

2014 OCEAN SCIENCES MEETING - CALL FOR SESSIONS

The biennial Ocean Sciences Meeting, co-sponsored by AGU, ASLO, and TOS will be held at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu on February 23-28, 2014. Increasing evidence of multiple human impacts on the oceans makes this a critical time for the largest international assembly of ocean scientists, engineers, students, educators, policy makers, and other stake holders to gather and share their results on research, application of research, and education. What better place to hold the meeting than an island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, where there is emphasis on *mauka to makai* (ridge to reef) connection, the ultimate in ecosystem-based management; where there is interest in combining traditional knowledge with science-based understanding; where islands are in threat of disappearing from sea level rise; and where East and West can easily meet.

Session Nominations

The site for session nominations is now open: <http://aslo.org/meetings/sessions/>

Call for Sessions

The meeting planning committee seeks assistance from members of ocean sciences community in designing the meeting. With this first call for input, we invite nominations for sessions across a broad array of marine science areas, especially interdisciplinary ones and those addressing new and emerging ocean topics, including research, science education, outreach, and public policy.

- Nominations for sessions are due **15 March 2013**.
- Sessions should be designed to have a broad appeal and to invite abstracts from the international community.
- In an effort to promote dialog and integration across the ocean sciences, we encourage the inclusion of science education, outreach, and public policy components in presentations within research-oriented sessions.
- Nominations should include a short informative session title and short description of the session. They should identify a chair, to be the contact for the meeting committee, and one co-chair. All session chairs and co-chairs must be members of AGU, ASLO, or TOS.
- We strongly encourage nominations for poster-only sessions as the preferred format for one-on-one interactions. Posters will be displayed for the entire meeting to maximize opportunities for viewing. Exclusive poster sessions (outside oral session schedules) will include one-hour time slots for presentation of the poster.

Guidelines for Session Nominations

- Session nominations are due on **15 March 2013** (any time of the day, wherever you are). The final set of sessions will be determined by negotiation among the nominators and the planning committee and will be announced in the summer of 2013. Abstract submissions will open 15 August 2013 and close 4 October 2013.
- Session titles should be between 45-180 characters; session descriptions should be limited to 200 words.
- When submitting a nomination for a session, please include several keywords (see template for submissions).
- Anticipating a large number of abstract submissions and thus a nominal 50:50 mix of oral presentations (2-hour blocks with 8 presentations) and posters, a session needs at least 16 submissions to warrant an oral session. Thus, sessions should not be too narrow in scope; sessions with a broader appeal and more submissions may receive priority.

General Information about Sessions

- Chairs of successful sessions must coordinate evaluation of student presentations for their session (both oral and poster).
- A session may contain only poster presentations or a combination of oral and poster presentations.
- There will be no “invited” talks except the plenary talks and award talks. However, conveners should solicit abstract submissions to their session, without the solicited presentations receiving additional time (oral) or space (poster) nor being so-designated in the program.
- Session conveners should avoid promising oral slots to potential presenters; once a session is organized with a specific set of presentations, those designated for poster and oral presentations will be determined.
- There will be a limited number of 30-minute oral tutorials organized in designated tutorial sessions. These will be solicited with the call for abstracts. Session conveners may suggest presenters for tutorials that might be relevant to their sessions; but the tutorials will be scheduled and presented in the separate tutorial sessions.

Oral Session Format

Oral sessions will contain eight 15-minute time slots; suggested 12 minute presentation with time for questions and changeover of speakers. All presenters must submit an abstract, register and pay the appropriate fees. More details will be issued in the call for abstracts.

Poster Session Format

Posters will be on display throughout the meeting, from Monday through Thursday. Posters will be scheduled for a specific poster presentation time during the meeting. All presenters must submit an abstract, register and pay the appropriate fees. More details on exact poster size will be issued in the call for abstracts.

Tutorial Sessions

In response to continued interest in having tutorial talks and to comments in post-meeting evaluations, tutorial talks will be highlighted. For this meeting, talks will be grouped in separate tutorial sessions and should be designed to have a broad appeal to participants outside the field of the talk to learn or get an update about new and emerging ocean topics. Each tutorial session (no more than one a day) will be scheduled as one of the concurrent oral sessions. Tutorial sessions will contain four 30-minute time slots; suggested 25 minute presentation with time for questions and for changeover of speakers.

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