

July 2016 STAC Newsletter

Agricultural and Forest Meteorology: The 32nd Conference on Agricultural and Forest Meteorology was held 20-24 June 2016 at the Sheraton Salt Lake City. The meeting was held jointly with the 22nd Symposium on Boundary layers and Turbulence and the Third Conference on Atmospheric Biogeosciences. The Conference was co-chair by Heping Liu of Washington State University, Chuixiang Yi of City University of New York and Brian Viner of Savannah River National Lab. 110 papers were presented in 17 sessions throughout the week. 33 posters were presented during two joint poster sessions. Eleven joint sessions highlighted the diversity of the research being conducted in the near surface atmosphere. Three sessions were presented in honor of William Massmann of the U.S. Forest service, this year's recipient of the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Biometeorology. While Bill formally received his award at the Annual Meeting in New Orleans, several presentations highlighted his strong theoretical contributions to the field and his history as an active participant in the forest meteorology community was acknowledged at the conference banquet. An excursion to Campbell Scientific and Apogee Instruments allowed participants to see the inner workings of the two production facilities and was a highlight for many of the conference attendees. Students were active participant contributing nearly 30 talks or posters. Student presentations winners were: 1st place oral: Laura McGowan, University of California, Davis; 2nd place oral: Asheley Matheny, Ohio State University; and 3rd place oral: Eric Kutter, City University of New York. 1st place poster: Anne Klosterhalfen, Forschungszentrum, Julich Germany; 2nd place poster: Justine Missik, Washington State University, and 3rd place poster: Jon Arrillaga, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain. April Hiscox, HISCOX@mailbox.sc.edu

STAC Membership Renewal: The STAC Annual Membership update process has begun. All STAC Board and Committee Chairs are asked to review their membership rosters to identify: members whose terms must be renewed, members who must rotate off the boards and committees due to term limits, and to identify new members by 1 October. Chairs should complete the nomination form and provide vitae for each new member. *Put all the nominations for your board/committee together into a single email and send them to your STAC Commissioner.* Your Commissioner focal point will contact you in August. It would be very helpful, but not required, to have everything in a single document as the STAC Commissioners have many of these to review. See the STAC web page for additional guidance and details: <http://www2.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/chair-member-information/membership/> .
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Student Membership: Boards and Committees should have at least one student on their respective board or committee. AMS student chapters offer potential sources of student members. On request, we will provide chairs with the current contacts for all student chapters. David Stensrud, david.stensrud@psu.edu .

Theme Joint Sessions for the 1017 Annual Meeting: The AMS Meetings Department has updated the Theme Joint Session Listing as well as the Themed Joint Session Schedule that is posted on the Web site: <https://annual.ametsoc.org/2017/index.cfm/information-for/program-chairs/> . Conferences and symposiums hosting a Theme Joint Session as part of the 2017 Annual Meeting, should have confirmed their information is complete in the “2017 Annual Meeting Themed Joint Session Organizing Grid”. If you have not done so, please do as soon as possible. In addition, the Meetings Department needs the host conference first and second preferences for the day/time slot of your themed joint session. Partnering conferences should review the theme joint sessions that are being planned and confirm participation as a partnering conference. If your conference is not listed or you would like to partner with another conference and have the themed joint session listed as part of your conference, please let Claudia know as soon as possible. The plan is for the Meetings Department to report back to conference organizers the week of 25 July with the Theme Joint Session Schedule. Conference Chair(s) will then have the schedule to construct their conference program in plenty of time prior to the abstract deadline of 1 August. Claudia Gorski, cgorski@ametsoc.org.

Student Travel Assistance for the Annual Meeting: As we approach the August abstract deadline for the 2017 Annual Meeting, Board and Committee students may be considering their options for travel assistance. Students should visit the STAC web page for student opportunities: <http://www2.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/student-opportunities/> . In addition to travel grants, there are opportunities for undergraduate students to work the annual meeting, running audio visual equipment, manning the help desk, etc. Application deadlines will be in early October. Stay tuned for additional information. Donna Fernandez, dfernandez@ametsoc.org

Upcoming Meetings: <https://www.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/meetings-events/>