

Air-Sea Interaction Committee 2008 Annual Report

The AMS STAC Air-Sea Interaction (ASI) Committee has been involved in conference activities and administrative tasks over the past year. In terms of conference activity, the Committee has been planning its 16th Conference on Air-Sea Interaction. In addition, the Committee participated in a STAC session at the 88th AMS Annual Meeting. As for administrative tasks, the Committee has recommended replacements for three outgoing members. Details follow.

16th Conference on Air-Sea Interaction

The 16th Conference on Air-Sea Interaction will be held 12-15 January 2009 in conjunction with the 89th AMS Annual Meeting in Phoenix, AZ. The Conference Chairpersons are Ed Andreas, Ralph Foster, and Will Perrie. The Conference Program Committee members are Michael Alexander, Simon de Szoeki, Jeffrey Hare, C. Roberto Mechoso, Gerald Meehl, Ernesto Muñoz, Yuko Okumura, and Todd Sikora. The Conference Program contains 100 papers within 19 oral sessions, 4 papers within a joint oral session with the 16th Conference on Satellite Meteorology and Oceanography, 12 papers within two joint oral sessions with the 8th Conference on Coastal Atmospheric and Oceanic Prediction and Processes, and 26 papers across 4 poster sessions. The Conference Program can be viewed at http://ams.confex.com/ams/89annual/techprogram/programexpanded_521.htm. The ASI Committee gratefully acknowledges Judith Ziemnik, AMS Meetings Coordinator, for the assistance she provided in the planning of the 16th Conference on Air-Sea Interaction.

88th AMS Annual Meeting

The ASI Committee was invited to participate in a session at the 88th AMS Annual Meeting that provided a forum for STAC Committees to share and compare experiences related to the transitions from research to applications, with an emphasis on actual and potential societal benefits. The session, Enhancing the Connectivity between Research and Applications for the Benefit of Society Part III, was held 24 January 2008, in New Orleans, LA. Ed Andreas represented the ASI Committee on stage, and ASI Committee Chairperson Todd Sikora assisted Ed in the preparation of his presentation, "Successes and Lessons in Air-Sea Interaction Research."

Membership

Fei-Fei Jin, Simon de Szoeki, and Lisan Yu are rotating off the ASI Committee. The ASI Committee thanks them for their service. Recommendations for their replacements are Shenfu Dong, Jeff Hare, and R. Justin Small. The AMS is currently considering those recommendations. In addition, ASI Committee Chairperson Todd Sikora's term is ending. His seat will not be replaced, and Ed Andreas will be assuming the role of Chairperson.