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Banquet Program

New Orleans 2010

*Sea
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Astor Crown Plaza Hotel Ballroom

New Orleans, Louisiana

Tuesday, October 19, 2010

6:00-9:00 pm

Program

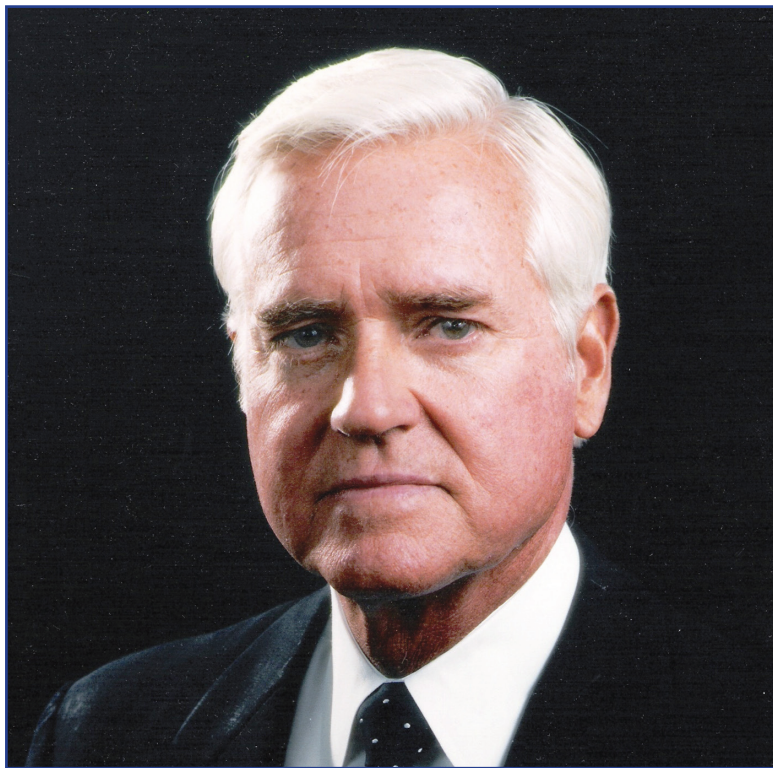
6:00 pm	Mixer & no-host bar
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Sea Grant Week 2010

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*The Sea Grant
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Senator Ernest F. Hollings

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The Sea Grant Association (SGA) presents Senator Ernest F. Hollings with the Sea Grant Association Award, the Association's highest honor. This lifetime achievement award recognizes an individual for direct demonstrable contributions through research, education/training, advisory, or public service activities which embody Sea Grant concepts, or have been effective users of Sea Grant products. The Sea Grant Association is honored to pay tribute to Senator Hollings' almost 40 years of federal service and support of Sea Grant concepts.

Senator Hollings' legislative service, leadership, actions, and support have been a foundation upon which the stewardship of our nation's marine, coastal and Great Lakes resources has been implemented. From the birth of Sea Grant's federal parent, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) via implementation of the Stratton Commission report to the authorization of the visionary Oceans Act of 2000, establishing the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, Senator Hollings' actions have improved the lives of those living and working in coastal communities nationwide. His efforts are evidenced by the success of the Sea Grant model both locally and nationally in the South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium and the National Sea Grant College Program, respectively. We are also pleased to have the opportunity to honor Senator Hollings' commitment to educating our nation's next generation of coastal and ocean scientists through direct experience in NOAA laboratories as Ernest F. Hollings Scholars.

On behalf of the entire Sea Grant family, a sincere thank you for your remarkable support and promotion of marine, coastal and Great Lakes research, outreach and education, upon which our life's work is based.

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The Sea Grant Association Distinguished Service Award



Robert A. Duce

Dr. Robert (Bob) A. Duce, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Texas A&M University, has provided truly superior scholarly guidance and leadership in support of the Sea Grant mission. Largely emanating from his near decade long service on the National Sea Grant Review Panel/Advisory Board, Bob's contributions have touched upon and enhanced all areas of Sea Grant. Bob's academic record is superlative, including generous service on numerous, prestigious boards and committees. Applying this experience to Sea Grant, he chaired several notable Sea Grant Review Panel/Advisory Board Committees; including: the Committee to Review Sea Grant Research. Bob also served as lead author on what has become known as the "Duce Report," this influential 2002 committee document, *Building Sea Grant, the Role of the National Sea Grant Office* continues to inform and stimulate discussion. Bob is well known and respected network-wide from his rigorous, objective and always constructive service on many state program review panels.

