AMS ANNOUNCES NEW AWARD IN HYDROLOGIC SCIENCES

January 6, 2015 – The American Meteorological Society (AMS) today announced the creation of a new award honoring scientific research in the field of hydrologic sciences to more closely connect its work in atmospheric sciences with related oceanic and hydrologic sciences. The announcement was made at the 95th AMS Annual Meeting being held this week in Phoenix, Arizona.

"This is an important step for AMS, and we are excited to be offering this new award," said AMS President Bill Gail. "We are firm in our belief that AMS needs to work more closely with the hydrology community, as the interrelationship between weather, water, and climate is vitally important."

The new award will be granted to researchers who make outstanding contributions to scientific knowledge in hydrology, hydrometeorology, and hydroclimatology. These fields focus on the study of water and its interactions between the land surface and the atmosphere.

The award will be named in the coming weeks and will begin accepting nominations later this winter. The first recipient of the new hydrology award is expected to be announced in May, 2015. For more information, or to nominate a candidate, visit http://www2.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/about-ams/ams-awards-fellows-and-honorary-members/.

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About AMS

Founded in 1919, AMS is the leading voice in promoting and advancing the atmospheric and related oceanic and hydrologic sciences. We are committed to supporting and strengthening the weather, water, and climate community to ensure society fully benefits from scientific education, research, and understanding.

Headquartered in Boston, Massachusetts, with an office in Washington DC, AMS has more than 13,000 members, including researchers, scientists, broadcasters, educators, and other professionals, as well as students and weather enthusiasts. AMS publishes books, textbooks, and monographs as well as more than 2,000 articles annually across eleven peer-reviewed scientific journals. AMS set the standard for broadcast meteorologist certification in 1957, and today more than 1,500 broadcasters and consultants are AMS certified. Each year, AMS holds 8 to 12 specialty meetings and an Annual Meeting that draws more than 3,500 attendees. AMS helps inform policy makers of latest scientific understanding and the high-impact research, and promotes Earth Science literacy through initiatives for K-12 teachers and undergraduate institutions across the country.