



E-SLATE

American Academy of Underwater Sciences (AAUS)

EDITORIAL NOTE – October 2013

Welcome to the October E-Slate! In this issue we announce AAUS Foundation's 2013 Kathy English, Kevin Gurr and Hollis scholarships recipients, announce many internship and scholarship openings and encourage final registration for the 2013 AAUS/EDSP International Science Diving. 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

AAUS Foundation Scholarship Awards 2013

AAUS Foundation offers three competitive scholarship programs: the Kathy Johnston English (KE) award for doctoral-level students, the Kevin Gurr (KG) award for master-level students, and the Hollis gear award. This year, as in most other years, there were applicants for the AAUS scholarships whose academic advisors were reviewers or members of the scholarship committee. It is the policy of this committee that in these cases, advisors are not involved in the reviewing or ranking of their own students' proposals.

First place awards (KE and KG) are \$3000; second place awards are \$1500. A total of 45 proposals were reviewed (22 KE and 23 KG). Proposals ranged from tropical to temperate studies and spanned fields from ecology to archaeology. Best wishes to all who participated. Special thanks to the seven anonymous reviewers. More info at <http://www.aaus.org/announcements#scholars2013>

Kathy Johnston English Award

1st place - Lillian Tuttle, Oregon State University
Title: Effects of the invasive Pacific red lionfish (*Pterois volitans*) on native Atlantic goby cleaning mutualisms.

2nd place - Darcey Bradley, UC Santa Barbara

Title: Incorporating behavior into an estimate of reef shark population abundance at a pristine coral reef.

Kevin Gurr Award

1st place - Scott Gabara, Moss Landing Marine Labs
Title: Drift kelp retention, habitat complexity, and macroinvertebrate species richness of coralline algal rhodolith beds at Santa Catalina Island, CA.

2nd place - Danielle Claar, University of Hawaii

Title: Macroecology of microorganisms: *Symbiodinium* diversity across a gradient of anthropogenic stress and implications for coral reef resilience.

Hollis Gear Award

Hollis Gear (www.hollisgear.com) has graciously funded a new competitive scholarship program for AAUS student members. Awards are valued at \$1250 per recipient (\$1000 in Hollis diving equipment plus \$250 to cover dive training or academic diving travel costs). Two awards have been made for 2013. The first-place ranking goes to **Emily Aiken**, an undergraduate student in biology at California State University, Monterey Bay. The second-place ranking goes to **Melanie Garate**, a doctoral student in biology at the University of Rhode Island. We look forward to both winners using the equipment to advance their endeavors in underwater science. Thanks to the seven anonymous panelists that reviewed the applications.

2014 AAUS/OWUSS Internship

OWUSS is now taking applications for the 2014 AAUS/OWUSS scientific diving internship. Intern applicants can be students from colleges and universities with an interest in science and diving. The program runs primarily from mid-May through August and will include training at one of several AAUS organizational member sites. This training will give the intern the necessary dive qualifications to allow participation on research projects requiring scientific diving and introduce the intern to careers that utilize scientific diving as a tool. Once trained as an AAUS-recognized diver-in-training, interns will participate in underwater field work at one or more locations and research facilities associated with the AAUS. The internship will be supported by funding for travel to/from site, room, board, and other internship-related expenses. More information at https://secure.aaus.org/aausowuss_internship. To apply, visit: <http://www.owuscholarship.org/internships>.

OM Host for 2014 AAUS/OWUSS Intern

We are seeking applications from OMs that have both dive training and research opportunities available to an undergraduate. Past interns have benefited most from combined opportunities in attaining AAUS research diving certification and involvement with a research program and diving and boating safety programs. The chosen OM will participate in the intern selection. If your OM is interested in supporting this internship, please submit an online

application form by December 1, 2013.

www.aaus.org/aausowuss_host_organization_application

WDHOF Scholarship and Grants

The Women Divers Hall of Fame™ provides educational, mentorship, financial, and career opportunities to the diving community throughout the world. Each year, WDHOF awards scholarships and training grants that provide financial and educational support to individuals of all ages, particularly those who are preparing for professional careers that involve diving. Scholarships are offered in conservation, marine biology, underwater archaeology, and journalism, graphic arts, or photography. Scholarships are paid directly to the recipient. Training grants provide funding for scuba training and, for some awards, scuba equipment. Information on all scholarships and the online application can be found at

<http://www.wdhof.org/scholarships/scholarships.shtml>

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. Events include workshops, the national Diving Safety Officer meeting, and three days of science talks, diving and Curasub opportunities. 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. Please submit an electronic version of your poster to aaus@disl.org immediately! More information is available at

www.aaus.org/annual_symposium

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.

DEMA 2013

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



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.

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. For more information, please visit www.GCFI.org

2014 Professional Dive Safety Conference

The 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>

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. 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)

Woods Hole Oceanographic

Research Assistant 1

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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