PACON International will be emailing the member newsletter until the members-only portion of the website is ready. Please keep us posted of a working email address and any address/phone/fax updates so our database is kept current.

**PACON 2007**  
Twentieth Annual Conference Highlights

PACON 2007, held at the Ala Moana Hotel in Honolulu, Hawaii, on 24-27 June was attended by over 185 participants from 11 countries (Austria, Canada, China, Germany, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Norway, Taiwan, Thailand, and the United States) in a Theme session, 20 technical sessions, 2 workshop sessions, 1 chapter forum, and the student poster session. This year's three Keynote speakers’ and the Lunch speaker’s powerpoint presentations can be found on our website [www.hawaii.edu/pacon/](http://www.hawaii.edu/pacon/).

(Opening Ceremony) Left to right: Dr. Ho-Shong Hou (President), Dr. Jerome Comcowich (Master of Ceremonies), Dr. Paul Moersdorf (Honorary Chair), Dr. Narendra Saxena (Founding-President), and Dr. Lorenz Magaard (General Chair).
 trovare il testo che si legge naturalmente.
The Seventeenth PACON International Board of Director’s meeting was held on 28 June 2007 at the Ala Moana Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii, following PACON 2007. Dr. Ho-Shong Hou, President of PACON International, welcomed Board members and congratulated Dr. Narendra Saxena and others who made PACON 2007 a success. The main issues the Board discussed were PACON’s future, business plan, chapter forum report, PACON 2008 planning, membership, responsibilities of the Board, and the budget. The following committees were formed: Strategic Planning Committee (Chair: Norm Estabrook), Conference Committee (Chair: Lorenz Magaard), Publications Committee (Chair: Young C. Kim), Bylaws Committee (Chair: Michael P. Crosby), PACON International Awards Committee (Chair: Lorenz Magaard), and Fellows Committee (Chair: Norm Estabrook). This was the first year PACON members elected the Board of Directors.

One of the passed resolutions was that the membership fee increase for annual individual members from $30 to $50 and for life members from $350 to $1,000, effective 1 August 2007. The last membership fee increase was in 1988.

An election was held at the Board meeting for the officers of PACON International. The results are:

President-Elect: Dr. Lorenz Magaard
Secretary: Ms. Elizabeth Corbin
Treasurer: Dr. John Wiltshire

Congratulations to the new officers!

Towards the end of the meeting, Dr. Ho-Shong Hou handed over the title of PACON President to Dr. Young C. Kim, who previously held the title of PACON President-Elect. Dr. Kim will be the President of PACON International for a two-year term (2007-2009). Dr. Hou becomes a PACON Past-President for two years. According to the PACON By-Laws, the primary function of the Past-President shall be to increase membership and oversee, develop and encourage PACON Chapters. With experience as the President, this person is the most suitable to be the Technical Program Chair.
I would like to say that I am honored to be given the opportunity to lead this organization into exciting periods of new strategies. PACON International, as we know, was founded by Dr. Narendra Saxena in 1982, and its mission has been to promote marine science and technology information exchange along all facets of society within the Pacific Rim. For over 20 years, PACON has held annual conferences within the Pacific region for a wide range of audiences, recently including students for the newly implemented Student Poster Session, and I am determined to continue that excellence.

As we face the 21st century, many critical issues have to be addressed. The tsunami activity in Sumatra (26 December 2004) affected countries throughout the Indian Ocean and resulted in the loss of 300,000 human lives. Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans (September 2005) also took many lives with property damage exceeding US$63 billion. Global warming and sea level rise will affect shoreline retreats, inundate low coastal areas, damage coastal structures, and accelerate beach erosion. The climate change, as PACON Board member Professor Lorenz Magaard points out, will have profound socio-economic impacts, and floods and droughts will affect the water supply of different regions of the world.

I am proud to be associated with PACON International and I am committed to working closely with the PACON International Board of Directors to implement the tasks put forth by the strategic plan that is now being finalized. Some of the priorities during my tenure are to: ● Increase the number of conference participants, ● Make PACON financially successful, and ● Raise the profile of PACON.

