Greetings from Rhode Island! We want to extend a special welcome to the newest Consortium members, the Canadian Network for Ocean Education (CaNOE) and the Romberg Tiburon Center for Environmental Studies at San Francisco State University in receiving their first newsletter, and thank you for joining COSEE!

The Global COSEE Office is delighted to report that Ivar Babb has agreed to serve as our next COSEE Council Chair-Elect. Ivar joins the Council Executive Committee comprised of current Council Chair Cheryl Peach, Past-Chair Judy Lemus, and Executive Director Gail Scowcroft. In addition, we welcome George Matsumoto as the new COSEE individual members’ representative to the COSEE Council. A huge thank you to all those individuals who continue to foster and advance COSEE’s mission.

2016 Global Ocean Science Education Workshop

The 2016 Global Ocean Science Education (GOSE) Workshop is confirmed for June 13-15, 2016 in Paris, France at UNESCO Headquarters! Registration is now open, with a special discounted rate for COSEE members. This year’s workshop will focus on Science, Education, Business, and Policy Roles in Implementing International Policies Related to the Ocean, the Ocean and Human Health, the Blue Economy and Workforce Needs, and the Role of Informal Science Education Institutions on Policy. The workshop will include an effective practices session on marine related citizen science co-led by COSEE and the European Union’s Sea Change Project. A draft agenda and more information are available on the GOSE workshop website. See you in Paris!

2016 Ocean Sciences Meeting Recap

COSEE displayed a strong presence during this year’s Ocean Sciences Meeting, February 21-26, 2016 in New Orleans, LA. In addition to the COSEE exhibit booth, which was visited by hundreds of attendees, members and project partners participated in oral sessions, poster sessions, workshops, and panels. COSEE also hosted a global ocean science education breakfast to engage international participants and sponsored an afternoon coffee break in the exhibit hall.

COSEE Pacific Partnerships sponsored 20 community college faculty, who teach ocean science, to attend the meeting, and in addition to attending meeting sessions, these faculty participated in a targeted
workshop where they explored ways to incorporate ocean careers information in their courses. Several of the faculty gave presentations at the meeting as well.

A full list of Ocean Sciences events is available on the COSEE website.

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**COSEE Membership Drive**

COSEE is continuing its ongoing membership drive as we transition to an independent consortium. Please consider joining COSEE, as we continue to develop and disseminate research, effective practices, and tools that cultivate cooperation among scientists, educators, and the public. We will continue to support ocean science research as we foster communities of practice and enhance ocean literacy. Institutional and individual membership is available. To learn about membership benefits and to become a member, visit the COSEE website.

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**CaNOE Conference 2016**

Registration is open for the Canadian Network for Ocean Education (CaNOE) *Ocean Literacy Conference & AGM*, June 7-12, 2016 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Educators, scientists, communicators, artists, and industry are invited to join the growing network of individuals working to advance ocean literacy in Canada!

As a part of Halifax’s popular *Oceans Week*, author and marine educator Dr. Elin Kelsey will give a free public keynote on ‘Ocean Optimism,’ this year’s conference theme. CaNOE hopes to see the theme threaded throughout this year’s presentations, posters, discussions, and workshops. There are also several exciting field trips being offered which highlight Nova Scotia’s ocean connections in food, research, and tourism.

Advancing ocean literacy is a priority for Canadians. This annual conference serves as an integral step in that mission: connecting the stakeholders in a meaningful way and fostering important conversation around this issue.

Submissions for presentations, posters, and workshops close on April 5, 2016. Click here for more information and to register!

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**Institutional Member Highlight**

**Romberg Tiburon Center (RTC) for Environmental Studies**

San Francisco State University

*SF State's bayside marine and estuarine research facility.*

RTC’s mission is to illuminate the vital connections between science, society, and the sea.
RTC's Goals:
* Train the next generation of leaders in estuarine, coastal and marine sciences
* Understand, conserve, and restore ecosystem health, with a focus on San Francisco Bay
* Provide leadership in the response to global and local environmental change
* Translate our research to support a scientifically literate society and inform public policies
* Promote a sustainable and robust California economy

Learn more about RTC.

Save the date for the Barbara & Richard Rosenberg Institute for Marine Biology & Environmental Science 26th Annual Discovery Day Open House at Romberg Tiburon Center for Environmental Studies - Sunday, May 1, 2016, 1-5pm. The public is invited to visit the marine lab on the Bay and see marine science in action. Get the Open House flyer.

Erin Blackwood, Outreach Coordinator for RTC, is the COSEE Council representative.

2016 NEOSEC Ocean Literacy Summit

This year's New England Ocean Science Education Collaborative (NEOSEC) Ocean Literacy Summit will focus on Ocean Literacy Principle #3 - The ocean is a major influence on weather and climate. Save the date for November 3-4, 2016 in Portland, Maine, where Andy Pershing, Chief Scientist at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute, will deliver the keynote address. For more information, visit the NEOSEC website.

Schmidt Ocean Institute Launches Redesigned Website

Through an interactive visual interface, the newly redesigned website is a new experience, a connection to the stories and knowledge gathered from Schmidt's ocean-going expeditions.

Some of the new features include:
* Explore multimedia galleries of big, bold and beautiful imagery from previous expeditions
* Gain access to the plans, progress, and up-to-date scientific findings from current expeditions
* Fully functional across all major technology platforms and devices

Be a part of the discovery, visit the new website and subscribe to updates over social media. Follow Schmidt on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, Google Plus and YouTube. Subscribe to the RSS news feed.