

Underwater Acoustics

As a joint ASA/ICA meeting, the Montreal meeting was noted for its multiple successful special sessions. While traditional topics such as seabed acoustics continued to draw large number of attendees, diverse subjects on computation, signal processing and new engineering techniques, co-sponsored with other TCs, were a standout feature for this meeting.

The Fall meeting held in San Francisco featured multiple special sessions, as well as a well-attended posters session, which is a relatively rare event for UWTC. The response for the poster session is generally positive according to survey conducted among the members who attended the meeting.

At the Spring Providence meeting, the Medals and Awards representative for the UWTC changed from John Perkins to Charles Holland, who will serve the next three years. The UWTC found the ASA School 2014 a success.

The general concern from the members in the past year is that while membership of the UWTC is steady, the average age of members is steadily getting older. It is the consensus that promoting education and recruiting young researchers are of great importance for the health of the committee.

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