

Australasian Hydrographic Society

Education Award 2008

The Australasian Hydrographic Society offers an Annual Education Award of AUD 2,500. The award is open to students studying or researching in any maritime discipline including, but not limited to,

- hydrography
- coastal studies
- offshore resource surveys and management
- port development and maritime engineering
- law of the sea
- marine cartography
- environmental studies
- marine geology, geophysics.

Closing Date: Friday 12th December 2008

Application Forms are available from the Australasian Hydrographic Society Website (8 1). For further information, please contact the Australasian Hydrographic Society Education Award Panel on Ph: +612 99093437 , Fax: +612 99538203 and e-mail:

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East Australian Region

World Hydrography Day Luncheon

The East Australian Region (EAR) held a successful luncheon event in support of World Hydrography Day. A number of EAR members were awarded Australasian Hydrographic Society (AHS) awards at the luncheon. Those recognised for their achievements and contribution to hydrography included:

- Service Achievement to Australasia: J. Maschke (EAR), M. Perwick (NZR)
- Career Achievement: R. Nairn, J. Spittal and K. Glenn
- Career (& Service) Achievement: D. Fitzhenry (EAR), W. Russell-Cargill (WAR)
- Scientific & Technological Achievement: G. Chisholm
- Literary Achievement: G.A. Mawer (AOTM Division)
- Patron's LoA (Individual): A. Millett (WAR)
- Industry Achievement (Public Sector): RAN Hydrographic, Meteorological and Oceanographic Force Element Group and RAN Sea Power Centre
- Exhibition & Archive Achievement: National Library of Australia
- Education Award: L. Bishop

EAR Technical Meeting

The EAR held a technical meeting on 15th July 2008 at Bruttour International Offices in Hornsby on Sydney's Upper North Shore. The meeting was well attended with major discussion topics being how to attract younger members, how to ensure that the Society is meeting members' needs and how to better engage and communicate with members.

Fewer numbers of members are joining the Society as a result of the lack of young people entering the profession. The following initiatives were decided upon:

- creating a technical discussion forum whereby all members of AHS will have the ability to exchange ideas and communicate
- encouraging interstate meetings to coordinate via teleconference
- hold a World Hydrography Day function in Sydney on or around 21st June 2009
- arrange a technical day with dinner afterwards for October 2008
- focus on education for the future, to encourage younger members
- more emphasis on technical presentations at meetings
- consider having meetings on Monday evenings to allow greater attendance from field surveyors.

A disk and hardcopy proceedings of HYDRO 07 can still be obtained from the AHS treasurer for AUD100.

The next meeting of EAR will be the AGM in September 2008. The longstanding EAR Chair, John Maschke, and EAR Secretary, David Garforth, have signalled their intention not to stand for office at the next EAR AGM, when election of office-bearers will occur.

Bruttour International was presented with an award for longstanding support to the Australasian Hydrographic Society, especially HYDRO 07.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr Darryl Smith, Contract Surveyor, shared his recent experiences of carrying out survey work in Oman.

Award Presentation

Captain Dan Fitzhenry, stalwart of the AHS, chair of the Society's Education Award Panel and CEO of Land and Hydrographic Surveys, recently received a Society Career and Service Award which recognised his long contribution to hydrography and his service to the Society over many years. Honorary treasurer Ron Furness recently presented the Award to Dan at his home on behalf of the Society. West Australian Region World Hydrography Day (WHD) was celebrated in Western Australia with a large dinner function held at the Duxton Hotel Ballroom, Perth. The Western Australian Region (WAR) of the AHS put on the lights in the 'City Of Lights' (as Astronaut John Glenn referred to Perth as he orbited above the city in Friendship 7 in 1962). IFHS President, Paul Hornsby, made the 4,000km trip to Perth. Paul offered a thought-provoking speech before progressing to the Western Australian presentations for the evening. These included a Career and Achievement Award for Bill Russell-Cargill and Patron's Letter of Appreciation for Alec Millett.

The Guest Speaker for the evening was Mr Ted Graham, Chairman of the not-for-profit company HMAS Sydney Search Pty Ltd (Trustee for the Finding Sydney Foundation) which successfully located the WW2 wrecks of HMAS Sydney (II) and HSK Kormoran in approximately 2,600m of water in March 2008 off the Western Australian coastline. Ted's talk included many previously unreleased photos, video and on-vessel images of the wrecks as well as references to the sterling effort put in by professional hydrographers during the discoveries. The evening went very well with local donations from Woodside Petroleum and TriSurv Geomatics. Principal sponsors at a national level included L3 Communications and the Royal Australian Navy with major sponsors being Seismic Asia Pacific, Fugro and PMP Digital.

New Zealand Region

Our annual seminar and NZR AGM was held on the afternoon of Thursday 12th June NIWA's Greta Point research centre with a vessel visit to the Tangaroa in the evening. The seminar Hydrography in NZ. Diversity in the Marine domain was attended by approximately 30 persons, including students from the Cat A surveying course at Otago Uni in Dunedin and Vice Admiral Chris Ritchie, AO, RANR, to present awards. Papers ranged from port and shipping management and projections of future ship sizes to wave and sea power harnessing. Discussion focused on new technology and ship navigation in channels.