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Rear Adm. Tim Gallaudet to Speak at Opening Plenary of OCEANS ’15 in Washington, DC

Washington, DC – July 16, 2015. OCEANS ’15 MTS/IEEE Washington, DC is pleased to announce that Rear Adm. Tim Gallaudet, USN will be joining Honorary Co-chair Dr. Rick Spinrad as our featured Plenary speakers. The conference will be held October 19-22 at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center. The Plenary Session is part of the opening ceremony on Tuesday morning, October 20, and is open to all registrants. Those not registered for the conference, may attend the Plenary and visit the Exhibition Hall at no charge by registering for “Exhibits Only” to get an entrance badge.

- Rear Adm. Gallaudet heads the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command and oversees the collection, processing and exploitation of accurate, relevant and timely oceanographic, meteorological, hydrographic, precise time and astrometric information. In September he will also assume the duties of Oceanographer of the Navy.
- Dr. Spinrad is the Chief Scientist of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, driving policy and program direction for science and technology priorities in NOAA. In addition to his extensive government service, he has held faculty appointments at three universities, directed a major national non-profit organization, presided over a private company, and worked as a research scientist.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN – EARLY-BIRD DEADLINE ON SEPTEMBER 4

General Co-chairs Rusty Mirick and Jim Barbera have led a team of volunteers to bring you an outstanding program on behalf of the co-sponsors, the Marine Technology Society (MTS) and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Oceanic Engineering Society (IEEE/OES).

The Technical Program Committee accepted 500+ peer-reviewed abstracts focused on the 10 Core Topic areas of interest to MTS and IEEE/OES members, as well as Local Interest Topics, to form the foundation of a solid technical program. The presentations will be organized in 10-12 concurrent sessions from Tuesday through Thursday. The Proceedings DVD will be provided to full registrants at the conference and available for sale to others.
In addition to the technical sessions, a number of **Tutorials and Workshops** will be held on Monday, October 19 as add-ons to the full conference registration or they can be attended separately. The half-day or full-day tutorials are conducted under the auspices of the International Association of Continuing Education and Training. The Workshops provide a format for like-minded individuals to spend an extended period of time discussing a topic of mutual interest.

The **Exhibition Hall** will showcase 150-200 booths of commercial, academic, government and non-profit organizations featuring state-of-the-art developments in technologies and programs related to exploring, monitoring, protecting, and wisely using the world’s ocean resources. The finalists in the **Student Poster Contest** will display their posters and explain their projects in the Exhibition Hall.

Two pre-conference affiliated events are scheduled for people with special interests. The MTS Education Committee is conducting a **K-12 Educators Workshop** on Saturday, October 17. A **Welcome Aboard Golf Tournament** will be held at Andrews Air Force Base on Sunday, October 18. Sponsored by the MTS DC Section, proceeds will support STEM education programs, such as Sea Scouts.

Details on the program, affiliated events, social functions and a list of Exhibitors can be found on the conference website at [www.oceans15mtsieewashington.org](http://www.oceans15mtsieewashington.org).

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