March issue of *Oceanography* is posted! Please [click here](#) to view the Table of Contents of the special issue on International Cooperation in Harmful Algal Bloom Science. The full digital version of the magazine will be available to members soon, along with hard copies. Please note that a few article PDFs are not yet posted. The website has had some technical issues that have prevented us from uploading content. We apologize for any inconvenience. We expect to post the last PDFs this week.

4. 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.

5. Corporate and Institutional Membership Program

TOS staff spent a busy few days in San Diego in February 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 nonprofit 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).

6. 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.