

October STAC Newsletter

11th meeting of the International Conference on Southern Hemisphere Meteorology and Oceanography:

The Conference organized under the auspices of the AMS was successfully held in Santiago, Chile, from 5 to 9 October 2015. It was jointly hosted by the AMS Scientific and STAC's Meteorology and Oceanography in the Southern Hemisphere (MOSH) Committee and the Department of Geophysics, Universidad de Chile (Universidad de Chile). The Department of Geophysics (DGF) is within the Facultad de Ciencias Físicas y Matemáticas (FCFM) located near downtown in Santiago. A total of 216 participants from 26 countries attended the Conference. 337 abstracts were submitted, and there were six key note presentations. The Conference web page can be found at: <http://www.icshmo-2015.com>. Since its advent, the ICSHMO has provided unique contributions to ocean and atmospheric sciences that are specific to the Southern Hemisphere. The objective of the 2015 conference was to provide an interdisciplinary forum for the scientific and research community to present their work, as well as encouraging new research and applications within the variety of disciplines related to weather and climate of the Southern Hemisphere oceans and atmosphere. The meeting was organized around the broad theme "Exploring the Southern Hemisphere Oceans and Atmosphere: Challenges of the Next Decade." Particular attention was given to the following themes: Ocean observing, Ocean dynamics, Southern Hemisphere oceans in a changing climate, Tropical climate and teleconnections, Antarctic weather and climate predictability and prediction, The observational record and beyond, Extreme events in a changing climate, Predictability and prediction, Stratospheric variability, tropospheric coupling and atmospheric chemistry, and Southern Hemisphere meteorology and weather. The Conference organizers and participants gratefully acknowledge the sponsors <http://www.icshmo-2015.com/index.php/sponsor>. Special thanks to the generous support of the FONDAP Center of Climate and Resilience Research (CR2), the ICM Nucleus on SH Paleoclimate and MeteoData. Penehuro Lefale, pene.lefale@outlook.com.

STAC Semi-Annual Report to the Council: The Semi-Annual report has now been posted on our web site at: <https://www2.ametsoc.org/stac/index.cfm/news-reports/stac-reports-to-council-and-ec/2015-stac-semi-annual-report/>. Bruce Telfeyan, rbt48@cox.net.

STAC Membership updates: Boards, Committees, and Commissioners are completing annual membership updates. The Commissioners are working with Melissa Weston at AMS headquarters to make these changes to the STAC rosters. The completed roster will be presented to the Council in January for approval, and Melissa will then update the individual board and committee web pages. Dave Stensrud, david.stensrud@psu.edu.

STAC Board and Committee Annual Reports: The STAC Commissioners with Council approval will not request annual reports this year from the individual boards and committees.

Instead, the Commissioners will be working with the chairs to ensure board and committee activities are reported to the Council using the STAC Newsletter and via Board/Committee web pages. This will enable timelier reporting of activities to the President and Council. Boards and committees should keep web pages current, and report activities as they happen to the Commissioner. Dave Stensrud, david.stensrud@psu.edu .

STAC Annual Meeting: STAC will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, 9 January, in New Orleans. This is the day before the official start of the AMS Annual Meeting. As in the past, it is important that every Board and Committee of STAC have at least one representative at the meeting to help us set the course for 2016. Dave Stensrud, david.stensrud@psu.edu.

Board and Committee Meetings: Several Boards and Committees hold meetings during the week of the Annual Meeting. If your board or committee has not reserved a room for your meeting, the deadline is 1 December. Go to this link and fill out the Meeting Room Request Application: <http://annual.ametsoc.org/2016/index.cfm/news-announcements/meeting-room-request-application/>. Melissa Weston, mweston@ametsoc.org.

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Science-Policy: The American Meteorological Society (AMS) Policy Program seeks candidates with backgrounds in the Earth sciences and related fields for a science-policy postdoctoral fellowship. Postdoctoral fellows in science-policy have the opportunity to explore the policy dimensions of their scientific field, develop expertise in new areas at the science-policy interface, help initiate novel activities within the AMS Policy Program, and contribute to our ongoing activities. Postdoctoral fellows in science-policy must be eligible for employment in the United States and complete all requirements for their Ph.D. prior to the start of their fellowship. Applicants must provide a CV, a brief writing sample that has been only edited by the applicant, and a cover letter that outlines scientific background, interest in policy and anticipated start date. The review of applications for this first round will begin November 15, 2015. If you are interested in this position, please apply at <https://home2.eease.adp.com/recruit/?id=18896962> .

New! Glossary of Meteorology and Earth Interactions Editor's Award: At the June meeting of the AMS Publications Commission, a topic of discussion noted the absence of Editor's awards for both the Glossary of Meteorology (GoM) and Earth Interactions, a joint publication of the AMS, AGU, and AAG. The Council voted in September to establish Editor's Awards for both publications beginning in 2016 with the May awards cycle. A terms of reference (TOR) will be developed for the GoM award and the TOR will be discussed at the January 2016 STAC Meeting in New Orleans. Mary Cairns, cairnsmm@gmail.com.