

Professional Certification for Oceanographers

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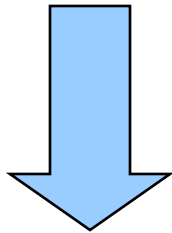
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Executive Directors and/or Presidents of our societies share some concerns:

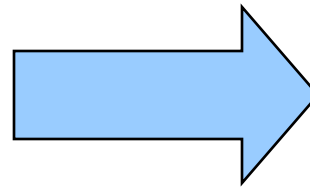
- Workforce development
- Career opportunities
- Continued professional development
- Operational capacity building
- Public awareness and confidence

What happens next?

Several years: much discussion about professional certification



This workshop: much excitement, many hopes



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Joint Program on Professional Certification for Oceanographers

Status:

- Draft Memorandum of Agreement among AMS, MTS, TOS, currently in review by IEEE/OES
- Final MOA to include recommendations and insights from this workshop
- Working team initiated to follow-through

Joint Program on Professional Certification for Oceanographers

AMS, MTS, TOS will contribute:

- Professional time for program development
- Liaison with, promotion to, their membership
- Joint effort in running a certification program

Special contributions (examples):

- AMS: full-page ads in BAMS
- MTS: guide to the ocn sci body of knowledge
- TOS: liaison to MATE, OSB, COL, ORRAP

Joint Program on Professional Certification for Oceanographers

Schedule:

Dec 08: def of need, market, benefits, issues

Apr 09: Pilot Program Plan

Jul 09: PP Implementation Plan

Tentative Roll-out:

26-29 Oct 09: MTS/IEEE Ocean 09, Biloxi

17-21 Jan 10: AMS Annual Meeting, Atlanta

22-26 Feb 10: TOS Biennial (Ocean Sci) Mtg,
Portland OR

Joint Program on Professional Certification for Oceanographers

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