A Year in Review

After a long hiatus, the first year of the “officially” recognized ESE Alumni Society has come to a close and how quickly the time flies! On June 19, 2015, dues-paying members unanimously re-elected Officers and Board Members for a second term: Fred Gerringer, President; Kathleen Kozawa, Vice President; Vada Yoon, Treasurer; Cody Livingston, Secretary; and Board Members, Peggy Lobnitz, Cris Liban, Bart Sokolow, Todd Sostek, and Xavier Swamikannu. We all look forward to another year of further developing the Alumni Society, refining our mission statement and goals, and reconnecting Alumni all over the world.

It has been an eventful year for ESE and the Alumni Society. In our inaugural year we have successfully organized 3 alumni seminars with students and faculty and distributed its third quarterly newsletter. In addition we’ve celebrated ESE’s 40th anniversary and now we ring in the new academic year in IoES with a new director, Peter Kareiva.

Dr. Kareiva comes to UCLA from the Nature Conservancy as their Chief Scientist. Read more about Dr. Kareiva in this recent LA Times interview: http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-morrison-kareiva-20150812-column.html. The announcement of Dr. Kareiva’s appointment as the new director of IoES came in late July 2015. You can read more about Dr. Kareiva here: http://us3.campaign-archive2.com/?u=32eed042dbfc7200e620ad23g&id=1bb6d26514&es=9d7dfcd623. If you’d like the opportunity to meet him in person he’ll be attending the ESE Alumni Society General Meeting in September (see Alumni Events).

It takes a village…

These events also are a good opportunity for us to reflect not only on where we are now but where we want to go…the ESE Alumni Society is a group of passionate individuals working across environmental disciplines, leading the way to a more sustainable future. However, the success of our alumni society will depend on the participation of the alumni of the ESE Program. Only through your involvement will the success of this group be realized. One way to ensure this success would be for each member to participate in a minimum of one event per year. Events that will be hosted over the coming year include three board meetings, three general meetings, three alumni seminars and three networking events (with at least one in the Sacramento area). The board meetings, general meetings and alumni seminars hosted at UCLA will include remote participation for those who live outside of the Los Angeles area or are otherwise unable to attend those events in person. Please strongly consider participating in a minimum of one alumni event over the next 12 months so we can continue the momentum we’ve gained over the last couple of years.

A Year in Review and More...

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Upcoming Events-Don’t miss it!

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Alumni Spotlight-Bart Sokolow

Introducing our new graduates, their advisors, and dissertation topics:

Omar Asensio, Magali Delmas, Chair
“Human Behavior and Intelligent Energy Metering Systems: Experimental Approaches”
Lisa Fong, Richard Ambrose, Chair
"Assessing Practices and Developing Tools to Improve Stream Restoration Management in Southern California"
Shannon Leavey, Irwin Suffet, Chair "N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) Formation During Drinking Water Treatment: Veterinary Antibiotics as Precursors, the Effect of Natural Organic Matter and the Significance of Treatment Practices"
David Quiros, Yifang Zhu, Chair
"Measurement and Control of Particulate Matter from Mobile Sources"

Alumni Tidbits

*NorCal ESE Happy Hour October 1, 2015
SACRAMENTO, CA. It’s FINALLY happening! NorCal ESE Happy Hour will commence in downtown Sacramento at Blue Prynt, 815 11th St, Sacramento, CA 95814, 4:30-7:00 pm. Come and enjoy some appetizers on us (sorry, we can’t do free alcohol). Come meet your fellow local alums and if you like what you see why not support us by paying dues and joining the Alumni Society? This event is open to all alums and interns. If you have questions, contact: Kathleen, kkozawa@gmail.com

*Dues are Due!
Online payment for dues is a bit more complicated than we originally anticipated so apologies that we do not have that available for you yet! In the meantime, please send a check for $40 (dues) to Vada Yoon, (54 Arboles, Irvine, CA 92612). Please make the check payable to “ESE Alumni/144178.” For direct payment options contact Vada, vadayoon@gmail.com, Many thanks to those of you who have paid dues.

ESE Alumni Events and Announcements

*Quarterly ESE Alumni General Meeting
September 21, 2015
12:30-1:30 pm, IoES Large Conference Room. Call-in number to be provided. Contact: Fred Gerringer fredg@trusselltech.com

Editor’s Corner

Speaking of Alumni Tidbits! This past winter/spring, I had an amazing opportunity to work as an assistant to the “Queen of Green” herself (and former IoES Director), Chair Mary Nichols of the Air Resources Board. Words cannot express the experience—it was both terrifying and exhilarating at the same time. The experience gave me a better appreciation for what ARB does as an agency and also the critical role of research and it’s nexus with policy. Check out this recent (awesome) article on Mary Nichols and the Auto Industry.