

Huntington (AMS Meetings Staff). In New Orleans, the committee will host a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday evening to discuss these recommendations and to get feedback from members. Along with highlighting some of the environmental achievements made at the New Orleans meeting, other suggestions for future meetings will be discussed, such as asking members to offset their travel-related emissions. During the conference there will also be a "Green Team" walking the halls asking for direct feedback from members and exhibitors. If you are interested in further information or would like to be involved in our New Orleans Green Team, e-mail the AMS staff at ams_greenmeetings@ametsoc.org.

How to Become a Congressional Science Fellow—And Why!

Wednesday, 23 January, 8:00–9:00 A.M.; Hilton Riverside
AMS–UCAR Congressional Science Fellows spend one year shaping federal policy in the office of a United States senator, representative, or congressional committee. Current and former fellows will share their experiences from Capitol Hill, describe the application process, and answer your questions. Continental breakfast provided (first come, first served).

For more information contact Paul Higgins (e-mail: phiggins@ametsoc.org).

Town Hall Meeting: Joining Researchers, Forecasters, and Users to Tackle Challenges in Tropical Cyclone Prediction

Wednesday, 23 January, 12:00–1:30 P.M.

The AMS Board for Operational Government Meteorologists (BOGM), together with the Board for Private Sector Meteorologists (BPSM), and the Weather Analysis and Forecasting Committee (WAF), are jointly sponsoring a Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, 23 January, 12:00–1:30 P.M. The theme will be "Joining Researchers, Forecasters, and Users to Tackle Challenges in Tropical Cyclone Prediction."

This Town Hall Meeting will engage researchers, forecasters, and users in an interactive discussion to address some of the principal challenges in the area of tropical cyclone prediction. Potential topics of focus include challenges with offshore intensity forecasting, inland precipitation effects, and extra-tropical transition. The goal is to unite members of the hydrometeorological community with users of tropical cyclone information and services to facilitate the transition of tropical cyclone and related research into operations.

For further information, contact Lisa Schmit, National Weather Service, 1733 Lake Drive West, Chanhassen, MN 55317 (tel: 952-361-6671; fax: 952-361-6668; e-mail: lisa.schmit@noaa.gov).

I1TH CONFERENCE OF ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE LIBRARIANS INTERNATIONAL WEDNESDAY–FRIDAY, 23–25 JANUARY

The theme of Atmospheric Science Librarians International's (ASLI) 11th Conference is "Forging Connections: The Role of Librarians in Creating Connections between Researchers and Resources." This theme, which corresponds with the AMS Annual Meeting theme of "Enhancing the Connectivity between Research and Applications for the Benefit of Society," will focus on the role of libraries and librarians in forging and reinforcing essential ties between researchers and the resources they need to create applications.

Among the topics to be addressed by librarians and researchers are data curation and how librarians can work with researchers to make datasets more accessible to a broader group of users, collaborations with researchers and faculty, and other services in academic, research, and international settings.

ASLI Book Award winner (for *The Divine Wind*) Prof. Kerry Emanuel of MIT will provide the keynote session on his hurricane research. Other sessions will discuss, among other subjects, the work of the NASA Goddard Library and operations at Météo-France.

Thursday will include presentations on content and functionality enhancements to *Meteorological and Geostrophical Abstracts (MGA)* and question and answer sessions with print and online resource providers.

The ASLI annual field trip will take place on Friday, 25 January. More information will be posted when available on the ASLI Web site (www.aslionline.org).

ASLI, an international professional organization for atmospheric science librarians, is specifically aimed toward librarians, library staff, and publishers

from around the world managing and providing information in the atmospheric sciences, but anyone with an interest is welcome to join. The ASLI conference is intended to be an open forum for librarians and interested atmospheric science professionals to discuss and exchange information relating to the atmospheric sciences. Everyone is welcome and invited to attend sessions.

Please join ASLI for a stimulating and informative meeting or stop by the ASLI booth in the AMS Resource Center and learn more about how your information specialists in the atmospheric sciences can help you add value to your research and ongoing work.

For further information, please contact Anita Colby, UCLA Science and Engineering Library (tel: 310-825-3983; e-mail: acolby@library.ucla.edu).