

ECSC BIWEEKLY

Upcoming Events in April and May

Date	Event	Location	Time
4/16	ANERR Risk Assessment Workshop	ANERR	TBA
4/16	Geospatial Analysis Thematic Area Conference Call	Teleconference	TBA
4/16	ECSC undergraduate scholar, Jessica Wise senior thesis defense	FAMU	TBA
4/18	ECSC Middle School Environmental Awareness Poster Competition	Nims Middle School Tallahassee	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
4/25	Integrated Assessment Thematic Area Conference Call	Teleconference	TBA
5/5	Center Management Team Conference Call	Teleconference	9:00 AM EST
5/7	Integrated Social Sciences Thematic Area Conference Call	Teleconference	TBA

ECSC Director Appointed to the Ocean Research Advisory Panel

Donald C. Winter, the United States Secretary of the Navy, has appointed ECSC Director, Dr. Larry Robinson as a member of the Ocean Research Advisory Panel.

“I am grateful to you for the time and talent you will bring to the ORAP over the next four years,” said Winter. “I look forward to your participation in this influential committee, not only in developing the Navy’s research and development program, but also in providing advice on significant issues that confront the Navy and Marine Corps.” Dr. Robinson stated, “I am honored to be selected to serve on this panel and welcome this opportunity to provide my services on the behalf of Florida A&M University to work on issues of tremendous importance to the nation and our constituents throughout Florida.

New Feature on the ECSC Website

Searching for a job has been made easier. Announcements for positions at the ECSC, NOAA, and other agencies can be accessed via the ECSC website. <http://ecsc.famu.edu/employmentopportunities>.

Field Courses for ECSC Students

Dr. Stacy Smith, ECSC Post-doctoral research associate, will teach an ECSC field course that is open for all ECSC students. The course will be held during the week of May 12th. All ECSC students’ tuition will be covered. Students who enroll in the course will reside at the Florida State University Marine lab, where they will be taught the ECSC core field competencies. For more information please contact Dr. Stacy Smith at Stacy.Smith@famu.edu or 850-599-8890. Ms. Christina Watters is coordinating an ECSC field course to be held at JSU and the Grand Bay NERR. The GBNERR Field course will be held the week of June 16th. For more information, contact Christina Watters at Christina.Watters@dmr.ms.gov or 228-475-7047.

NOAA Graduate Sciences Program Student defends her Dissertation

Natasha Henry, a FAMU ECSC scholar, successfully defended her doctoral dissertation on April 3rd. Her dissertation was entitled “Enhanced Bioremediation: An innovative strategy to increase microbial degradation of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons.” FAMU ECSC professor, Dr. Michael Abazinge was the chair of Ms. Henry’s dissertation committee. Ms. Henry is also a member of the NOAA EPP Graduate Sciences Program Class of 2007. She is currently an Environmental Scientist at the NCCOS Center for Coastal Environmental Health and Biomolecular Research (CCEHBR) in Charleston, South Carolina.



Second DSU ECSC Scholar Defends Thesis

DSU ECSC scholar, Nicholas Munyei, defended his thesis on March 31st. The title of his thesis was “Estimation of Chlorophyll a via Remote Sensing in the St. Jones River Watershed, Delaware.” Mr. Munyei plans to continue to conduct research in the area of remote sensing at the University of Delaware where he has been accepted into a doctoral program.