

2014 Ocean Sciences Meeting
Media Advisory 2

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For more information about the Ocean Sciences Meeting, please see: [Media Advisory 1](#).

1. Press conference announcement: Three years after Fukushima: Tracking radionuclides in the Pacific Ocean

The following press conference is subject to change, before or during the Ocean Sciences Meeting. Visit the on-site Press Room, Room 302B in the Hawaii Convention Center, for the latest information. Times for meeting events, including the press conference, are Hawaii-Aleutian Standard Time (HAST).

**Three years after Fukushima: Tracking radionuclides in the Pacific Ocean
Monday, 24 February
9:00 a.m. HAST**

Scientists have been keeping a close eye on how radionuclides from the Japanese power plant are being transported in the Pacific Ocean since the Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Plant accident in March 2011. Now, three scientists are taking a closer look at cesium transport near Japan and across the

Pacific, including when and where radiation from Fukushima could arrive on North America's West Coast. Researchers will discuss results from computer models predicting how cesium-137 is being dispersed in the Pacific Ocean, three years of water testing in the northern Pacific Ocean, and a new public crowdsourcing campaign monitoring radiation levels on the West Coast.

Participants:

Ken Buesseler: Senior Scientist, Center for Marine and Environmental Radioactivity, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Massachusetts, U.S.A.;

Yukio Masumoto: Professor, Department of Earth and Planetary Science, Graduate School of Science, University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan;

John N. Smith: Senior Research Scientist, Bedford Institute of Oceanography, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Sessions: 114, 175D

2. Press conference dial-in information

Reporters are welcome to call in to the press conference on "Three years after Fukushima: Tracking radionuclides in the Pacific Ocean." See below for a dial-in phone number and access code. Also, any supplementary materials shared in the press conference will be posted online to the Ocean Sciences Meeting Press page after the press conference:
<http://www.sgmeet.com/osm2014/media.asp>.

Toll-free dial-in number (U.S. and Canada): (877) 709-0939

International dial-in number: (678) 735-6305

When prompted, enter this conference code: 1924247921

3. Press room information

The Press Room is Room 302B in the Hawaii Convention Center. The Press Room provides working space for reporters, including computers, a printer, Wi-Fi, and space for working and networking with colleagues. Light refreshments will also be provided in the Press Room. The main phone number in the Press Room for incoming calls is 808-792-6621.

Press Room Hours:

Monday - Thursday

10:00 AM – 6:00 PM (HAST)

4. Attention PIOs: sending press releases/press kits to the meeting

Public information officers of universities, government agencies, and research institutions are invited to disseminate press releases and related documents at the Ocean Sciences Meeting. We recommend bringing or sending around 30 copies of printed materials and 3-5 copies of broadcast quality video to share with the press.

The easiest way to get these materials to the Press Room is to bring them yourself, or to give them to one of your scientists with instructions to deliver them to the Press Room (Room 302B). If you prefer, you may send these materials (but not to arrive before Sat., 21 Feb.) by FedEx, UPS, or DHL to the following address:

Mary Catherine Adams
(Guest arriving Feb. 21)
Hilton Hawaiian Village
2005 Kalia Road
Honolulu, HI 96815
Phone: 1-808-949-4321

Please time shipments to the above address to arrive on or after Sat., 21 Feb. The materials will be on display from Mon., 24 Feb., (or as soon as they are received) through Thu., 27 Feb. Please collect any remaining materials by 6:00 p.m. on Thu., 27 Feb. Any materials left in the Press Room after that time will be recycled.

5. Badge pick-up information: Where do I pick up my press badge?

Members of the press who have preregistered online for the meeting may pick up their press badges in the first floor main lobby of the Hawaiian Convention Center beginning Sunday afternoon. The registration booths are outside Exhibit Halls I, II, and III.

Registration Hours (HAST):

Sunday

1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Monday – Thursday

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday

7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

We strongly encourage press attending the meeting to register in advance online. You may register here: <http://goo.gl/VuTy7w>.

6. Press registration information

Registration is complimentary for members of the news media. For eligibility requirements, please see below.

Online registration: You may register in advance online (strongly recommended) at:

<http://goo.gl/VuTy7w>.

Or, register on-site at the Ocean Sciences Meeting Registration Desk, on the first floor main lobby at the Hawaii Convention Center, during the hours given above (in item 5).

International Reporters: See important visa information below if you are planning to attend the 2014 Ocean Sciences Meeting and are not a citizen or resident of the USA.

Eligibility for media registration is limited to the following persons:

- Working press employed by bona fide news media outlets who regularly report news on the earth sciences. These registrants must present a press card, business card, or a letter from an editor of a recognized news media outlet assigning you to cover 2014 OSM.
- Freelance science journalists and science bloggers who present evidence of three (3) bylined news reports in the earth sciences intended for the general public and published in 2012 – 2014.
- Creators of long-form stories or compositions about earth sciences, such as books/feature-length documentary films, who are currently working on one or have published at least one in 2012-14.
- Public information/press officers of scientific societies, educational institutions, and government agencies.

Note: Scientists who will be presenting at the meeting and also meet the above press eligibility criteria may be issued News Media credentials at the discretion of 2014 OSM Press Office Staff. Everyone who presents at the meeting must also register for the meeting as a presenter and pay the appropriate fees.

Representatives of publishing houses, the business side of news media, political action committees or similar, and for-profit corporations must register at the main registration desk at the meeting and pay the appropriate fees, regardless of possession of any of the above credentials; they will not be accredited as News Media at the meeting. All press badges will be issued solely at the discretion of the 2014 OSM Press Office.

7. Hotel information

Visit the Accommodations page on the 2014 Ocean Sciences Meeting website for information about hotels: <http://www.sgmeet.com/osm2014/accommodations.asp>. Unfortunately, deadlines to book rooms at special meeting rates have passed for all hotels listed.

8. U.S. visa regulations for international reporters

All journalists who are not citizens or permanent residents of the United States need a visa to cover scientific meetings in the U.S. This also applies to journalists from “Visa Waiver Program” countries (e.g., Western Europe) who do not normally need visas to enter the U.S. as tourists.

The required visa is a “Media (I) Visa” issued by an American Embassy or Consulate in your home country. Journalists traveling internationally to attend the Fall Meeting should apply as soon as possible for a “Media (I) Visa.” The application procedure is simple but can be time-consuming due to a high volume of applications.

The U.S. Department of State has “Media (I) Visa” information for journalists available on its website: <http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/employment/media.html>.

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