

NOW Newsletter- December 2021

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Making Waves with NOW

- This month's new releases:
 - o Erin Firth: Polar Microbes Give Peptide Clues for Detecting Life on Icy Worlds.
 - o Rachel Harris: FISH-TAMB: Visualizing Targeted Gene Expression in Living Microorganisms.
- Call for future <u>NOW Waves</u>, please submit slide (pptx, jpg, pdf) to: <u>kpietro@whoi.edu</u>

NOW Upcoming Events

- January 10th 1pm ET/ 10am PT NOW Lecture Series Season 2, Episode 4 (details to come)
- April 21st NOW Steering Committee "Annual" Meeting

FLOW Upcoming Events

• Jan/ Feb 2022 <u>Early Career Proposal Writing Workshop</u> (*details to come*)

OW Themed AbSciCon Sessions Convened by NOW Colleagues (Abstract Deadline: Jan 19th, 2022)

- <u>Titan as a Prebiotic Laboratory</u>
- A New Era for Ocean Worlds Science, Systems-Level Studies to Inform Future Mission and Assess the Possibility and Detectability of Life
- Deep Dive into the Geophysics of Ocean Worlds
- <u>Crossing the Threshold: In Situ Instrumentation to Seek Like, its Precursors, and Geophysical Context on</u> Europa and other Ocean Worlds
- Earth Geysers and Ocean World Plumes: The Challenges of Characterizing a Unique Environment
- Assessing Ocean Worlds: Challenges and technologies for sub-ice sampling and exploration
- Preparing for in-situ life-detection and habitability investigations through modeling, laboratory, and field analog experiments
- Prebiotic/ Abiotic Chemistry in Alternative Solvents
- In-situ instrumentation and novel analytical techniques towards discovery-based chemical research
- General principles of life: towards understanding universal biology
- Life in Deep Subsurface Ice
- <u>Life at high pressure: the Astrobiology of deep subsurface environments</u>
- Hydrocarbon Worlds: Titan as an Exoplanet Analogue

Other Meetings, Workshops and Activities

- Jan 1-Oct 2 Deep Ocean Early-Career Researchers (DOERS) Professional Development Program
- Jan 7 COBRA: Crustal Ocean Biosphere Research Accelerator (C-DEBI)
- Jan 11 Neptune/ Triton System Seminar Series: Dr. Corey Cochrane
- Jan tbd Professional Advancement Workshop Series
- Jan 22-24 Gordon Research Seminar: Challenging Paradigms in Prebiotic Chemistry
- Jan 23-29 Gordon Research Conference: Origin of Life
- Jan 30-Feb 5 Gordon Research Conference: Geobiology
- Feb 6-11 Winter School on Atmosphere-Ocean-Sea Ice Interaction Processes
- Feb 27-Mar 4 Ocean Sciences 2022
 - o Session <u>HL18 Ocean Science for Ocean Worlds</u>
- Mar 4 Seafloor Fluid Sampling (C-DEBI)
- Mar 7-12 Lunar and Planetary Science Conference
- Mar 14-18 ICAT Ice Core Analysis Techniques PhD school
- Mar 21-25 <u>Space Science Week</u>
- April 19-20 OPAG
- TBD Life Detection Science & Technology Workshop
- May 15-20 AbSciCon
- July 16-24 COSPAR
 - o Session <u>B5.1</u>: Ocean Worlds; <u>B0.1</u>: Comparative Planetology

Recent Publications Relevant to Ocean Worlds

• <u>Dick and Shock 2021.</u> The Release of Energy During Protein Synthesis at Ultramafic-Hosted Submarine Hydrothermal Ecosystems, JGR Biogeosciences, https://doi.org/10.1029/2021JG006436

Career Opportunities

- Tenure Track Scientists (10 Positions), Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
- <u>Senior Scientist for Astrobiology</u>, NASA Ames (open until filled)
- Associate or Full Professor of Geobiology, University of Southern California (open until filled)
- Postdoc with Rensselaer Astrobiology research and Education Center (open until filled)
- <u>Department Chair-Earth and Planetary Sciences, University</u> of Texas San Antonio (open until filled)
- Research Scientist in Marine Geology and Geophysics, Columbia LDEO (open until filled)
- <u>Postdoctoral positions in Fluid-Rock Interactions & Investigation of Deep Subsurface Life.</u> Stable Isotope Laboratory, University of Toronto (open until filled)
- Assistant Professor in Geology, West Texas A&M University (open until filled)
- Assistant Professor in Sedimentary Processes, Boston College (open until filled)

Proposal Calls

- FINESST, Future Investigators in NASA Earth and Space Science Technology (2/11/2022)
- TWSC Topical Workshops, Symposia, and Conferences (5/13/2022)
- PSEF Planetary Science Enabling Facilities Program (deferred to 2022)

News, Education, and Outreach

- National Academy Ocean Shot: Ocean Science for Ocean Worlds
- Subscribe to the NASA Astrobiology Mailing List