I would like to acknowledge the invaluable contributions made by the Founding President Dr. Narendra Saxena, Past President Dr. Kenji Hotta, and outgoing President Dr. Ho-Shong Hou for their dedicated service. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Dr. Lorenz Magaard (President-Elect), Ms. Elizabeth Corbin (Secretary), and Dr. John Wiltshire (Treasurer), Ms. Paula Kuriyama (Acting Executive Director), and Ms. Elizabeth Glover (Administrative Assistant), for their willingness and enthusiasm to move this organization forward. I am looking forward to working with all of our PACON members to increase the impact of our organization on the international community of marine science and technology.

Dr. Young C. Kim
June 2007
PACON International welcomes Associate Corporate Members Chung-Ching Chien and Yung-Fang Chiu of the Institute of Transportation, MOTC, in Taichung, Taiwan.

PACON International welcomes (by referral, if applicable):


PACON International also welcomes new Life members (by Chapter):

**California Chapter**: Norman Estabrook, Young C. Kim. **Europe Chapter**: Hans-Diethard Knauth. **Hawaii Chapter**: Lorenz Magaard, Alexander Malahoff, Mark R. Rognstad. **Japan Chapter**: Yasuyuki Ikegami.

### OTHER PACON-RELATED NEWS

Andrew Fredell of UH Hilo won the 2007 PACON MOP award for his research project, “**Trophic Ecology of Three Species of Marlin Commercially Marketed in Hawai`i**.” The PACON MOP award is given to the best paper integrating marine science and technology with a Pacific focus.

PACON Hawaii Chapter has been awarding the PACON MOP award since 1990 as a way of giving back to Hawai`i’s community. The award comes with a congratulatory letter, a personal wood plaque, and US$50. A perpetual plaque is held at the Marine Option Program’s office at the University of Hawaii, Manoa campus.

(Photo courtesy of the Marine Option Program, UHM)

### IN MEMORY

Dr. Guoben Hou, born 25 January 1919 passed away at the age of 89 on 15 February 2007. Dr. Hou, a PACON member since 1990, was a Professor of Ocean University of China and was instrumental in initiating the China Chapter in 1990. He attended PACON conferences as early as 1986.
Beyond the main eight populated islands of Hawai‘i lie a string of tiny islands, atolls, shoals, and banks spanning 1,200 miles of the Pacific Ocean, the world’s largest body of water. Hundreds of miles northwest of Kaua‘i, places like Nihoa, Laysan, Pearl and Hermes, and Kure comprise the little known, rarely visited Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI). Seen from space, the area’s shallow waters appear as a string of turquoise jewels in an empty and dark blue vastness.

Thanks to their isolation, these 4,500 square miles of wild coral reefs are among the healthiest and most extensive in the world. This marine wilderness is home to the highly endangered Hawaiian monk seal, the world’s second most endangered seal, and uninhabited sandy islets provide the nesting grounds for ninety percent of Hawaii’s threatened green sea turtles. Though land areas are limited, over 14 million seabirds nest here and this is the only home for four endangered land birds.

The marine habitats of the NWHI contain features not found in the main Hawaiian Islands, such as coral atolls, and nurture thriving populations of many species once abundant in the main Hawaiian Islands, but rarely found today. Large predatory fish such as jacks, Hawaiian grouper, and sharks are nearly fifteen times as numerous in the shallow waters of NWHI compared to the heavily fished main Hawaiian Islands. Many sought after aquarium species, now rare in the main Hawaiian Islands, are much more common on these reefs as well.
The abundance of marine life in the NWHI can be seen in this school of Hawaiian squirrelfish at French Frigate Shoals.

(Geo Watt)

Globally the NWHI are a natural and cultural treasure of outstanding scientific, conservation and aesthetic value, and on June 15, 2006, President George W. Bush made conservation history when he signed a proclamation creating the largest fully protected marine conservation area on the planet in the region. By applying the authority of the Antiquities Act, which gives the President discretion to declare objects or places of scientific or historic interest a national monument, he created the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument (Monument).

