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"

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 (dc@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
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 side 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