Bob earned a BA cum laude in Chemistry from Baylor University and a PhD in Inorganic and Nuclear Chemistry from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The Sea Grant Association Distinguished Service Award recognizes individuals with at least five years of service to Sea Grant who have provided truly superior service benefiting the entire Sea Grant College Program Network; serving the mission of research, education and outreach; and enhancing the reputation of the Sea Grant network.

The Sea Grant Association Distinguished Service Award



Russell A. Moll

Dr. Russell (Russ) A. Moll has devoted more than half of his distinguished 36-year aquatic science career in the service of Sea Grant. Russ joined Sea Grant in 1985 as Assistant Director of Michigan Sea Grant, later serving there as program Director. In 2000, Russ was selected to lead the California Sea Grant College Program. His guidance saw the program broaden and deepen its collaborations with diverse stakeholders, nurture groundbreaking programs and increase state support tenfold. Russ concurrently dedicated himself to the Sea Grant Network and Sea Grant Association (SGA), including service on the SGA Executive Committee from 1997–2000 and as SGA President from 1999–2000. His enthusiasm and commitment to the SGA are testament to his devotion to both his colleagues and the Sea Grant Mission.

Recognized for considerable diplomacy, Russ fostered international partnerships including his support in establishing the Sea Grant programs in Korea. His scholarship, coupled with his graciousness, quick wit, and inspirational leadership and support have significantly enhanced the capacity and reputation of Sea Grant the world over. While we celebrate his recent retirement, he will be truly missed.

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The Sea Grant Association Partnership Award



Margaret A. Davidson

*M*s. Margaret A. Davidson, Director of the NOAA Coastal Services Center (CSC), is recognized for the effective partnership she forged between CSC and the Sea Grant Program. Under Margaret's leadership, CSC developed into a vital national resource to coastal communities. Throughout, Margaret encouraged collaboration between CSC and Sea Grant. CSC's products and services are a mainstay of the Sea Grant extension toolbox. CSC has also made important contributions to Sea Grant's efforts to address coastal hazards, climate change impacts, and sustainable coastal communities.

Margaret served as Executive Director of the South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium from 1983 to 1995. Margaret also served as Acting Assistant Administrator of NOAA's National Ocean Service from 2000 to 2002. Throughout her career Margaret has been an advocate, partner, and friend of Sea Grant; we anticipate many more profitable years of close partnership.

Margaret earned her juris doctorate in natural resources law from Louisiana State University and Master's degree in marine policy and resource economics from the University of Rhode Island. Margaret holds a faculty appointment at the University of Charleston and serves as adjunct faculty of Clemson University and the University of South Carolina.

The Sea Grant Association Partnership Award recognizes affiliated groups and individuals who have proven to be superior partners of the Sea Grant network.

The Sea Grant Association President's Award



Paul Anderson

*M*r. Paul Anderson, Director of the Maine Sea Grant College Program, is recognized for his generous service to the Sea Grant Association (SGA) and leadership on behalf of the entire Sea Grant network. In 2004, under Paul's leadership, the University of Maine was officially designated an independent Sea Grant College Program. Embracing its new status, Maine Sea Grant is making notable contributions locally and nationally; among them work addressing sustainable coastal communities that preserve their working waterfronts.

Paul impressed many by stepping up to ably lead the SGA, serving as President from 2007-2008. As President, Paul worked diligently with the National Sea Grant Office, SGA committees, the National Sea Grant Review Panel, members of Congress and other diverse stakeholders and constituents toward the successful 2008 reauthorization of the National Sea Grant College Program. As Past-President, Paul exceeded his obligations in ensuring the new President's transition to office would be seamless and has actively fulfilled his supporting role graciously. Paul is currently completing his term as Past-President of the SGA.

Before joining Sea Grant in 1999, Paul directed the Maine Department of Marine Resources Public Health Division, where he focused on environmental monitoring for seafood safety.