President George W. Bush signs Proclamation 8031 at the White House, 6/15/06.

(Photo: Eric Draper)

“Our duty is to use the land and seas wisely, or sometimes not use them at all. Good stewardship of the environment is not just a personal responsibility, it is a public value,” said the President in his proclamation speech explaining why it was necessary to close off such a large area for the sake of conservation.
Support for the protection and preservation of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands was overwhelming, with more than 52,000 public comments submitted during the five years of the proposed national marine sanctuary designation process, the majority in favor of strong protection. This public sentiment was part of what inspired the President to issue the Proclamation. By creating a marine national monument, President Bush immediately granted the waters of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands our nation’s highest form of marine environmental protection. “The Northwestern Hawaiian Islands are a beautiful place,” he said, “and with the designation of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument, we are making a choice that will leave a precious legacy.”

Federal and state agencies have worked for many years to conserve and manage the natural and cultural resources of the NWHI. Creation of the Monument has helped to define and strengthen these working relationships. In December 2006, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was formalized between the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) and the State of Hawaii (State) to provide the framework for future management on the Monument and its long-term comprehensive conservation and protection. The document named the DOI, DOC and the State as Co-Trustees of the Monument, and also created a Monument Management Board (MMB) to promote coordinated management at the field level.

The MMB is composed of the following parties: State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Aquatic Resources and the Division of Forestry and Wildlife; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wildlife Refuge System and the Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office; the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Marine Fisheries Service and the National Marine Sanctuary Program; and the State of Hawaii, Office of Hawaiian Affairs. The Proclamation and the MOA direct NOAA to use its expertise to oversee the marine waters, and the Fish and Wildlife Service to apply their skills and experience to the wildlife refuge areas. The Proclamation does not diminish or enlarge the jurisdiction of the State of Hawaii. Additionally, the MOA authorized the MMB to form an Interagency Coordinating Committee (ICC) to assist in the implementation of Monument management activities.

Through coordination of effort, the MMB, working together with interagency partners, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Defense, and Environmental Protection Agency, seek to provide comprehensive protection that is as seamless and interconnected as the ecosystem itself. Most of the threats to the ecosystems of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands are posed by human activities.

Ancient Native Hawaiian cultural sites line the spine of Mokumanamana (Necker Island).

(Photo: Kekuewa Kikiloi)

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In the past, a number of scientific, military, and commercial activities have threatened the NWHI. Current uses are limited primarily to management activities by jurisdictional agencies, research, education, Native Hawaiian practices, a small scale commercial bottomfishing and pelagic trolling operation, as well as a small number of recreational trips and visits to historical sites at Midway Atoll. The threats associated with these activities originate both inside and outside the monument, making them more difficult to address. The Monument is working to reduce threats through an ecosystem-based approach to management. This includes the development of an effective regulatory framework, education and outreach, preventative measures to minimize risk, and response and restoration to damaged or degraded natural resources.

One of the biggest threats facing the NWHI is marine debris, which is a severe and chronic threat to its shallow water ecosystems. Ocean currents carry a wide array of marine debris, including derelict fishing nets and other gear, household plastics, hazardous materials, and shore-based debris from Pacific Rim countries. Currents located just north of the Hawaiian Archipelago concentrate these materials and deposit them in the shallow waters, reefs, and beaches of the island chain. This debris hinders the recovery of the critically endangered Hawaiian monk seal and threatened sea turtles through entanglement, drowning and suffocation hazards. Between 1982 and 2003 there were 238 documented monk seal entanglements in marine debris in the NWHI, though many more likely occurred. In addition, it frequently entangles and kills corals, leads to the death of numerous seabirds, and poses a navigation hazard. A multi-agency effort has successfully removed over 560 tons of debris in the past ten years and will continue to do so, though an estimated 40-80 tons of new debris accumulates every year. The multi-agency team will also engage in efforts to identify and remove debris before they reach the reef through at-sea detection and prevention. Any and all human presence and activities could potentially cause unintended harm to the fragile ecosystems of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, even when undertaken with care, and thus access to the area is limited.

