SSA News and Notes

2017 Eastern Section SSA Annual Meeting Set for 8–10 October in Norman, Oklahoma

The 2017 Annual Meeting of the Eastern Section of the Seismological Society of America (ES-SSA) will be held on 8–10 October 2017 at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Norman, Oklahoma. Attendees are urged to make their arrangements before 17 September 2017 in order to take advantage of the ES-SSA preferred room rate.

The meeting will focus on geophysical studies using the permanent and temporary seismic network in the central and eastern United States. Special sessions will include studies on induced seismicity, outcomes from local dense arrays, rapid responses for large earthquakes, and faults and structure in the central and eastern United States.

The 2017 ES-SSA Annual Meeting Organizing Committee includes Xiaowei Chen (University of Oklahoma Norman, xiaowei.chen@ou.edu), Norimitsu Nakata (University of Oklahoma Norman, nnakata@ou.edu), and Jake Walter (University of Oklahoma Norman, jwalter@ou.edu).

Important dates are the following:

- Hotel room block reservation cutoff: 17 September 2017
- Abstract submission deadline: 17 September 2017
- Preregistration discount deadline: 1 September 2017

 Final online registration deadline: 1 October 2017 (on-site registration will be available)

The meeting will begin on Sunday, 8 October, with a full-day field trip, "The Geology of Oklahoma Wastewater Disposal and Induced Seismicity." Technical sessions will be held on Monday and Tuesday, and the conference banquet and awards will be held on Monday evening.

Additional details, including conference fees and hotel information and promotion code, are available at https://www.seismosoc.org/meetings/es2017/. Note that due to high demand in October for hotel rooms in Norman, reservations from the block of rooms being held for the ES-SSA meeting will be available only until 17 September 2017, so please make your hotel reservations before that date. Reservations received after that date will be provided on a space-available basis at prevailing rates.

Transitions

Ivan Wong, senior principal seismologist at Lettis Consultants International, has been appointed by California Gov. Jerry Brown to a four-year term on the Alfred E. Alquist Seismic Safety Commission. The commission investigates earthquakes, researches earthquake-related issues and reports, and recommends policies and programs to reduce earthquake risk in California.

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