

## May 2016 STAC Newsletter

**The 32<sup>nd</sup> Conference on Hurricanes and Tropical Meteorology:** The Conference was held from 17-22 April 2016, at The Condado Plaza Hilton in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The Conference was co-chaired by Jason Dunion of NOAA/AOML/HRD and Prof. Paul Roundy of the University at Albany, State University of New York. The nearly 700 conference submissions were presented in two poster sessions and four concurrent sessions that were conducted throughout the week. The Conference co-chairs and their program committee expertly provided a program that represented the wide-range of topics in tropical cyclones and tropical meteorology. Throughout the week, several special themed events were conducted. The Conference began on Sunday evening with a social event and a special session on tropical events of significance that occurred over the past two years. One evening session was conducted to celebrate the career of Professor Edward Zipser as he maintains a level of energy and productivity that has never waived over the more than 50 years of active research and mentoring of young scientists. Another evening session commemorated the many contributions to the field of tropical meteorology by Bob and Joanne Simpson. During the Conference banquet, special acknowledgments were made and stories were shared in honor of two leading figures in the field of tropical meteorology who recently passed away, Dr. Jose Angel Colon Perez and Professor William Gray. Also during the banquet, it was announced that the Banner Miller Award recipients were D. Nolan, R. Atlas, K. T. Bhatia, and L. R. Bucci for their paper “*Development and validation of a hurricane nature run using the joint OSSE nature run and the WRF model.*”, which was published during 2013 in the *Journal of Advances in Modeling Earth Systems*. A long-standing tradition of the Conference is presentation of the Max Eaton Award for the best student oral presentation and a companion award for the best poster presentation. The award for the oral presentation was presented to Kuniaki Inoue from the University of Wisconsin-Madison for his presentation “*Gross Moist Stability Assessment: Convective Amplification and Delay*” The award for the poster presentation was presented to Cécile Defforge from McGill University, Montreal, QC Canada for her presentation “*The Distribution and Evolution of Sea Surface Temperature at Tropical Cyclone Genesis across Ocean Basins*”. Patrick Harr, pharr@nsf.gov

### Annual Meeting Preparations

**Resource Page for Conference and Symposium Chairs:** The following web page provides a number of links to important planning documentation including: program chair contact information, planning deadlines, the funding request form, panel discussion guidelines, basic hotel information, and session topics by conference. Go to: <https://annual.ametsoc.org/2017/index.cfm/information-for/program-chairs/> . Claudia Gorski, cgorski@ametsoc.org

**Core Science Keynotes and Themed Joint Sessions:** The 2017 Annual Meeting Program Committee is planning to have Themed Joint Sessions as well as continue the Core Science Keynote series that was started at the AMS 2015 Annual Meeting. Chairs are asked to get back to Claudia Gorski and Fred Carr by 27 May with their plans. The following link summarizes the approach for both and identifies options to combine them, if conferences/symposiums choose to do so:

<https://annual.ametsoc.org/2017/index.cfm/information-for/program-chairs/themed-joint-session-and-core-science-keynote-summary/> . Claudia Gorski, [cgorski@ametsoc.org](mailto:cgorski@ametsoc.org)

**2016/2017 Specialty Meetings Schedules:** Specialty meetings are those conferences and symposiums not scheduled to occur during the week of the Annual Meeting. The following link provides the current schedules for the planned meetings in 2016 as well as tentative schedules for those planned for 2017. The Meetings Department asks that STAC Chairs reach out if their meeting is not on the schedule for 2017, and if they are in the process of planning a meeting, reference the other conferences that are being organized in case they would like to collocate. Go to:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UhN5Jieh08uAkVV6qyIN2bxlJNRhuSuijo2lGSwQ3Lo/edit#gid=263965956>. Claudia Gorski, [cgorski@ametsoc.org](mailto:cgorski@ametsoc.org)

**AMS Policy Program Water Study:** Management of water in the United States takes place in a complex scientific and policy context. The AMS Policy Program has a new study titled "Understanding the Water Landscape of the United States: A Review of Science and Policy Recommendations," that provides an overview of the ongoing national dialogue on hydrologic science and management. The document is available at:

<https://www.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/policy/studies-analysis/understanding-the-water-landscape-of-the-united-states/> . Ya'el Seid-Green, [yseidgreen@ametsoc.org](mailto:yseidgreen@ametsoc.org)

**The Policy Program Hill Briefing:** The radio spectrum is an important resource for scientific research and observations. Pressure on the spectrum from telecommunications companies is growing, and Congress and the White House are increasingly looking at ways to make the nation's use of spectrum more efficient. The Policy Program is planning an information Hill briefing on earth science uses of the radio spectrum. Email Ya'el Seid-Green to get an announcement when the date of the briefing is confirmed. Ya'el Seid-Green, [yseidgreen@ametsoc.org](mailto:yseidgreen@ametsoc.org)

## **STAC Webpage Updates**

**Hyperlinks inoperative:** Please have your board/committee webmaster check out the [STAC pages](#) and your board/committee site. We have noticed that some hyperlinks no longer work and need to be corrected since the AMS upgraded the web software in March.