



E-SLATE

American Academy of Underwater Sciences (AAUS)

EDITORIAL NOTE – March 2013

Welcome to the March E-Slate! This month you will notice a shift to a condensed document with web-links to encourage members to visit the AAUS website where more information will be available. In this issue we request membership review of the ongoing AAUS-ITI project, open registration for the 2013 AAUS/EDSP International Science Diving Symposium, and highlight another Organizational Member. Submit an electronic version of your poster from 2012 poster night and we will highlight your program in the coming months! We welcome news, announcements, job postings, and images of underwater work at aaus@disl.org. Current and past issues of the E-Slate are available at www.aaus.org.

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership Review - AAUS-ITI Initiative

Since 2011, AAUS has been working with International Training (ITI Holdings, Inc.) and Willis Insurance to provide a mechanism for the AAUS to secure underwriting and insurance coverage for its diver qualification/certification programs. The previous update on the project was at the 2012 DSO Meeting in Monterey. The most recent update provided at the February 2013 Board of Directors Meeting includes a proposed standards revision. AAUS encourages its members to review and provide feedback on this initiative and proposed standards revision. Additional information can be found on the AAUS website http://www.aaus.org/membership_review_aausiti_initiative

AAUS/ESDP 2013 Curaçao Joint International Scientific Diving Symposium

The American Academy of Underwater Sciences and the European Scientific Diving Panel Symposium Committee are now accepting abstracts for the *Curaçao Joint International Scientific Diving Symposium*, October 23-27, 2013. Registration for this meeting will be open by March 10, 2013. Submission and registration information can be found at www.aaus.org/annual_symposium.

AAUS BOD Call for Nominations

The 2013 AAUS Nominating Committee is seeking individuals to run for two executive officer positions and a director-at-large on the Board of Directors. An electronic poll will open on May 01 and close June 30, 2013. Instructions and information at www.aaus.org/announcements#elections

AAUS/OM Standards Manuals Update

All OMs must update their manuals with the new medical standards and upload them to the website. The deadline for uploading updated manuals is March 15, 2013. For more information visit www.aaus.org/announcements#manualupdate

2013 Organizational Member Dues

2013 OM dues are now due. Please login to your profile at www.aaus.org to be sure all of the information is correct.

Call for Papers

Marine Technology Society Journal - Technologies and Techniques for 21st Century Wet Diving (Nov/Dec issue)
Special Issue Guest Editor: Michael Lombardi, Ocean Opportunity Inc. and Lombardi Undersea Resource Center. Information for submitting manuscripts can be found at https://www.mtsociety.org/author_info or potential authors can contact michael@lombardiundersea.com

AAUS Member Statistics Submission

It is time for submission of organizational member (OM) 2012 scientific diving statistics to the AAUS database. Forms for your 2012 summary submissions are available at http://stats.diveaaus.org/User_Login.asp. Statistics are considered late as of April 01. More information and collection criteria at www.aaus.org/statistics_committee.

Website Update

Members can now opt to be notified via email when new topics are posted to the online forum. You can find it in your member profile just above the Member Qualification section. Please login and select this option to become an active part of the online conversation!

AWARDS

Reaching Out Awards 2013

DEMA requests the Diving Industry to submit the names and qualifying information of those Industry professionals who have made a significant contribution to the sport of scuba diving. Learn more about submitting an application at www.dema.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=754

2013 Conrad Limbaugh Award Nominations

Nominations are open for the 2013 Conrad Limbaugh Memorial Award for Scientific Diving Leadership. An award is presented annually to an individual who has made a significant contribution in diving safety and diving

leadership on behalf of the scientific diving community. Nominations close March 31, 2013. For more information on eligibility and the nomination form, please visit www.aaus.org/conrad_limbaugh

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Scientific Diving Course in Albania

The Albanian Center for Marine Research (ACMR) is offering a Scientific Diving Course for the 2013 field season. Students will gain diverse diving experience, participate in ongoing underwater research, and learn diving theory and methods. Deadline to apply is April 15, 2013.

For more information, visit www.albaniamarinecenter.org or www.aaus.org/announcements#albania

HMSC 2013 Scholarships

The Hatfield Marine Science Center is pleased to announce 2013 opportunities for various scholarships to assist students in research and other scholarly endeavors. Please refer to the HMSC website for detailed information, including application requirements, for each award <http://hmsc.oregonstate.edu/awards.html>

REEF Internship

Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF) is accepting applications for the Summer 2013 Marine Conservation Internship. The internship, based out of Key Largo, FL, is designed to provide in-depth experience in marine conservation and non-profit management. Applications are due by March 15. More information at <http://www.aaus.org/announcements#REEF>
<http://www.reef.org/about/internships/application>

UPCOMING EVENTS

2013 Scientific Dive Course – FHL

The University of Washington (UW) Friday Harbor Laboratories (FHL) will conduct its annual short intensive scientific dive course from August 12 through August 25th, 2013. This course is open to scientists and students at any level of study who meet the requirements for AAUS certification: a minimum of 20 logged dives and medical clearance. Application deadline is April 15, 2013. For more information, please see the FHL website:

<http://depts.washington.edu/fhl/studentSummer2013.html#SumB-xx>

or contact the FHL_Dive Officer Pema Kitaeff directly at pema@uw.edu or 206-543-0876.

2013 Maritime Archaeology Field School

Saint Mary's College of California (SMC) and the University of Rhode Island will be offering a joint Field School in Maritime Archaeology in Bermuda during July 2013. Training

leading to AAUS qualification as a Scientific Diver-in-Training will be provided in advance of departure for Bermuda. For more detailed information, visit www.aaus.org/announcements#mafs or contact the SMC DSO at ses13@saintmarys-ca.edu.

Divine Diving Medicine Conference

The third annual Divine Medicine Conference at Danbury Hospital, Connecticut will be April 6th 2013. The diving community meets with the medical community and first responders to discuss the many aspects of Diving Medicine and Diving Safety. call Gina Lacey 203-739-4964 or www.aaus.org/announcements#ddmc

DAN Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine Course

The 73rd DAN Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine Course will be held May 04-11, 2013 at Anse Chastanet on St. Lucia. For more information visit or contact DAN Education at 919-684-2948 ; 800-496-446-2671 cme@dan.org.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Full information and application instructions for the following jobs can be found at www.aaus.org/job_board

Kelp Forest Monitoring Technicians

Channel Islands National Park Kelp Forest

Marine Ecology Research Technician

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Dive Safety Officer

Texas A&M Corpus Christi

Dive Technician

California Science Center

OM PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

University of Mississippi

Scientific diving occurred sporadically at the University of Mississippi until 1995, when several hires in marine sciences necessitated a more formal program. Ole Miss has been an AAUS member in good standing for 10 yrs. To date, the program has supported 7 faculty and their research programs, as well as 21 graduate students and post-docs. While the program is relatively small (5-10 active scientific divers in any given year), the research groups are internationally-recognized for their work in marine sciences and their advancement of the field via technical diving procedures (e.g., mixed gas, rebreathers, and cave/ice/deep diving). See the full bio at

www.aaus.org/om_program_highlight

The mission of the American Academy of Underwater Sciences is to facilitate the development of safe and productive scientific divers through education, research, advocacy, and the advancement of standards for scientific diving practices, certifications, & operations.

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