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## President's Corner

I am writing to you all from the road in North Carolina after spending the week visiting our member institutions; University of North Carolina-Wilmington, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, North Carolina State University, East Carolina University and Duke University. We received a wonderful reception at all of the institutions and engaged in great discussions with the faculty, students and senior administrators on both the main campus and marine facilities. I hope that each of these fine institutions have a broader appreciation for the goals and mission of Ocean Leadership as we have learned a lot about the research and education issues facing each university. Dialogue included discussion regarding federal funding with respect to research and infrastructure support and how the different mechanisms of Ocean Leadership can effect a positive change on these issues.

I enjoyed talking to graduate students about career opportunities not only in research but in education and policy and was really impressed with their questions and their thoughtfulness toward the future of our field and their critical role in it.

This trip was a valuable experience for me and I look forward to visiting more member institutions in the future to learn about them and how Ocean Leadership can work for the benefit of all its members. I thank our hosts this week for their hospitality and will bring back the important information that I received to share with the Ocean Leadership staff.

If you have any questions or thoughts please feel free to contact me.

Bob

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## Congressional Calendar

Tuesday, April 15 10:00 AM 124 Dirksen Bldg.	Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies will hold a hearing on FY2009 Appropriations.
Wednesday, April 16 9:30 AM 192 Dirksen Bldg.	Subcommittee on Defense will hold a hearing on FY2009 Appropriations.
Wednesday, April 16 10:00 AM 1324 Longworth Bldg.	House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans will hold a Subcommittee Hearing on shark conservation.
Friday, April 18 Time TBA Green Bay, WI	House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and the Environment will hold a field hearing on water levels in the Great Lakes.
Thursday, April 24 10:00 AM 253 Russell Bldg.	Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science, and Related Agencies will hold a hearing on FY2009 Appropriations

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## Congressional News

### **LAW OF THE SEA COALITION PUSHES FORWARD FOR ACTION ON THE CONVENTION**

Earlier this week representatives of the Law of the Sea Coalition, including the co-chairs of the Joint Ocean Commission Initiative, leaders from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the oil and gas, commercial shipping and fishing industries, and other experts, briefed senior White House officials on the importance of U.S. accession to the Convention. The meeting focused on the positive impact approval of the treaty will have on U.S. industries and the nation's economy, and the importance of Presidential leadership to help secure Senate approval this year. Senate action on the treaty is being impacted by presidential politics and the shortened legislative calendar, but given the overwhelming national security, economic, and environmental benefits that would accompany U.S. accession, progress towards approval of the treaty remains a high priority. Consortium members supportive of the Convention are strongly encouraged to communicate their support to members of the U.S. Senate.

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## Ocean Leadership News

### **ARCTIC OCEAN HISTORY WORKSHOP**

The Arctic Ocean is crucial for understanding global ocean circulation processes and Mesozoic tectonics. The unexpected results derived from cores collected during the Ocean Drilling Program's Expedition 302 have exposed the ancient Arctic Ocean, providing the basis for further studies by framing new questions and by highlighting how little is known. Funded by the Consortium for Ocean Leadership, the European Science Foundation, the Arctic Ocean Science Board, and the Nansen Arctic Drilling Program, the "Arctic Ocean History, From Speculation to Reality" workshop will bring together an international group of scientists to plan future scientific ocean drilling expeditions to the Arctic Ocean that seek to understand this ocean basin, the continents that ring it, and the global climate system.

To participate in this workshop, visit <http://oceanleadership.org/arctic>. All interested scientists, researchers and students are encouraged to apply.

Participation will be limited to optimize workshop goals. Partial travel support is available. Applications are due August 24, 2008. Please contact Bernard Coakley, [bernard.coakley@gi.alaska.edu](mailto:bernard.coakley@gi.alaska.edu) or Ruediger Stein, [rstein@awi-bremerhaven.de](mailto:rstein@awi-bremerhaven.de) for further information.

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### **APPLY TO SAIL – NanTroSEIZE STAGE 1B**

The Integrated Ocean Drilling Program has begun accepting applications for scientific participants on the Stage 1B expedition of the Nankai Trough Seismogenic Zone Experiment (NanTroSEIZE). Following the recent Stage 1A expeditions, Stage 1B will return to the Nankai Trough to characterize the input materials and architecture of the subduction system and core the shallow mega-splay fault. U.S.-affiliated scientists interested in participating in this expedition should apply to sail through the U.S. Science Support Program of the Consortium for Ocean Leadership by May 26, 2008. For more information please visit <http://oceanleadership.org/ussp>.

