

May 2015 STAC Newsletter

Early Career Award: The AMS Commission on Professional Affairs has announced a Society award for Early Career Achievement. All active and retired AMS members who are not currently full-term or ad hoc members of the BECP may nominate an early career AMS member deemed worthy of consideration. The definition Early Career is: “Scientists who are within ten years of having earned their highest degree, or are under 40 years of age when nominated. Consideration will also be given, however, to those who are still in the early stage of their careers but have seen these interrupted for up to 5-10 years by family leaves, military service, and the like.” Nominations are due June 1, 2015. For additional information on how to nominate someone, contact one of the STAC Board or Committee Chairs.
<http://www2.ametsoc.org/stac/> .

Update on the Glossary of Meteorology (GoM): The Glossary of Meteorology (GoM) continues to be a much-used reference in our society and around the world. Since January 1st, we have had over 88,000 “hits” for the GoM, and have added/revised five terms with ten terms under current review. Mary Cairns, Chief Editor, reminds the STAC membership of their role as reviewers of proposed revisions and/or new terms. The STAC Commissioner, David Stensrud, is the Assistant Chief Editor of the Glossary. The STAC Chairs function as editors, and the STAC committee members as associate editors. Requests for reviews go to Board and Committee (B/C) chairs, who are responsible for seeking B/C members to review new or revised terms. The end goal is to ensure the GoM is maintained as the premier world reference for our society. Mary Cairns, mmacairnsgom@gmail.com .

Congressional Day Visits: The American Meteorological Society Policy Program is seeking volunteers to participate in a Congressional Visits Day focused on weather, water, and climate. The purpose of the visits is to: 1) introduce scientists to the policy process; 2) build relationships between policy makers and scientific experts; and 3) provide Members of Congress the best possible access to information. This AMS Policy Program event is non-partisan. Information provided to Congressional offices will be policy relevant but not policy prescriptive. This is a two-day event. Visit: <http://www2.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/policy/get-involved/participate-in-a-congressional-visits-day/wvc-cvd/> for additional details. Ya’el Seid-Green, yseidgreen@ametsoc.org .

Society Awards: The nomination period for the Society awards closed on 1 May. STAC and other subcommittees are now reviewing the nominations. The results of these deliberations will be reviewed by the Awards Oversight Committee in June, and approved by the Council in September. Nominators and review committee members are asked to keep their roles and deliberations confidential. Final results will be released in the fall.

2016 Annual Meeting Web Page: The AMS Meetings Department is building a reference web page for the Annual Meeting to be held in New Orleans. Topics of interest on this web page include: the meeting theme, the theme joint session organizing grid, schedule and deadlines, program chair contacts, and basic hotel information. Go to:
<http://annual.ametsoc.org/2016/index.cfm/information-for/program-chairs/> .

Special Sessions on US-International Partnerships: The AMS Annual Meeting in 2016 organizers are proposing a five-part series of special sessions on US-international Partnerships. These sessions seek to build and grow professional and personal relationships in weather, water, and climate science and technology between and among AMS members and the international community in weather, water, and climate in-situ and remotely sensed observations from space, forecasting, modeling and numerical weather prediction, energy, environmental security, water, hydrology, in order to enhance the global quality of life, economic and international well-being. Below are listed the five sessions, along with their host meeting. The sessions will be listed in the “topics” area during abstract submissions in their host meeting. For further information please contact Ken Carey, ken.carey@ertcorp.com .

Part I: Innovative Academic/Public/Private Partnerships Within and Across Economic Sectors between US and Asia (e.g., financial, insurance, transportation, agricultural, health, energy, etc.) hosted by 4th Symposium on Weather, Water and Climate Enterprise.

Part II: Activities and Enhancements Resulting from Joint Operational, Research and Prediction Activities involving Tropical Meteorology (e.g., hurricanes and typhoons), Severe Storms and Coastal/Marine Flooding and Inundation in the US and Asia hosted by 30th Conference on Hydrology.

Part III: Integration of In-situ and Satellite-derived Observations into Data Assimilation and Weather, Water and Climate Modeling Systems for the Improvement of Forecasts hosted by the Fourth AMS Symposium on the JCSDA/12th Annual Symposium on New Generation Operational Environmental Satellite Systems/20th IOAS-AOLS on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Part IV: Advancing and Leveraging Research into Operations, and Operations Feedback into Research Between and Among International Partners hosted by the Board on Global Strategies on Monday.

Part V: Working Toward a More Weather, Water and Climate-Ready World—Issues and Opportunities hosted by the 4th Weather Ready Nation Symposium on Wednesday.

STAC Five Year Plans: Board and Committee Chairs are reminded that five year plans are due 1 July. Please send your updated plans to the Commissioner Dave Stensrud, david.stensrud@psu.edu .