

The UWTC meeting was held at the scheduled time, 8:00 PM, Thursday, 21 May, 2015.

The meeting opened with various miscellaneous announcements. Noted among them is the desire expressed by David Bradley to have the content of the special session: *Historical Perspectives on the Origins of Underwater Acoustics* organized by Bradley and Tom Muir, published in some to-be-determined form. The entire committee has overall support for this idea, including potential financial support.

We thanked our virtual TPOM representative for Pittsburg, Nick Chotiros for his good work. This new format worked better than most had expected.

The discussion of the meeting centered on special sessions for Salt Lake City and Honolulu. Only one special session is decided for Salt Lake City: Title: Sediment characterization using direct and inverse techniques, Joint with AO, Co-chairs: David P. Knobles and Preston S. Wilson. Descriptive sentence: A session on the characterization of sediment acoustical properties using both direct and indirect techniques.

Four special sessions are proposed for Honolulu, fall, 2016:

1. Title: Sediment characterization using direct and inverse techniques
Joint with AO
Co-chairs: David P. Knobles and Preston S. Wilson
Descriptive sentence: A session on the characterization of sediment acoustical properties using both direct and indirect techniques.
2. Title: Transmission through the air-water interface Joint with noise?
Co-chairs: Peter H. Dahl and David R. Dall'Osto with JAS representative to be determined
Descriptive sentence: Transmission through the air-water interface, in either direction, is emphasized in this session. Examples include injection of air-borne sound from aircraft and wind-turbines into the water column and the generation of atmospheric infrasound from underwater sources.
3. Title: Harbor protection
Joint with: to be determined
Co-chairs: Peter Stein and ...
Descriptive sentence: This session welcomes all papers related to passive and active sonar optimization, and the measurement and modeling of underwater acoustic propagation, noise, reverberation, and clutter, in a harbor environment.
4. Title: Non-linear acoustics in underwater applications (tentative)
Joint with: to be determined
Co-chairs: Tom Muir and James Esplin
Descriptive sentence: missing right now

Finally, welcome is extended to the new UWTC chair, Megan Ballard.

The meeting is then adjourned.