The primary goals behind regulating access are to: preserve the fragile marine and terrestrial habitats in their natural state, protect the unique historical and cultural resources of the region, limit any degradation of resources, and make it easier to distinguish legitimate activities from illegitimate, or illegal ones. While some activities are prohibited within the monument under any circumstances, a variety of others may be allowed with an approved permit. Permits allow management agencies to regulate activities and to track where, when and how they are conducted so that cumulative impacts over time can be evaluated, and minimized.
Entering the Monument is prohibited, unless the access and related activities are specifically allowed by permit, with certain exemptions including: uninterrupted passage, law enforcement activities, activities conducted by the armed forces including the U.S. Coast Guard, or activities necessary to respond to emergencies.

Spectacular coral reefs thrive in the shallow waters of Midway Atoll. (Photo: James Watt)

In order to best manage the Monument, the Co-Trustees are currently revising the management plan developed by NOAA’s National Marine Sanctuary Program during the proposed Northwestern Hawaiian Islands national marine sanctuary designation process. The plan is divided into five priority management needs and over 20 action plans designed to 1) understand and interpret the monument, 2) reduce threats to the ecosystem, 3) manage human activities, 4) coordinate conservation and management activities, and 5) achieve effective operations. To implement the key provisions of the proclamation, and to protect the ecosystem immediately, the monument initiated a “rolling implementation” strategy for the management plan, moving forward a number of activities from the draft action plans, subject to available resources. Implementation of key activities will occur simultaneously with action plan revisions, adapting to the expanded and collaborative management structure of the monument.

The Monument Co-Trustees continue to undertake activities to understand, manage and conserve the natural and cultural resources of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands through ongoing research and monitoring, education and outreach, emergency response, enforcement, and engaging the public. The steps we take in preserving these last undisturbed environments are gifts we give to our children’s children, and help in sustaining the ocean’s bounty that supports us today.

Andy Collins is the Education and Technology Coordinator for the newly created Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument, and has been with the project for over five years. He has been fortunate to have visited the NWHI several times, and experience it first hand. In 2005 he led an expedition for 10 Hawai’i educators to the NWHI aboard the NOAA Ship Hi’ialakai. Since the voyage, these teachers have developed plays, written lesson plans, spoken at workshops and have inspired students to learn about the NWHI, and change their behavior at home to take better care of their island marine ecosystems.
The New Editor-in-Chief Welcomes Submissions

Dr. Rongxing (Ron) Li of the Mapping & GIS Laboratory, The Ohio State University, will be Editor-in-Chief of *Marine Geodesy* commencing Vol. 31, No. 1, 2008, after Dr. Narendra Saxena’s excellent service of 30 years as Founding Editor and Editor-In-Chief.

We encourage submission of proposals of special issues and papers on ocean and coastal surveys, mapping, and sensing. Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Satellite Ocean Remote Sensing
- Tides, Sea Level
- Ocean Mapping & Electronic Charting
- Hydrography & Geodesy
- Marine and Coastal Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Tsunami
- Oceanography
- Geodetic Theory & Applications
- Underwater Sensing
- UAV Navigation

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All manuscripts should conform to the submission standards found in the Instructions to Authors that regularly appear in the journal. Papers should be free from promoting a specific commercial product. All invited and contributed manuscripts will be peer reviewed. Authors who wish to contribute should submit the manuscript to: Professor Rongxing (Ron) Li, Editor-in-Chief of *Marine Geodesy*, CEEGS, The Ohio State University, 470 Hitchcock Hall, 2070 Neil Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210-1275. Inquires can be emailed to Professor Li at li.282@osu.edu.
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PACON International is dedicated to the sharing of scientific and technical information on the world's oceans to advance marine science and technology and its utilization in ocean policy formation, and the sustainable development of the world's oceans and coastal regions with a Pacific focus, through education and public programs.

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