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## Ocean Community News

View the Ocean Leadership Calendar through the Web site, <http://oceanleadership.org/event> -- if you have any additions, please email submissions to Gregg Schmidt at [gschmidt@oceanleadership.org](mailto:gschmidt@oceanleadership.org).

### **ORRAP MEETING TO BE HELD AT OCEAN LEADERSHIP OFFICES IN WASHINGTON, DC**

The NOPP Office would like to announce the next meeting of the Ocean Research and Resources Advisory Panel (ORRAP), scheduled for 15-16 April 2008. The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held at the Consortium for Ocean Leadership offices at 1201 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The ORRAP advises the highest levels of government on matters of marine science, marine policy,

resource management, and other related fields. For more information, including the draft agenda, visit <http://www.nopp.org/Dev2Go.web?id=207773>.

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### **2008 ECO-DAS VIII TO BE HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA**

The 2008 Ecological Dissertations in the Aquatic Sciences, ECO-DAS VIII will be held on October 11-16, 2008 at the University of Hawaii Manoa. Applicants for the symposium must have received their Ph.D.'s on or after April 30, 2007, or expect to receive it by April 30, 2009. The dissertation work of the applicant must deal with an important ecological topic in oceanography or limnology. Applications are due April 30, 2008. For more information contact Paul Kemp at [paulkemp@hawaii.edu](mailto:paulkemp@hawaii.edu), 808-956-6220 or go to <http://cmore.soest.hawaii.edu/eco-das/Eco-DAS2008.pdf>.

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### **ABSTRACTS ACCEPTED FOR THE 2008 GULF COAST ASSOCIATION OF GEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES**

The Geological Society of America, Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies is accepting abstracts for its 2008 Joint Annual Meeting. The topic is Oceanic Geohazards: Distribution, Controls and Risks. Oceanic geohazards can have catastrophic impacts on society as well as drastic effects on marine and terrestrial environments. Such geohazards include submarine earthquakes, landslides, eruptions, coastal subsidence, and tsunamis, and may involve complex coupling of multiple processes. We encourage submissions on a broad range of topics relating to oceanic geohazards and their risks, which could include: (a) observations and analyses of deformation and failure; (b) interpretation of events in the depositional record; (c) experimental or numerical investigations of the underlying physics of these phenomena; (d) risk assessment of regional or global vulnerability, economic impact, or environmental damage. This session will encourage the dissemination and exchange of knowledge to improve our understanding of global geohazards and their causes and consequences.

The deadline to submit abstracts is June 3, 2008. All meeting information is available at <https://www.acsmmeetings.org/2008/> or contact Brandon Dugan ([dugan@rice.edu](mailto:dugan@rice.edu)) or Julia Morgan ([morganj@rice.edu](mailto:morganj@rice.edu)).

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### **NOAA MAKES REVISED DRAFT FRAMEWORK FOR DEVELOPING THE NATIONAL SYSTEM OF MARINE PROTECTED AREAS AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT**

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is making the Revised Draft Framework for Developing the National System of MPAs available for comment. This is the second draft of the Framework, which has been revised due to the consideration of over 11,000 comments and recommendations received during its first public comment period. The Framework seeks to provide guidance for collaborative efforts among governments and stakeholders in order to develop an effective system of Marine Protective Areas. Comments must be received by Wednesday, April 16, 2008 by 11:59 pm (EST). For paper copies of the document and for additional comments contact Lauren Wenzel at [mpa.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:mpa.comments@noaa.gov) or 301-713-3100.

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### **AGU JOINT ASSEMBLY MEETING IN FLORIDA**

The 2008 AGU Joint Assembly is being held 27–30 May 2008 at the Greater Fort Lauderdale-Broward County Convention Center, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The Program Committee is developing a Union-wide science program that will cover topics in all areas of geophysical sciences. Located in South Florida, the Joint Assembly is sure to offer exciting sessions and a relaxing atmosphere. For more information call 1-800-966-2481 or [ja-help@agu.org](mailto:ja-help@agu.org).

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### **CALL FOR PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS AT COASTAL CITIES SUMMIT IN ST. PETERSBURG, FL**

International Ocean Institute (IOI-USA) and the City of St. Petersburg are hosting a Coastal Cities Summit on November 17-20, 2008, to address the challenges that coastal city leaders face as populations increase, resources are depleted, and the impacts of climate change are felt.

