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# Earth and Planetary Surface Processes Focus Group Newsletter: Aug. 2015

Dear Colleagues,

In this month's issue of the Earth and Planetary Space Processes (EPSP) newsletter:

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Best regards,

Jim Pizzuto

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# Congratulations to 2015 EPSP honorees!

The winner of the 2015 Leopold Award is Vamsi Ganti, who will present the Sharp Lecture at the 2015 Fall Meeting on the afternoon of Thursday, December 17.

Robert Anderson is the 2015 Gilbert Award winner. Dr. Anderson will be recognized immediately before the Sharp Lecture at the 2015 Fall Meeting.

Newly elected Fellows include James Best, Michael Church, and Praveen Kumar (joint with Hydrology).

Congratulations to all of these distinguished scientists!

## Volunteers Needed: EPSP Program Committee and OSPA Coordinator

The EPSP Program Committee helps to organize special sessions and other programs for AGU meetings. We are looking for a third volunteer to join Katherine Skalak and Andrew Wilcox on this committee. If you are interested in helping, please send an email to Jim Pizzuto (pizzuto@udel.edu).

EPSP also needs a coordinator for the Outstanding Student Presentation Award (OSPA) program. Ken Ferrier and Leslie Hsu have served for several years in this capacity, and it is time to pass the torch. Ken has offered to guide a new volunteer through the process. Please consider helping; this is an important service to our students. Please contact Jim Pizzuto (pizzuto@udel.edu).

#### Volunteers STILL Needed for the AGU Student Committee

If you will be a student AGU member for the next two years, have good leadership and communication skills, and are interested in helping on the AGU Student Committee, please send a short resume and a brief statement summarizing what you would like to accomplish as a member of the Student Committee to Jim Pizzuto (pizzuto@udel.edu). For additional information, see the student page of our website (http://epsp.agu.org/students/).

# **New Fall Meeting Undergraduate Mentoring Program**

AGU is piloting a program at the 2015 Fall Meeting that will pair a subset of undergraduate Fall Meeting attendees with more experienced attendees for an in-person mentoring experience, and we are currently recruiting mentors. Mentors do not necessarily need to be senior scientists or AGU awardees/honorees; the most important requirements are that the mentor has attended at least one Fall Meeting before, shares the students' research/scientific interests, and has knowledge and experience that will be useful to the student. Learn more at <a href="http://education.agu.org/undergraduate-students/agu-fall-meeting-undergraduate-mentoring-program/">http://education.agu.org/undergraduate-students/agu-fall-meeting-undergraduate-mentoring-program/</a>.

#### Earth's Future: Now Indexed in Web of Science

The AGU open access journal *Earth's Future* has been accepted for future indexing in Thomson Reuter's Web of Science. Although the official impact factor won't be available for a few years, articles from the journal have already received high citations and altmetrics scores. Since the journal's inception in 2013, *Earth's Future* articles have reached a broad global audience, with 112,000+ visits and 86,000+ full-article downloads. *Earth's Future* is a transdisciplinary journal exploring global change and sustainability.

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