



OA Observing News

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Newsletter of the Global Ocean Acidification Observing Network ([GOA-ON](#))

Announcements

New GOA-ON Distributed Secretariat

The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC-UNESCO) and the International Atomic Energy Agency have developed a reinforced Partnership to contribute to a distributed GOA-ON Secretariat. There will soon be two additional full-time positions, one based at IOC-UNESCO in Paris and the other at the IAEA Environment Laboratories in Monaco, who will strengthen the GOA-ON distributed Secretariat for the next two years, and help with the coordination of all of GOA-ON's activities, in close collaboration with the other Partners of the Network. These two positions are in addition to one position that already exists at the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the Ocean Acidification Program (NOAA OAP); collectively these three roles will form the basis of a Distributed GOA-ON Secretariat. This reinforcement of the GOA-ON Secretariat will accelerate progress on all GOA-ON's activities towards increased OA research and monitoring capacity across the globe and centralized access to ocean acidification data. The IAEA search to fill their position has closed, but the IOC-UNESCO vacancy announcement can be [found here](#) and applications are due 7 March 2018.

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New Pier2Peer Coordinator

Max Kaplan, the U.S. NOAA OAP's previous Pier2Peer Coordinator and representative to the new GOA-ON distributed secretariat, has moved on to a new position at the Consortium for Ocean Leadership. NOAA OAP has brought on Meredith Kurz, and she will be the new contact point for questions about the P2P program.

Join P2P today! P2P is a scientific mentorship program supporting the expansion of OA observing capacity through two way sharing and capacity building activities, and we are seeking additional mentors and mentees. P2P partnerships provide a range of professional development opportunities including technical guidance and study design advice, exchange of scientific articles and information about meetings and workshops, and much more. Consider becoming a mentor or mentee today by [following this link](#) and filling out a short survey about your experience and research interests. Applicants are allowed to specify if there is a specific mentor/mentee they wish to work with.

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Pier2Peer funding opportunity

The Ocean Foundation continues to offer a funding opportunity for Global Ocean Acidification Observing Network Pier2Peer program members. This year, ten awards of up to USD \$5000 will be awarded to help support international collaborations between mentors and mentees. A few of applicants have already received awards, but the Ocean Foundation is still accepting applicants for the remaining awards and is considering applications, in collaboration with the Pier2Peer coordinator, on a rolling basis.

Objectives

This funding opportunity will allow Pier2Peer program participants to expand their collaborations, thereby enhancing the quality and coverage of OA observations around the world.

Scope

We request that proposers outline collaborative projects. The aim of the projects may include one or more activities, such as purchase of observing equipment, hands-on training with observing equipment, learning new sample analysis techniques, data analysis, data management training, manuscript preparation, joint proposal writing, and initiation or consolidation of joint observing projects. The funding is not intended to support travel to attend conferences but can support travel to trainings. Proposals will be evaluated based on the potential to achieve the proposed activities. The funds granted must be spent within twelve months of receipt, and can be partitioned between the mentor and mentee as desired.

Please contact Meredith.Kurz@NOAA.gov to request application materials.

Upcoming Events

Session on ocean acidification at 4th Climate Change Symposium 4-8 June 2018

This summer, at *The Effects of Climate Change on the World's Oceans*, held in Washington DC, there will be a session entitled "Carbon uptake, ocean acidification, and ecosystems and human impacts." This session will include talks on GOA-ON. Those who will be at the meeting are encouraged to attend this session.

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Abstract submission open for OceanObs '19 in Honolulu, 16-20 September 2019

The OceanObs'19 conference will galvanize ocean observing communities to improve coordination of regional and national efforts to better observe the global ocean, to better respond to the joint scientific and societal needs of a fit-for-purpose ocean observing system, and maximize the overall benefit of more integrated observing. GOA-ON will be submitting an abstract on behalf of our network for white paper development; other abstracts are encouraged. [Abstract submissions will remain open until 15 March 2018.](#)

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Recent Activities

GOA-ON at the Ocean Sciences Meeting 11-16 February 2018

GOA-ON hosted a session at the 2018 Ocean Sciences meeting entitled “The Global Ocean Acidification Observing network, GOA-ON: linking local information globally.” The session included presentations that provide insights and progress on the three GOA-ON goals, and those that demonstrate how regional hubs are fostering scientific collaborations around the world. Several GOA-ON members attended the Ocean Sciences meeting.

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Portal Update Request

Please submit your OA monitoring assets to the GOA-ON data portal

The [GOA-ON data portal](#) displays OA monitoring assets around the world, including some display of near-real-time data streams. However, several geographic gaps remain. If you are working in an area that is not represented on the data portal, [please submit your asset information](#). The data portal helps researchers and policymakers around the world identify where there are monitoring gaps and where resources could be better directed.

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