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Earth and Planetary Surface Processes
Focus Group Newsletter: March 2016

Dear Colleagues,

In this month's issue of the Earth and Planetary Surface Processes (EPSP) newsletter:

1. 2016 elections—Send nominations for EPSP president-elect and secretary ASAP.
2. Nominate deserving candidates for the 2016 Leopold and Gilbert Awards before 15 April—Only one nomination for each award to date!
3. From the EPSP Focus Group Program Committee: *Please submit Fall Meeting session proposals to EPSP in addition to AGU.*

Best regards,

Jim Pizzuto
AGU Focus Group President, Earth and Planetary Surface Processes

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Names of candidates for EPSP Focus Group (FG) president-elect and secretary are due to AGU on 1 April. Please send suggestions to Jim Pizzuto (current EPSP FG president; pizzuto@udel.edu) or Bill Dietrich (EPSP FG president-elect; bill@eps.berkeley.edu).

Nominate deserving candidates for the 2016 Leopold and Gilbert Awards before 15 April 2016—Only one nominee for each award to date!

The Luna B. Leopold Award is given annually to one early-career scientist (no more than 5 years postdegree) in recognition of a significant and outstanding contribution that advances the field of Earth and planetary surface processes.

The G. K. Gilbert Award in Surface Processes is given annually to one honoree in recognition of sustained and outstanding contributions to Earth and planetary surface processes.

Find out more about these awards [online](#).

From the EPSP FG Program Committee: Please submit Fall Meeting sessions proposals to EPSP in addition to AGU!

Dear EPSP community,

We need your help! We have recently expanded the EPSP Program Committee for the AGU Fall Meeting to facilitate broader EPSP community engagement in our fall program with three goals in mind. (1) We want to ensure that our sessions span the diversity of our community and evolve from year to year with the advancing frontiers of our research areas. (2) We want to highlight one or two sessions each fall as a “frontiers session” to draw the attention of the broader community to an area(s) that reflects the leading edge of our field. (3) We want to minimize overlaps in session proposals and the ensuing frustration felt by both the original session proposers and the researchers submitting presentation abstracts.

To help with this, we are reaching out to you now in advance of the 20 April deadline for 2016 Fall Meeting session proposals. We encourage you to develop session proposals, especially if you have noticed gaps in past EPSP programs that you would like to help fill, if you have ideas for a frontiers session, and/or if you have not previously or recently convened an AGU session.

To help us achieve the above goals, we ask that you send your session proposal ideas to us at epsp.program.committee@gmail.com in advance of the 20 April deadline, so we can post session ideas on the EPSP [website](#) for community discussion. In this way we can help maximize collaboration among those interested in submitting similar proposals and promote communication about emerging topics. If you would like your session considered as a frontier proposal, we can post that on the website as well.

In addition, if you are considering developing a session proposal, we ask that you check the EPSP [website](#) in advance of the 20 April deadline to view session proposals currently under consideration. You can use this as an opportunity to craft session proposals that are distinct from others and/or to reach out to others with similar ideas to develop combined sessions.

We’d like to emphasize that this suggestion for advance communication regarding session proposals via the EPSP website is not a substitute or prerequisite for session submissions via AGU. Session proposal [submissions](#) are now being accepted and will remain open until 20 April 2016 (23:59 Eastern Daylight Time). We aim to further strengthen our program through these coordination efforts.

Thanks for your great session proposals so far; we are looking forward to working with you more in the future!

All the best,

The EPSP FG Program Committee

Giovanni Coco, coastal and estuarine processes, University of Auckland

Ben Crosby, tectonics, landscape evolution, periglacial, Idaho State University

Bill Dietrich, ex officio, University of California, Berkeley

Ken Ferrier, hillslopes, Georgia Institute of Technology

Kimberly Hill (cochair), debris flows, granular physics, materials, University of Minnesota
Michele Koppes, glacial, University of British Columbia
Brandon McElroy, channelized aerial and submarine sediment transport, University of Wyoming
Marisa Palucis, planetary surface processes, California Institute of Technology
Katie Skalak (cochair), fluvial, U.S. Geological Survey
Andrew Wilcox, fluvial, University of Montana