Ocean Science Educators’ Retreat

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Consortium for Ocean Leadership (COL)

- A Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit organization
- Our vision is a global society that views its own well-being as intimately connected to the ocean
- Advances research, education, and sound ocean policy on behalf of the leading public and private ocean research and education institutions, aquaria, and industry
- Manages, coordinates, and facilitates ocean research and education programs in areas of scientific ocean drilling, ocean observing, ocean exploration, and coastal ecosystems
- Coordinates and facilitates collaboration between academic institutions, industry, and government entities
History

• Created through a merger in 2007 between two premier ocean science organizations with more than 40 years of history representing the scientific community
  – Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education (CORE)
  – Joint Oceanographic Institutions (JOI)
• Shaping the future of ocean science and technology by managing science funding to support every aspect of oceanic discovery
Ocean Sciences Educators’ Retreat (OSER)

- In 1978 a group of JOI educational leaders began to collect and share data on graduate education in the ocean sciences.
- 1980 marked the first biennial retreat to discuss mutual issues and concerns.
- Originally known as the JOI Deans’ Retreat, and later OSER.
- Data collection and OSER are on-going to the present, both organized by the COL.
- COL surveys member institutions to gather data on recruitment, admissions, and retention from the nation’s leading ocean science and technology graduate programs.
Data are subsequently compiled and discussed at a biennial OSER for graduate deans and other educational administrators.

The most recent OSER was held in September 2014 in Savannah, GA.

Deans, members of the federal agencies, and members of industry were invited to come together to address pressing issues in ocean sciences education:

- Ongoing discussions on challenges associated with recruiting and retaining young and ethnically diverse students
- 2016 focus on professional skills training for graduate students
Questions?