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M. Richard DeVoe

Mr. M. Richard (Rick) DeVoe joined the South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium at its inception in 1980 and has been serving as its Executive Director since 1997. The Consortium has flourished under Rick's leadership, vision and camaraderie showcasing the power of collaborative work, including notable partnerships with other NOAA units. Embracing the Sea Grant Model, Rick has continually applied his considerable skills to strengthen the Sea Grant network and the Sea Grant Association. In particular Rick's diplomacy and legislative affairs savvy have been invaluable; his leadership on the Sea Grant Association External Relations Committee has repeatedly benefited the entire program.

Rick's scholarly interests focus on coastal and marine resource policy, state and regional coastal ocean planning and policy, ocean observing, science-to-management linkages, and science communication and education. Rick holds several faculty appointments, including three at the College of Charleston. Rick is also a research associate at the University of South Carolina Belle W. Baruch Institute for Marine and Coastal Sciences. Rick earned degrees from Fairleigh Dickinson University (BS, marine biology), CUNY/City College of New York (MA biological oceanography), and the University of Rhode Island (MMA, marine policy).

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Jonathan Kramer

*D*r. Jonathan (Jon) G. Kramer, Director of the Maryland Sea Grant College Program, is recognized by the Sea Grant Association (SGA) for special service on behalf of the Sea Grant Association as well as the entire Sea Grant Network. Jon's scientific expertise is diverse, but he is equally noted for his ability to build bridges among institutions and individuals through effective leadership. Jon has applied these skills to Sea Grant in a variety of roles: as Assistant Director of Research and Interim Director at Maryland Sea Grant and later as Director in 2000. Jon also served as the President of the SGA in 2005 and 2006. Donald F. Boesch, president of the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, sums up the feelings of many "... Jon is the kind of partner anyone would like to have, knowledgeable, understanding, cooperative and reliable."

Jon began his graduate studies at SUNY Stony Brook and completed his doctorate at the University of Maryland. His expertise lies in the areas of marine biology and microbiology, where he has employed molecular technologies to study the effects of nutrients and contaminants on marine microorganisms.

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James D. Murray

Dr. James (Jim) D. Murray, Deputy Director of the National Sea Grant Office (NSGO), is presented with the Sea Grant Association President's Award for his superior collaborative efforts among all elements of Sea Grant, his exemplary leadership within the NSGO, which has reverberated positively throughout the Sea Grant Network, and his commitment to excellence and integrity; all built upon a foundation of scholarship.

Jim's esprit de corps is undeniable, infectious, and authentic, derived in part from experience at no fewer than four Sea Grant Institutions in addition to the NSGO. This service includes positions as Extension Director at New Jersey and North Carolina Sea Grants and the NSGO before accepting his current position. Fulfilling his duties as senior Sea Grant management admirably and in good humor, he has never lost touch with "the field" and is equally at ease among the Sea Grant Assembly, the SGA, the National Sea Grant Office and "the Hill."

Jim's undergraduate degree in economics is from Syracuse University. He also earned a master's degree from the State University of New York and a doctorate from North Carolina State University, both focusing on natural resource management.

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Robert R. Stickney

Dr. Robert (Bob) R. Stickney has served as Director of the Texas Sea Grant College Program since January 1996. During his tenure as Director, he has been a pillar of scholarship and service in the SGA. His credentials and achievements have served his own program, the Sea Grant Network and the Sea Grant Association well. A by no means exhaustive account of his SGA service includes: the Board of Directors, Extension Liaison to the Program Mission Committee, President-elect and President.

Bob earned a BS in Zoology at the University of Nebraska, a MA in Zoology at the University of Missouri and a PhD in Biological Oceanography at Florida State University. His career has largely focused on aquaculture and coastal and estuarine ecology. Bob has authored more than 100 refereed journal articles, several books and book chapters and contributed articles to a number of encyclopedias. He is currently editor-in-chief of *World Aquaculture*, the magazine of the World Aquaculture Society, and the scientific journal *Reviews in Fisheries Science*. He is past-president of the World Aquaculture Society, and the Fish Culture and Education Sections of the American Fisheries Society.

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Michael Voiland

*D*r. Michael Voiland, Executive Director of the North Carolina Sea Grant College Program, is presented with the Sea Grant Association President's Award for his service in support of the Sea Grant Association (SGA) mission. Michael's selfless efforts have significantly advanced, as well as elevated, Sea Grant's relationships within and outside of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and U.S. Congress. His current SGA service includes membership on the Board of Directors as Treasurer and Chair of the External Relations Committee.

