



# E-SLATE

## American Academy of Underwater Sciences (AAUS)

### EDITORIAL NOTE – February 2014

Welcome to the February E-Slate. In this issue we announce some new student opportunities and upcoming events. Organizational members are reminded that dues and statistics are now due and we need you to update your OM profiles. 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

#### AAUS 2014 BOD Members

The AAUS Board of Directors welcomes new members Rick Riera-Gomez (University of Miami), President-elect, Jim Hayward (University of California Berkeley), elected director and Statistics Committee chair, and Elizabeth Kintzing (University of New Hampshire), appointed director and Standards Committee chair. Thank you for your willingness to serve the Academy, and thanks to all who stood for election.

#### AAUS Member Statistics Submission

It is time for submission of organizational member (OM) 2013 scientific diving statistics to the AAUS database. Please begin compiling these numbers now! Even if your OM is using the web based dive log system, you must still print out a summary report, review it for accuracy and submit it to the website below. OMs admitted in 2013 are not required to submit stats for 2013 but if you have them for the full year and would like to submit contact Jim Hayward ([ucbdiver@berkeley.edu](mailto:ucbdiver@berkeley.edu)) or Mike Dardeau ([mdardeau@disl.org](mailto:mdardeau@disl.org)). Statistics are due Jan 1 and are late after Apr 1. The Statistics Committee will try to contact you about problems with your submission after April, but if there is no satisfactory response by July 1st, the OM will be turned over to the Standards Committee for action. Please visit [stats.diveaaus.com](http://stats.diveaaus.com) to submit your stats.

#### OM Based Web Logging and AAUS Summary Stats Entry

AAUS is looking to upgrade both the OM based web logging program and the AAUS Summary Statistics Entry site. We are asking members to submit suggestions of upgrades and/or changes that you would like to see considered. Please submit all suggestions by February 28, 2014 at [https://secure.aaus.org/upgrade\\_suggestions](https://secure.aaus.org/upgrade_suggestions).

#### OM Profile Updates

Starting in 2010, AAUS OM applicants were required to complete four statements in response to questions taken directly from the basic components of the OSHA exemption for scientific diving. We are requesting that **all** OMs who joined before 2010 login to your OM profile and complete these questions by **June 30, 2014**. Please visit [aaus.org/om\\_profile\\_update](http://aaus.org/om_profile_update) for more information and instructions on how to complete this process.

#### AAUS Board of Directors Meeting

AAUS BOD meeting will be held January 31<sup>st</sup>-February 1<sup>st</sup> in Denver, Colorado.

#### 2014 AAUS Dues

Invoices for 2014 AAUS OM dues will be mailed out this month. However, online renewals are available now. Login to your OM profile at [www.aaus.org](http://www.aaus.org) to pay online.

#### AAUS Finance Committee

The AAUS Finance Committee is looking for new members. If you are an AAUS member and have an interest or experience in fundraising, please contact the committee chair, Elliott Jessup ([ejessup@calacademy.com](mailto:ejessup@calacademy.com)).

#### Institutional Pricing

Hollis, Oceanic and Shearwater have all generously offered institutional pricing for all AAUS members. Orders must be placed through an OM's DSO and following specific instructions for each company. Please find pricelist and ordering instruction for each company at [http://secure.aaus.org/institutional\\_pricing](http://secure.aaus.org/institutional_pricing). You must be logged in to access this information.

### STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

#### MTS 2014 Scholarships

Marine Technology Society is pleased to announce 2014 opportunities for students that are interested in marine engineering and/or marine technology. Please refer to the MTS website for detailed information, including application requirements.

[www.mtsociety.org/education/scholarships.aspx](http://www.mtsociety.org/education/scholarships.aspx)

#### KSLOF Fellow: Benthic Ecologist

The Khaled bin Sultan Living Oceans Foundation (KSLOF) seeks to sponsor a graduate fellowship for a Master's or

PHD level researcher with an interest in studies that supports conservation, management and restoration of coral reef ecosystems. The fellowship is open to candidates of all nationalities who meet the minimum qualifications required. Please see <http://www.livingoceansfoundation.org> and click on "fellowships" for more information. Application deadline is February 28, 2014 and the Fellow would need to be able to join the research missions beginning in April 2014.

