

## Earth and Planetary Surface Processes Focus Group Newsletter: March 2017

Dear Colleagues,

In this month's issue of the Earth and Planetary Surface Processes (EPSP) newsletter we provide updates on important deadlines and events, and introduce new committee members and officers for the group. First, the important announcements and deadlines:

1. Six members of EPSP won Outstanding Student paper awards at the Fall Meeting 2016. Their names are listed below. Congratulations to these awardees!
2. Nominate deserving candidates for the 2017 [Leopold and Gilbert Awards](#) **before 14 April**.
3. Propose sessions for the 2017 Fall Meeting before [April 19: Deadline for 2017 Fall Meeting Session Proposals](#).
4. Apply for scholarships and/or travel funds to the Fall Meeting: [April deadlines for several student & early career scholarships](#) and [travel grants](#).
5. Give! AGU will enhance your contributions to EPSP, and most of the funds will help students travel to the AGU meeting.

Please join us in thanking Jim Pizzuto, the previous President of our EPSP focus group. Thanks to his guidance and the many who helped him during his two-year term, our group has grown and optimized the excitement of EPSP science among its members. As of 2017, Bill Dietrich is the new President, Dorothy Merritts the new President-Elect, and Greg Hancock the new Secretary. We look forward to joining all of you to continue to strengthen our group's efforts to support research and advance science in Earth and Planetary Surface Processes.

Best regards,

Bill Dietrich  
AGU Focus Group President, Earth and Planetary Surface Processes

Dorothy Merritts  
AGU Focus Group President-Elect, Earth and Planetary Surface Processes

Greg Hancock  
AGU Focus Group Secretary, Earth and Planetary Surface Processes

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### Outstanding Student Paper Awards, Fall Meeting 2016

The Outstanding Student Paper Awards (OSPAs) promote, recognize and reward

undergraduate, Master's and PhD students for quality research in the geophysical sciences. Each year, sections and focus groups recruit judges to assess and score student oral and poster presentations at meetings. Typically, the top 3-5% of presenters in each section/focus group are awarded an OSPA. Awardees in 2016 were as follows:

[Virginia Marcon](#)

[Alexander Horton](#)

[Alexandra Skrivanek](#)

[Katherine Lininger](#)

[Ryan Sincavage](#)

[William Jesse Hahm](#)

**Nominate deserving candidates for the 2017 [Leopold and Gilbert Awards](#) before 14 April 2017.**

The Luna B. Leopold Award is given annually to one early-career scientist (no more than 5 years post-degree) in recognition of a significant and outstanding contribution that advances the field of Earth and planetary surface processes.

The G. K. Gilbert Award in Surface Processes is given annually to one honoree in recognition of sustained and outstanding contributions to Earth and planetary surface processes.

**Propose sessions for the 2017 Fall Meeting to the EPSP Focus Group Program Committee before [April 19: Deadline for 2017 Fall Meeting Session Proposals](#).**

The EPSP Focus Group Program Committee is responsible for our Fall Meeting sessions. We thank previous members who organized 92 sessions the Fall Meeting 2016. Current members are:

Katie Skalak – Co-Chair

Kimberly Hill – Co-Chair

Greg Hancock

Ben Crosby

Michelle Koppes

Giovanni Cocoa

Ken Ferrier

Marissa Palucis

Send ideas to these folks, and stay tuned for the results of their deliberations in the coming months.

**AGU continues its program to enhance your contributions to EPSP.**

If more than 5% of our members give \$50 or more to our Focus Group during 2017, AGU will

provide an addition \$1,000 for our programs (and the AGU enhancement increases with rising member participation). Please consider participating—our student programs, our EPSP reception, and other events depend on gifts from our members!