

UNOLS Update

2024 AICC Winter
Meeting

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UNOLS Code of Conduct

The University-National Oceanographic Laboratory System (UNOLS) is a source of support and recommendations for the oceanographic community and U.S. federal agencies on all aspects of oceanographic research infrastructure. In this role, UNOLS regularly organizes and hosts events, including meetings, workshops, conferences, webinars, trainings, dinners, networking opportunities and educational events, with members from various sectors within the academic, ocean science, and related communities.

The UNOLS community is dedicated to creating an inclusive and welcoming environment for every person. UNOLS activity participants will refrain from all forms of discrimination, harassment, and bullying.

UNOLS activities are conducted in accordance with the following standards and ground rules. They shall be reviewed near the beginning of all professional activities:

Standards

- ✓ Every person is treated respectfully and collegially.
- ✓ Every person is committed to engaging successfully with members of other cultures.
- ✓ Participants are mindful of their surroundings and of their fellow participants.
- ✓ Every person is accountable: When we as organizers or participants fail to meet these guidelines, we work together to identify problems and adjust policy and practice together.
- ✓ Discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and/or bullying, of any type, is not tolerated.

Ground rules

- ✓ Every committee participant is valued and on equal footing.
- ✓ We will model the behavior we expect to see from others.
- ✓ We will speak from our own experiences and no one else's.
- ✓ We will give credit appropriately.
- ✓ We will practice respectful communication.
- ✓ We will respect and include all voices.
- ✓ We will not interrupt.
- ✓ We will focus on listening as well as speaking.

UNOLS Update

The issue's / activities that we have addressed in the past year

- Committees - Full return to in-person committee meetings
 - Nearly all meetings conducted as hybrid with a virtual component - requires more in-person UNOLS Office support
- DEIJ
 - Code of Conduct
 - Council initiatives
 - Complaint process
 - UNOLS letter to USCG regarding Safer Seas Act & how to apply to ARF vessels
- Marine Facilities Planning (MFP)
 - Continued refining of Ship Scheduling module
 - Cruise Planning Module being used by more operators, community becoming proficient
 - International User's Group – re-initiate efforts
 - **UPDATE YOUR FUNDING!**
- COVID-19
 - Guidance updated once this year. COVID had minimal impact this year. Last report unless the situation changes

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- Langseth Replacement Support
 - MSROC provided marine seismic scientific requirements input to LDEO and as they pursue a RV Langseth Replacement vessel
 - FIC provided input to LDEO on desired general oceanographic research capabilities for the replacement vessel
- Science Requirements for future US Coast Guard Arctic Marine Research Capability
 - Working with USCG, Arctic Research Commission, & AICC to develop plan to update science mission requirements for future USCG Arctic Marine Research Capability
- Review & New Cooperative Agreement
 - Council review of UNOLS Office recommended renewal for another 5-year C.A. with UW hosting
 - Starting proposal for next 5 years

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- Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act
 - Overwhelming burden that could tie up ships
 - UNOLS Office contracted with Eric Buck (ret. UCSD Captain/Port Captain) to
 - investigate & understand complexities of the Act and various entities are addressing it
 - assemble info from ship operators that illustrate magnitude / complexity of the Act
 - draft Big administrative burden on ship operators to develop waiver requests on behalf of the fleet
 - Met with NSF staff during tour of R/V Thompson to educate them on unique challenges of ships NSF funding contractor support to aid ship operators in meeting the Act's requirements
- MATE Internship Program
 - Successful shift from MPC to UNOLS Office under new NSF REU Grant
 - 18 Interns in 2023!
- Tech Pool
 - Another busy year – 35 techs, 773 Sea/Shore Days in 2023

UNOLS Update Cont'd

- Ship Scheduling
 - Continued Weekly meetings for Global/Ocean Class ships
 - MFP tools continue to evolve
 - Reports!
 - Published most ship schedules in September
 - Still dealing with cruise deferral, crewing & mechanical issue impacts
- UNOLS Office Hirings
 - MATE Internship Program Manager – Maria Osiadacz
 - Students (2) recently hired
 - In process of hiring additional Admin Support
 - MFP day-to-day support
 - Meetings administration
 - Hiring new Technical Services Manager – to replace Brandi Murphy who is now at UW
 - Hiring Admin Assistant – travel & admin services support
- Early Career Scientist Activities
 - AICC / RV Sikuliaq– June 2023
 - MSROC / ECS Workshop – Dec 2023

Thank you!



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We want to hear what's new with you!