The 3½ day conference will focus on three themes: Climate Change, Risk and Vulnerability and Sustainable Development. The planners are soliciting speakers on four areas that are particularly relevant to coastal cities: freshwater, pollution, energy and port security. All sessions are intended to give a long-needed voice to local officials who are on the front lines taking leadership on climate change, providing the implementation and response plans for their city's security, and continuing to focus on protecting their citizens from possible extreme events and human-induced degradation.

For more information on how to give presentations, submit papers and a list of available sponsorship & exhibit opportunities visit [www.coastalcities.org](http://www.coastalcities.org).

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### **DISCCRS IV INTERDISCIPLINARY CLIMATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM**

The Dissertations Initiative for the Advancement of Climate Change Research Symposium (DISCCRS, pronounced *discourse*) will be held November 2-9 in Saguaro Lake Ranch, AZ. DISCCRS connects natural and social scientists engaged in research related to climate change, impacts and solutions. The goal is to broaden perspectives and establish a collegial peer network to address climate challenges at the interface of science and society. See report from last symposium, and list of participants at [http://www.discdrs.org/reports/DISCCRS\\_III\\_Symposium\\_Report.pdf](http://www.discdrs.org/reports/DISCCRS_III_Symposium_Report.pdf)

During the week of DISCCRS IV - which will be held in the Tonto National Forest outside Phoenix, Arizona - participants will provide oral and poster presentations in plenary format, hone interdisciplinary communication and team skills, and discuss emerging research, societal and professional issues with each other and with established researchers invited to serve as mentors.

Participation will be limited to thirty-four early career scholars identified by an interdisciplinary committee of research scientists based on review of submitted applications. Eligibility: Ph.D. requirements completed April 1, 2006 - March 31, 2008. We encourage applicants from the natural and social sciences, economics, mathematics, engineering, or any other field so long as the research focus relates to climate change, its impacts or solutions. *Selection will favor those with interdisciplinary, collaborative interests.* While the emphasis is on the U.S. research system, applicants from all countries will be considered.

For symposium application instructions and to register your Ph.D. dissertation log on to <http://www.discdrs.org>.

Society Sponsors: AAG, AERE, AGU, AMS, ASLO, ESA, ESS-ISA, STEP-APSA, TOS and USSEE.  
Organizers: C. Susan Weiler and Ronald B. Mitchell

Funding: U.S. National Science Foundation Collaborative Grants EAR-0435728 to Whitman College, C.S. Weiler PI. And EAR-0435719 to University of Oregon, R.B. Mitchell PI, Application Deadline: April 30, 2008. For more information contact: [discdrs@whitman.edu](mailto:discdrs@whitman.edu).

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### **POGO-SCOR VISITING FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAMME**

The Partnership for Observation of the Global Oceans (POGO) and its partner, the Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR) announce the Fellowship Program for 2008. This program is designed to promote training and capacity building leading towards a global observation scheme for the oceans. The fellowship program is open to scientists, technicians, graduate students (Ph.D.) and Post Doctoral Fellows involved in oceanographic work at centres in developing countries and countries with economies in transition. The fellowship provides airfare and a stipend for living expenses for up to three months. Deadline for application is Tuesday, April 15, 2008.

For more information log on to <http://www.comlsecretariat.org/Dev2Go.web?id=261649&rnd=22798>.

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## **Job Announcements**

To access the job announcements page, go to <http://www.oceanleadership.org/about/employment>.

**Reminder:** As a service to the ocean community, job announcements from our readers are posted on

the Ocean Leadership Web site with the Weekly Newsletter. In an effort to keep our job listing current, announcements will run for **90 days**, unless Ocean Leadership receives notification to continue posting a specific job announcement. Notification can be provided to [gschmidt@oceanleadership.org](mailto:gschmidt@oceanleadership.org).

New jobs this week:

- Strategic Resource Management Analyst (S&T) - LMI Government Consulting, McLean, Virginia
  - Two nine-month academic faculty positions in Physical Oceanography - University of South Florida
  - OBIS Portal Manager - Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
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## Calendar of Events

If you have additions, please forward to [gschmidt@oceanleadership.org](mailto:gschmidt@oceanleadership.org). Ocean Leadership's Calendar of Events is located on the Web site at <http://www.oceanleadership.org/event>.

