



# E-SLATE

## American Academy of Underwater Sciences (AAUS)

### EDITORIAL NOTE –September 2014

Welcome to the September E-Slate. In this issue we announce the 2014 Kevin Flanagan award winners, unveil the 2014 symposium print and give updates on several on-going projects. We welcome news, announcements, job postings, and images of underwater work at [aaus@disl.org](mailto:aaus@disl.org). Current and past issues of the E-Slate are available at [www.aaus.org](http://www.aaus.org).

### NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 2014 Kevin Flanagan Student Travel Awards

The 2014 Kevin Flanagan travel award winners are Lauren Bell and Sonia Ibarra, both students at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.



Sonia is a student in the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences program as well as an interdisciplinary graduate training program called MESAS (Marine Ecosystem Sustainability in the Arctic and Subarctic). Her area of interest is ecosystem-based management, focusing on how the reintroduction of a top predator influences marine ecosystems.



Lauren is a third year master's student in the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences program. Her master's research is focused on describing the marine food web structure in the Beaufort Sea. Lauren will be presenting some of her work on the trials and triumphs of spring under-ice

surveys by UAF researchers at this year's meeting.

Find out more about both of these students at [http://www.aaus.org/2014\\_kevin\\_flanagan](http://www.aaus.org/2014_kevin_flanagan)

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](http://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. Join us in our efforts to honor Kevin and provide students with much needed travel funds.

#### AAUS Symposium 2014

We are once again having our **Organizational Member Poster night** at the 2014 AAUS symposium. We encourage ALL Organizations to submit a poster to highlight your scientific dive program. If you are not attending the meeting, contact the AAUS office and we can display your poster for you. If you presented a poster in the past few years, we encourage you to do so again. This is a great opportunity to showcase your program and learn more about other AAUS Organizations! AAUS has provided a sample poster template at [http://www.aaus.org/annual\\_symposium](http://www.aaus.org/annual_symposium) for your perusal and ease of production.



2014 AAUS symposium print by Kathy Johnston English. Visit [www.aausfoundation.org](http://www.aausfoundation.org) to buy a raffle ticket to win this beautiful print! You do not have to be present to win.

#### Strategic Planning

Thanks to all who participated in the first Strategic Planning Survey. We received 180 responses and are beginning the evaluation process. The second survey, which will collect feedback on the mission statement of the AAUS and its goals and purposes as defined in the 2011 Bylaws (<http://www.aaus.org/bylaws>), will be distributed shortly.

#### AAUS Foundation Website

The AAUS Foundation website, [www.aausfoundation.org](http://www.aausfoundation.org), has gotten an upgrade! It can now be viewed on your mobile devices. Visit the site and check out our new design.

### AAUS Board of Directors Position

There will be at least one Appointed Director position open on the AAUS Board of Directors starting January 1 2015. Appointed Directors are appointed by the President with the approval of the BoD and must be full members in good standing. If you are interested in serving on the Board or have any questions, please contact Amy Moran (President, [morana@hawaii.edu](mailto:morana@hawaii.edu)), Rick Gomez (President-Elect, [rgomez@rsmas.miami.edu](mailto:rgomez@rsmas.miami.edu)), or the AAUS office ([aaus@disl.org](mailto:aaus@disl.org)).

### AAUS on Facebook

AAUS is 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](mailto:aaus@disl.org). Please put "facebook" in the subject line.

### STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

#### International Mesophotic Workshop in Eilat

Tel-Aviv University & the Interuniversity Institute for Marine Sciences in Eilat will be conducting a one week intensive workshop from October 26-31, 2014. This workshop is designed for scientists and students who interested in mesophotic and deep environments. Please note the last day for abstract submissions. More information at [www.mceisrael.com](http://www.mceisrael.com)

#### 2014 AAUS/OWUS Internship

Follow the blog of the 2014 AAUS/OWUS Intern, Katy Newcomer, as she gets her feet wet at the University of Maine's Darling Marine Center.

<http://www.owuscholarship.org/blog/?cat=2>

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### DEMA 2014

The Diving Equipment and Marketing Association will hold its annual show November 19-22 at the Las Vegas Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nevada More information at [www.demashow.com](http://www.demashow.com).

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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