Michael's experience with Sea Grant began in 1976 as an extension specialist. In 1985, he was named Sea Grant Great Lakes Program Coordinator. From 1987 to 1994, he served as Associate Director and Extension Leader for New York Sea Grant. After subsequent roles as a senior administrator of Cornell University, he began service as North Carolina's Executive Director in 2006.

Michael earned bachelor's and master's degrees in geography from the State University of New York at Albany. He earned a doctorate in natural resource management from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse University.

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Richard West

*R*ear Admiral Richard (Dick) West (U.S. Navy, Retired) is presented with the Sea Grant Association President's Award for his superior collaborative efforts among all elements of Sea Grant and his exemplary service and leadership on the National Sea Grant Review Panel and later the National Sea Grant Advisory Board, on which he currently serves as past-Chair.

Dick brings a wealth of knowledge to Sea Grant. He served as President/CEO of the Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education (CORE) from 2002 to 2007. As President of this D.C.-based non-profit organization, he led efforts to promote ocean research and education within the U.S. federal government on behalf of the academic and private ocean research community. He has testified before the U.S. Congress on several marine related policy issues and addressed the United Nations on Safety of Life at Sea. As the first Navigator of the Navy, he led the Navy's transition to electronic navigation. As Oceanographer of the Navy, he was the Department of Defense representative to the U.S. Ocean Commission. Rear Admiral West served in Vietnam and has commanded three ships, two during hostilities in the Arabian Gulf.

The Sea Grant Association President's Award



Charles A. Wilson

Dr. Charles (Chuck) A. Wilson, Executive Director of the Louisiana Sea Grant College Program at Louisiana State University, is recognized by the Sea Grant Association (SGA) for special service on behalf of the SGA as well as the entire Sea Grant Network. His contributions are wide-ranging and always characterized by excellence. A partial listing of Chuck's recent notable service includes: his wise leadership on the SGA Board of Directors as a member-at-large; his Program's gracious hosting of the successful, productive, and widely enjoyed Sea Grant Week 2010 meeting; and his scholarly contributions and leadership toward the greater good during the recent Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

Chuck earned a PhD in Marine Fisheries from the University of South Carolina in 1984. He has authored more than 100 scholarly publications addressing artificial reef ecology and development, fish life history, mariculture, and other topics. Over the past 20 years he has served on a number of state and federal advisory boards, panels, and committees concerned with fishery management and habitat issues in the Northern Gulf of Mexico.

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The Sea Grant Association Research to Application Award



Paul Bowser

Dr. Paul Bowser is a Professor at Cornell University in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology. He earned a MS degree from Iowa State University in 1972 and a PhD from Auburn University in 1978. His research interests include understanding diseases of fishes and strategies for fish health management. Dr. Bowser was the recipient of the State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Faculty Service in 2007. In 2009, Dr. Bowser received the S. F. Snieszko Distinguished Service Award from the Fish Health Section of the American Fisheries Society, a career achievement award for his contributions and service to the field of aquatic animal medicine.

Paul Bowser and David MacNeill received the award for their partnership in addressing Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia Virus – which has caused significant mortality events in a diversity of fish species and restrictions on the movement of live fish in the Great Lakes Basin. Bowser and the members of the Aquatic Animal Health Program at Cornell provided detailed information about the virus as well as sensitive detection methods. MacNeill and colleagues used this information to inform the fishing community and other important stakeholders of methods to limit virus spread and minimize its impact.

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David MacNeill

*M*r. David MacNeill conducts outreach on a variety of fisheries issues of concern to diverse audiences along Lake Ontario, Lake Erie, and the St. Lawrence River including fisheries sustainability, ecosystem changes, management under uncertainty, decision analysis, VHS impacts, and trawl assessment. He also works closely with researchers, assessment biologists and extension colleagues in the Great Lakes and Northeast Atlantic states to identify research and extension needs to address information barriers for extension program implementation.

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The Sea Grant Association Honorary Delegate Award



Elaine L. Knight

The Sea Grant Association (SGA) is delighted to recognize Ms. Elaine L. Knight as a Sea Grant Association Honorary Delegate. As Assistant Director of the South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium (Consortium), Elaine is a critical and cherished element of the Consortium's ongoing success. Elaine is also well known and highly respected throughout the SGA, and beloved by the Sea Grant Network.