### Calendar Year 2008

- 8 Apr Subcommittee on Integrated Management of Ocean Resources (SIMOR), Washington, D.C.
- 8-11 Apr OCEANS '08 MTS/IEEE Kobe: "Voyage toward the Future"  
(<http://www.oceans08mtsieeeekobe-technoocean08.org/>)
- 11 Apr Interagency Working Group on Ocean Partnerships Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 13-18 Apr European Geosciences Union (EGU), Vienna, Austria
- 15-16 Apr Ocean Research and Resources Advisory Panel (ORRAP) Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 16 Apr JSOST Committee Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 15-17 Apr Astrobiology Science Conference, Santa Clara, CA
- 17 Apr Interagency Working Group on Ocean Partnerships Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 21-24 Apr SCOR Workshop on Climate driving of marine ecosystems changes: Training for young marine scientists, Brest, France
- 25-27 Apr NOSB Final Competition, Seward Alaska ([www.nosb.org](http://www.nosb.org))
- 29 Apr Interagency Working Group on Ocean Observations (IWGOO), Washington, D.C.
- 30 Apr – 2 May COSEE Network Meeting, Catalina Island, CA
- 8 May Annual Meeting of the Members, Washington, D.C.
- 9 May Board of Trustees Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 9 May Interagency Working Group Partnerships Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 13 May Subcommittee on Integrated Management of Ocean Resources (SIMOR), Washington, D.C.
- 13-18 May International Workshop on Barcoding of Deep-Sea Organisms, Wilhelmshaven, Germany
- 16 May JSOST Interagency Working Group on Ocean Observations Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 18-22 May National Monitoring Conference, Atlantic City, NJ
- 19-23 May Effects of Climate Change on the World's Oceans International Symposium, Gijon, Spain
- 22 May Joint Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 23-25 May CoML International Scientific Steering Committee Meeting, Huangshou, China
- 27-30 May AGU Joint Assembly Meeting, Fort Lauderdale, FL

- 29 May Interagency Working Group on Ocean Observatories (IWGOO), Washington, D.C.
- 13 June Interagency Working Group on Ocean Partnerships Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 20 June JSOST Interagency Working Group on Ocean Observatories Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 3 July Interagency Working Group on Ocean Observations, Washington, D.C.
- 7-11 July 11<sup>th</sup> International Coral Reef Symposium, Fort Lauderdale, FL ([www.nova.edu/ncri/11icrs](http://www.nova.edu/ncri/11icrs) )
- 8-11 July SCAR/IASC IPY Open Conference on Polar Research, St. Petersburg, Russia
- 14-16 July July USAC Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 15-18 Sep OCEANS '08 MTS/IEEE Quebec City: "Oceans, Poles, and Climate: Technological Challenges" (<http://www.oceans08mtsieeequebec.org/>)
- 22-26 Sep 2008 ICES Annual Science Conference, Halifax, Canada
- 6-8 Oct XIX Conference, Castelvechio, Pascoli, Italy (<http://oceanopticsconference.org>)
- 6-8 Oct SCOR/UNESCO/IAEA/IGBP 2nd Symposium on the Ocean in a High-CO2 World, Monte Carlo, Monaco
- 11-16 Oct Eco-DAS Symposium, Manoa, Hawaii (<http://cmore.soest.hawaii.edu/eco-das/Eco-DAS2008.pdf>)
- 20-24 Oct SCOR 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium & General Meeting, Woods Hole, Massachusetts
- 23 Oct – 2 Nov PICES Seventeenth Annual Meeting, Dalian, China
- 3-5 Nov Arctic Ocean History, From Speculation to Reality, Bremerhaven, Germany
- 11-15 Nov World Conference on Marine Biodiversity, Valencia, Spain
- 16-17 Nov CoML International Scientific Steering Committee Meeting, Valencia, Spain
- 17-20 Nov Coastal Cities Summit, St. Petersburg, FL
- 18 Nov Ocean Science Education Retreat, Washington, D.C.
- 19-20 Nov Board of Trustees Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 15-19 Dec 2008 Fall AGU meeting, San Francisco, CA (<http://www.agu.org/meetings/>)

### **Calendar Year 2009**

- 8 Mar Congressional Hill Visits, Washington, D.C.
- 5 Mar Ocean Leadership Public Policy Forum, Washington, D.C.
- 6 Mar Board of Trustees Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 28 May Annual Meeting of the Members, Washington, D.C.
- 29 May Board of Trustees Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 15-16 Oct Board of Trustees Meeting, Washington, D.C.

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