### **REEF Internship**

REEF's Marine Conservation Internship provides an in-depth look into REEF's Volunteer Fish Survey Project and Invasive Lionfish Program. Geared towards college-age individuals, the internship provides an array of diverse experiences including scientific diving, outreach and education, data collection and management, non-profit operations, and public speaking. During the four-month long internship, you will have many opportunities to dive and volunteer with partner organizations in the Florida Keys and South Florida. Visit [www.REEF.org/internship](http://www.REEF.org/internship) to learn more and apply. **Application deadline is February 23, 2014.**

### **2014 FHL Scientific Dive Course**

Friday Harbor Lab will conduct its annual short intensive two week course from August 11<sup>th</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. This course is open to scientist and students at any level of study who meet the requirements for AAUS certification. The deadline for applications is April 15, 2014. More information at <http://depts.washington.edu/fhl/studentSummer2014.html> or contact the FHL Dive Officer Pema Kitaeff at [pema@uw.edu](mailto:pema@uw.edu) or 206-543-0876

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Diving Medical Technician Course**

Florida International University is offering a National Board of Diving and Hyperbaric Medical Technology approved DMT course February 17-28, 2014. To participate, you must have completed an approved Department of Transportation Emergency Medical Technician Course and be medically approved to dive. For more information, please contact Roger Garcia at (305) 664-2916 Ext: 207

### **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Danbury Dive Medicine Conference**

The fourth annual Danbury Medicine Conference at Danbury Hospital, Connecticut will be April 05, 2014. The diving community meets with the medical community and first responders to discuss the many aspects of Diving Medicine and Diving Safety. For more information contact [David.Charash@wcthn.org](mailto:David.Charash@wcthn.org) <http://www.aaus.org/announcements#danbury>

### **Oyster Bash 2014**

Man in the Sea Museum presents 2014 Oyster Bash on February 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 at the Dive Lab in Panama City, FL. For more information call (850)235-4101 or visit [www.maninthesea.org](http://www.maninthesea.org)

### **Scientific Freediver Course**

AAUS is sponsoring two Scientific Freediver courses, one in Miami and one in Kona. While AAUS has no intention of regulating or promulgating standards for Scientific Freediving, the program will be designed specifically for AAUS Scientific Divers and Diving Safety Officers who are also scuba instructors and may be responsible for snorkeling and breath-hold diving at their respective institutions.

The program will include the PFI Intermediate Freediver and Safety Freediver Instructor. Upon completion candidates will be able to teach the PFI Safe Buddy program. The course will run 6 days with 5 class, 4 pool and 5 ocean sessions. More information and registration at <http://www.performancefreediving.com/aaus>

### **2014 CAUS Symposium**

The Canadian Association for Underwater Science (CAUS) 2014 AGM and Symposium is scheduled for February 26 and 27, 2014 in Quebec City co-hosted by Laval University and the Quebec Aquarium. CAUS members are strongly encouraged to attend, and all others interested in learning more about, or thinking of joining, CAUS are welcome too. Details at <http://www.caus.ca> or contact us at [info@caus.ca](mailto:info@caus.ca)

### **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. Presenters include personnel from NEDU, NPS, the University of Auckland, and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. More information at [www.tekdiveusa.com](http://www.tekdiveusa.com)

### **2014 AAUS Symposium**

The 2014 AAUS Symposium will be hosted by University of Alaska, Fairbanks will be held September 9-13, 2014 in Sitka, AK. Details will be coming soon!

## JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Full information and application instructions for the following jobs can be found at [www.aaus.org/job\\_board](http://www.aaus.org/job_board)

### **California Science Center Foundation**

*Assistant Dive Safety Officer*

### **OxyHeal Medical Systems**

*Senior Mechanical Engineer (diving equipment)*

### **South Carolina Aquarium**

*Assistant Dive Safety Officer*

### **The University of Maine**

*Marine Ecology Research Associate*

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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