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Subject Line: 2014 Ocean Sciences Meeting will be held at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu February 23-28, 2014.

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Waco, Texas - The biennial Ocean Sciences Meeting, co-sponsored by the Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography (ASLO), The Oceanography Society (TOS), and the American Geophysical Union (AGU), will be held at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu on 23-28 February, 2014.

Increasing evidence of multiple human impacts on the oceans makes this a critical time for the largest international assembly of ocean scientists, engineers, students, educators, policy makers, and other stake holders to gather and share their results on research, application of research, and education. What better place to hold the meeting than an island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, where there is emphasis on *mauka* to *makai* (ridge to reef) connection, the ultimate in ecosystem-based management; where there is interest in combining traditional knowledge with science-based understanding; where islands are in threat of disappearing from sea level rise; and where East and West can easily meet.

The Ocean Sciences Meeting is an important venue for scientific exchange across broad marine science disciplines. Sessions will include physical, biological, chemical and geological oceanography, and multidisciplinary topics, as well as presentations that reflect new and emerging research on the global ocean and society, including science education, outreach and public policy. Hawaiians demonstrate a thorough understanding of sustainability with an approach to land and water use that allowed them to self-sustain nearly one million islanders. Today they build on that heritage with innovations in science and clean energy. Hawaii is a place where interdependence and sustainability are both historic and necessary. Field trips and other opportunities will be available to experience all the "Big Island" has to offer.

The conference website will be available in early 2013 with the call for sessions being announced in February 2013. For additional information please contact Lacy Kelley-Croft at 254-776-3550 or by email at LacyKC@sgmeet.com.

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