**Greetings, Biogeoscientists and Friends!**

**Welcome to our June newsletter! We would like to share some updates with you below. As always, feel free to contact us with any questions or section business.**

**Sincerely,**

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**Upcoming Events & Deadlines:**

* Biogeosciences Section events [calendar](http://biogeosciences.agu.org/sfg-calendar/): http://biogeosciences.agu.org/sfg-calendar/
* Deadlines
	+ **August 2**: AGU Fall Meeting abstract submission deadline
	+ **August 10**: Fall Meeting student travel grant application deadline
* Events
	+ **June 15**: Fall Meeting [abstract submissions](https://fallmeeting.agu.org/2017/) and [student travel grant applications](http://fallmeeting.agu.org/2017/students/fall-meeting-student-travel-grants/) open
	+ **June 15**: AGU Council Meeting
	+ **June 30**: AGU Section and Focus Group Honor Recipients Announced

**Recent policy letters by the AGU Council**

The AGU Council has written or co-signed several letters in the past several weeks to increase awareness of its positions on funding and policy issues. You can access the recent and older letters and position statements [here](https://sciencepolicy.agu.org/agu-position-statements-and-letters/).

**Search for Editor in Chief of *Global Biogeochemical Cycles***

AGU is looking for a dynamic, well-organized scientist with high editorial standards and strong leadership skills to serve a 4-year term as the editor in chief (EIC) for *Global Biogeochemical Cycles*. The EIC, an active scientist, well-known and well-regarded in his/her discipline, is the principal architect of the scientific content of the journal. The EIC must be active in soliciting the best science from the best scientists to be published in the journal. Working with the other editors and AGU staff, the EIC is the arbiter of the content of the journal. The EIC’s responsibilities include:

* Act as an ambassador to the author/editor/reviewer/scientist community.
* Set the strategy for the journal.
* Lead the editor selection process.
* Assign and balance review work load.
* Decisions of ethics.
* Review and contribute to periodic monitoring reports.

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**Executive Announcements:**

* The updated AGU Section and Focus Guidebooks are now available! These [guidebooks](http://sites.agu.org/leadership/files/2017/02/AGU-SFG-Handbook_March-2017_1st-draft.pdf) provide detailed information on membership statistics, AGU staff and affiliate role responsibilities, committee information, calendars, various program policies and more. Be sure to visit the resources sidebar on the [Biogeosciences website](http://biogeosciences.agu.org/) to read more.
* AGU has published [*Earth and Space Science is Essential to Society*](http://agupubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/hub/issue/10.1002/%28ISSN%292333-5084.SCISOC1/), a special collection of commentaries from AGU journals. This anthology explains the relevance of geoscientific research for the and the societal benefits of research through a compilation of collection, featuring 25 essays from notable scientists highlighting the important role Earth and space science research plays in society. They discuss the critical role of research, the growing importance of data and the increasing globalization of the scientific enterprise. Together, they highlight how Earth and space science research can help grow our economy and enable our society to thrive.
* The newly launched AGU Webinars channel is a great informational source for the Earth and space sciences. Each week will feature guest speakers from the Earth and space science community presenting topics important to you! Tune in Thursdays at 2 p.m. ET. and visit [webinars.agu.org](http://webinars.agu.org/) for the schedule of upcoming webinars and to watch past webinars.