Elaine's service to the SGA and Sea Grant Network has been a foundation upon which the SGA's work is supported. In addition to her role supporting the SGA participation of the Consortium Director and service as the Consortium's Alternate Delegate, she has applied her significant scholarly and organizational skills toward conducting a wide range of SGA activities including our biannual meetings, special events, and supporting materials. Through the application of excellence to all of her work, Elaine has significantly enhanced the reputation of the Sea Grant Association and benefited the entire Sea Grant Network.

The Sea Grant Association Honorary Delegate Award recognizes an individual for dedication and exemplary service to the Sea Grant Association above and beyond that expected or required.

The William Q. Wick Sea Grant Extension Award for Visionary Career Leadership in Administration



Jay Rasmussen

*F*or nearly 14 years, Mr. Jay Rasmussen served Oregon Sea Grant (OSG) in a dual role-- as Associate Director and Program Leader for Extension. He also served as Interim Director and in June of this year, Jay officially retired.

Jay holds a BS and MS from Utah State University. He is the former director of the Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association. For many years prior to being hired at OSG he was an active member of Oregon's Sea Grant Advisory Council. Since officially coming to OSG in 1996, Jay held many service roles including the National Assembly of Sea Grant Extension Program Leaders (Chair-Elect, Chair, and Past-Chair); Oregon Water Resources Commission (governor-appointed Chair); as well as various member appointments on Oregon's Ocean Resources Management Task Force, Ocean Policy Council, Management Council-Tillamook Bay National Estuary Program, and Gorda Ridge Federal-State Technical Task Force. Jay has been the recipient of several Oregon State University Extension awards recognizing visionary leadership, Extension excellence, and as the University's Boss of the Year.

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The William Q. Wick Sea Grant Extension Award for Visionary Career Leadership in Programming



Eric Olsson

Mr. Eric Olsson has a wealth of experience in providing education and outreach to identify and eliminate oil spill-prone activities associated with boating and marina operation. His service in the U.S. Coast Guard and graduate studies at the University of Washington in marine resource and port management prepared him to address many pollution concerns adversely impacting shorelines and adjacent waters. Eric's leadership on the Pacific Oil Spill Prevention Education Team and interaction with harbormasters, marina operators and boat owners have proved critical in helping effective spill prevention education reach target audiences, change behaviors and eliminate the causes of oil spills.

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Don Sweat

Mr. Don Sweat began his Florida Sea Grant (FSG) career in 1977. Based in St. Petersburg, Florida, he remained there throughout his illustrious extension career for the next 33 years. He has degrees from the University of Florida (BS), and Stetson University (MS). He was FSG's "point men" for marine-related aquaculture and he came to FSG with private industry experience. Don worked with University of South Florida and University of Florida scientists and local communities to resurrect a multi-million dollar recreational scallop fishery for the west coast of Florida. Don also conducted a 15-year project that documented the decline and resurrection of the commercial bath sponge industry. These efforts led to the State of Florida changing regulations and the adoption of new harvesting techniques by the commercial sponge industry. Don was a founding board member of The Pier Aquarium, St. Petersburg; their programs reach thousands of citizens. He also established the annual Kid's Tournament where more than 2,000 kids/parents participate. Don was always a team player that wanted FSG to succeed. His desire to help others forged an approach that still serves the entire Sea Grant program.

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Sea Grant Extension Program Leaders' Superior Outreach Programming Award

Honoree to be named
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The Sea Grant Extension Program Leaders' Superior Outreach Programming Award honors superior leadership, teamwork, and accomplishments of Sea Grant Extension personnel engaged in outstanding outreach programs.

The award is focused on programs substantially conducted by an individual or a team during the past three years. The extension chair in each of the six Sea Grant regions nominated one project. Nomination information included descriptions of: the project's targeted audience and reasons for targeting; accomplishments and measurable regional or national impact(s); teamwork, creativity, and innovative techniques; use of interdisciplinary research and resources; risk taking; evidence of inclusive thinking, sensitivity and attention to diverse audiences; and, how project results serve as a model for others. An external panel of extension experts reviewed the nominees. At Sunday's Assembly of Sea Grant Extension Program Leaders meeting, each of the six nominees described their projects. The winner is announced at this evening's banquet.

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