



# 2004 Annual Meeting November 18-19 Washington, D.C.

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President Diana Wall (2004) and  
President-elect Scott Collins



# Hill Briefing

Rayburn House Office Bldg.  
Room 2318  
November 18, 2004  
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.



## Hurricanes... recovering from nature's fury

### Guest Speakers:

*Dr. David R. Foster - Harvard University*

"Managing for Catastrophic Disturbance from Hurricanes: The Application of Long-term Ecological Research"

*Dr. Bruce Hayden - University of Virginia*

"Hurricane Impacts on Coastal Ecosystems: Depends Who Lives There"



Bruce Hayden (Speaker), Diana Wall (President), David Foster (Speaker), Scott Collins (Pres.-Elect)



Hilary Swain, Archbold Biological Station  
Ryan Matthews, Sci. Comm. staffer from Florida



Adrienne Sponberg, Hill Briefing Organizer  
Director, AIBS Public Policy

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**The Association of Ecosystem Research Centers  
Invites you to a symposium entitled**

***HURRICANE DISTURBANCE: EFFECTS ON ECOSYSTEMS***

**Smithsonian Institution, S. Dillon Ripley Center, Room 3035  
Washington, DC  
Thursday, November 18, 2004**

- 11:30 AM      **Cross-scale Interactions, Nonlinearities and Forecasting  
Catastrophic Events**  
Dr. Debra P. C. Peters, USDA-ARS, Las Cruces, NM
- 12:00          **Managing for Catastrophic Disturbance From Hurricanes:  
The (Mis) Application of Long-term Ecological Studies**  
Dr. David Foster, Director, Harvard Forest, Harvard University
- 12:30 PM      Lunch ( to be provided for all attendees)
- 1:30           **Hurricane Effects on Coastal Ecosystem Processes**  
Dr. Bruce Hayden, University of Virginia & Senior Scientist,  
AIBS
- 2:00           **Hurricane Effects on Streams**  
Dr. Alan Covich, Director, Institute of Ecology, University of  
Georgia
- 2:30           **Effects of Hurricanes on Everglades Ecosystem Structure  
and Function**  
Dr. Stephen E. Davis, III, Texas A&M University
- 3:00           Discussion
- 3:30           **The National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON)**  
Dr. Bruce Hayden, University of Virginia & Senior Scientist,  
AIBS
- 4:30 - 6:30      Reception - please join us!

The meeting is open to all members of AERC, federal agency representatives, and representatives of other organizations interested in ecosystem research. Please send names and affiliations of attendees to Debbie

Cook (dcook@biology.as.ua.edu). This will allow us to plan lunch and the reception for the appropriate number of people.



# 2004 Annual Meeting Reception

Ripley Center, Smithsonian Institution  
November 18, 2004, 4:30 - 6:30



**David White**, Hancock Biological Station  
**Lindsay Boring**, Jones Ecological Research Center



**Henry Gholz**, NSF Program Officer  
**Knute Nadelhoffer**, Univ. of Michigan Biological Station



**Hilary Swain**, Archbold Biological Station  
**Mike Auerbach**, Desert Research Institute  
**David Blockstein**, Nat'l Council for Sci. & the Environment



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**AERC Business Meeting  
November 19, 2004  
S. Dillon Ripley Center, Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, DC**

**8:30 - 11:00 AM**

**Diana Wall presiding**

Secretary's Report - Robin Graham

Treasurer's Report - Amy Ward

Report on status of AERC brochure - Art McKee

Report on updating web site and finding a host - Robin Graham and Lou Pitelka

**9:30 AM** Nadine Lymn - Ecological Society of America, Science Coalitions

New member centers and reactivated memberships discussions - Amy Ward, Lou Pitelka, and Diana Wall

Report on AIBS/AERC project on tracking ecosystem research funding - Diana Wall and Board

Discussion of AERC priorities

Discussion on Washington meeting and briefing - Lou Pitelka and Amy Ward

Other old business

**Scott Collins presiding**

New members of the Board of Directors

- new President-elect
- new Member-at-Large
- re-election of Secretary and Treasurer

New business