



E-SLATE

American Academy of Underwater Sciences (AAUS)

EDITORIAL NOTE – September 2013

Welcome to the September E-Slate! In this issue we announce the 2013 Kevin Flanagan Travel Award, advertise our new Facebook page, promote many upcoming events and encourage registration for the 2013 AAUS/EDSP International Science Diving Symposium as our room block for the meeting comes to a close this month. 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

2013 Kevin Flanagan Student Travel Awards

The 2013 award winner is Ross Whippo, a Master's student at the University of British Columbia. Ross is also currently the intern to the DSO at the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre. He researches in the fields of temperate marine biology and subtidal ecology. Ross will be presenting some of his work at the 2013 symposium.

www.aaus.org/2013_kevin_flanagan_student_travel_award

The Kevin Flanagan Student Travel Award is a competitive award developed to support the professional development of students engaged in diving science or the study of diving science. The award was created in memory of Kevin Flanagan (1970-2012), an AAUS board member (2009-2011) and diving safety officer (1998-2012). Donations to fund this award can be given at www.aausfoundation.org. Please indicate "K Flanagan Fund" on the donation page. We hope to make this our first permanently endowed fund by reaching \$60,000. AAUS will match all funds donated. Join us in our efforts to honor Kevin and provide students with much needed travel funds.

AAUS on Facebook

AAUS is now on Facebook. Come visit and like our page. <https://www.facebook.com/AmericanAcademyofUnderwaterSciences> We are always looking to share what our OMs are doing in the field. We welcome photos, links, and news to be posted at aaus@disl.org. Please put "facebook" in the subject line.

Hollis Recalls Digital Dive Computers

Hollis DG03 dive computers with serial numbers 100 through 1142 have been recalled. The dive computer, when used with an optional integrated transmitter, can

malfunction and display an incorrect tank pressure reading to the diver. <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2013/Hollis-Recalls-Digital-Dive-Computers/>

New Diving Safety Officer Orientation

The AAUS new DSO orientation is typically offered during our annual symposium. However, due to the international nature of this year's meeting, we will not be holding this orientation during the 2013 symposium. If you would be interested in attending an independent new DSO orientation in late 2013 or early 2014, please contact the AAUS office (aaus@disl.org) as we gauge interest in this event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AAUS/ESDP 2013 Joint International Scientific Diving Symposium

The 2013 AAUS/EDSP Symposium will be held in Curaçao October 23-27. The Santa Barbara beach resort will serve as the symposium hotel. Events include pre-conference workshops, the national Diving Safety Officer meeting, AAUS business meeting and three days of science talks, diving and Curasub opportunities and a post-symposium field trip to Bonaire. Planned workshops include:

- Coral Reef Species ID/Reef Check Methodology
- Free Diving

Also, this year's mechanism to celebrate achievements of scientific diving programs is in the form of a poster. Join your colleagues in this event and take part in the celebration of scientific diving programs and the advancement of underwater science. All posters must be submitted electronically by September 01.

For more information, registration, a poster template and hotel information, visit www.aaus.org/annual_symposium or contact the AAUS office. **Registration prices increase and electronic poster submissions are due September 01!**

Lodging for the 2013 AAUS Symposium

Do not delay in booking lodging for the 2013 symposium. **Rooms must be booked no later than September 22 to receive our group rate!** There are no other hotels in close proximity to the meeting space. The AAUS group rate at the Santa Barbara Beach Resort (SBR) is available Sunday-Tuesday (October 20 - October 29). Bookings at SBR outside of these dates will be at the regular price. [Reservations for Santa Barbara Beach Resort](http://www.aaus.org/Reservations_for_Santa_Barbara_Beach_Resort)



2013 AAUS symposium print by Kathy Johnston English
 Visit www.aausfoundation.org to buy a raffle ticket to win this beautiful print! You do not have to be present to win.

National Diving Safety Officers Meeting 2013

Please submit any agenda items for the 2013 Diving Safety Officer's meeting to Jim Hayward (ucbdiver@berkeley.edu) by October 10, 2013.

66th Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute Conference

GCFI will be held November 4-8th, in Corpus Christi, Texas. This event will highlight the lionfish invasion as it represents one of the most severe invasions of marine ecosystems to date. Presentations are invited addressing lionfish biology, ecological and economic impacts, control strategies, and local and regional management. Preference will be given to those presentations providing new information relative to control and management. To learn more about these sessions, or for submission details and forms, please contact Dr. James Morris (James.Morris@NOAA.gov) or Lad Adkins (Lad@REEF.org). For more information, please visit www.GCFI.org

2014 Professional Dive Safety Conference

Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is sponsoring its first-ever conference on dive safety this coming April 7-8, 2014, in Seattle. It is designed for divers who earn their living working underwater in a variety of capacities. As we develop the conference program, we are looking for experts to share their knowledge, either as presenters or as panel leaders. More information at <http://bit.ly/dive2014conference>

DEMA 2013

The Diving Equipment and Marketing Association will hold its annual show November 06-09 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL. More information at <http://www.demashow.com>.

TEKDiveUSA 2014

TEKDiveUSA will take place May 17-18, 2014 at the Roz & Cal Kovens Conference Center, North Miami, FL. Forty different talks will be delivered during this two-day advanced and technical diving conference. A number of presentations will be of interest to scientific divers, and are pertinent to scientific diving operations. Presenters include personnel from NEDU, NPS, the University of Auckland and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. For more information on the speakers, topics, official accommodations and registration, visit www.tekdiveusa.com

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Florida State University

Marine Operations Manager (and Diving Safety Officer)

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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