

1 AAD Renews Sponsorship

The Australian Antarctic Division (AAD) has generously renewed its agreement with UTAS to sponsor the SOOS International Project Office for the 2012/2013 financial year.



Australian Government

Department of Sustainability, Environment,
Water, Population and Communities
Australian Antarctic Division

Thank you AAD for your ongoing support!

2 COMNAP-SOOS Workshop

The **Council of Managers of National Antarctic Programs** (COMNAP) will host a COMNAP-SOOS Workshop to coincide with their AGM in Seoul, Korea, in July 2013.

COMNAP's mission statement, 'to develop and promote best practice in managing the support of scientific research in Antarctica', blends nicely with one of SOOS's objectives, 'to unify observation efforts and leverage further resources'.

The Workshop will provide an excellent opportunity for operations managers and scientists to work together to identify how COMNAP capabilities can help meet SOOS goals.

It is anticipated four or five SOOS representatives will attend the Workshop, with some travel support provided by COMNAP.

3 SOOS Executive Officer

Dr Fiona Taylor has commenced as the SOOS Executive Officer whilst Louise Newman is on maternity leave until March 2013.

Please contact **Fiona** in the International Project Office if you have any queries.

4 SOOS Forum at AGU

A **SOOS Forum** will be held at the **AGU Fall Meeting** as part of the AGU Town Hall program on Friday 7th December, 12.30-1.30 pm (a light snack will be available).

SOOS Scientific Steering Committee members will discuss SOOS activities, and wish to receive ideas from the broader Southern Ocean scientific community.

Town Hall meetings are open to all AGU participants and SOOS members are encouraged to attend. Join discussion afterwards with our online forum on the **SOOS website**.

5 Seeing Below the Ice Workshop

More than 50 international scientists gathered in Hobart, Australia, 22-25 October for the SOOS-led **Seeing Below the Ice Workshop**.

The Workshop included two days of public presentations and two days of closed working group discussions. Participants had the opportunity to present the current status of polar observing systems, define problems, and recommend solutions to develop a sustained strategy for observations in the Southern Ocean sea ice zone.

The draft strategy will be released in 2013. Didn't attend the Workshop? Video from the workshop is being edited by CliC and will be available from the **SOOS website** and **CliC Cryosphere Channel** soon!



Seeing Below the Ice was sponsored by CSIRO Wealth from Oceans Flagship, Antarctica New Zealand, CliC, and POGO.

6 Sponsor SOOS

To maintain basic operation of the International Project Office, to promote SOOS and develop SOOS activities we need ongoing support!

Benefits to your research/program include increased international visibility, positive brand association, and enhanced networking opportunities.

Your support will help SOOS meet its mission to coordinate and expand the efforts of all nations and programs that gather data from the Southern Ocean.

For information on how to sponsor or support SOOS please contact **Fiona**.

7 SOBOM Endorsement

SOOS has endorsed, and contributed to, a large US proposal for a Southern Ocean Biogeochemical Observations and Modelling (SOBOM) centre, to be based at Princeton University.

SOOS Co-Chair Oscar Schofield is one of the SOBOM PIs, and Co-Chair Mike Meredith is on the international advisory panel.

If SOBOM is funded it will represent a strong advance in circumpolar physical oceanography and biogeochemistry.

SOOS has also endorsed a number of smaller projects and proposals in 2012. See the **SOOS website** for details and how to request endorsement.

8 Merry Christmas!

Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year to all members of the SOOS community.

We look forward to working with you in 2013.

Please contact **info@soos.aq** if you have any comments/questions about this Update.