
PICES Wooster Award

This year, PICES announces a new award, the Wooster Award, which is named in honour of Professor Warren S. Wooster, the principal founder and first Chairman of PICES and world-renowned researcher and statesman in the area of climate variability and fisheries production. This award will be given annually to an individual who has made significant scientific contributions to North Pacific marine science, such as understanding and predicting the role of human and climate interactions on marine ecosystem production.

The award consists of a commemorative plaque and travel support to attend the next PICES Annual Meeting in order to receive the award. The first award will be presented to the recipient during the Opening Session of the PICES Tenth Annual Meeting to be held October 8, 2001, in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

We are now soliciting nominations for the first Wooster Award. Nominations must be received no later than May 1, 2001, and should include the following information: nominee's name, institutional affiliation and title, address and biographical resume, and statement of justification for the nomination. Criteria for selection are sustained excellence in research, teaching, administration or a combination of the three in the area of North Pacific marine science. Special consideration will be given to individuals who have worked in integrating the disciplines of marine science. Individuals who are past or present PICES members are preferred but the award may be given to any suitable candidate, including those from outside PICES member countries of Canada, China, Japan, Korea, Russia, and the United States. Candidate selection will be made by the PICES Science Board in consultation with the PICES Chairman.

PICES Intern Program

The Intern Program allows scientists from PICES member countries to experience the operations of an international, intergovernmental scientific organization by working in the PICES Secretariat for periods of up to one year. The goals of the program are: (1) professional development of marine scientists and managers from PICES member countries; (2) increasing the capacity of the PICES Secretariat to support the work of PICES; and (3) strengthening the capacity of member nations to coordinate their involvement in PICES programs.

Interns will work on projects of the Secretariat relevant to their professional interests and development needs. Interns will be given a wide variety of tasks including assisting in preparing information for and providing secretarial support to PICES bodies, organizing scientific meetings, preparing and editing various PICES publications, coordinating international cooperative programs in marine science, and coordinating PICES activities with efforts of other relevant organizations. Internships will begin in spring and extend for a period up to a maximum of 12 months.

Applicants must currently be staff of an academic or government agency of a member-countries, have an M.Sc. or Ph.D. degree, and an ability to read, write and speak English, an ability to use computers, the internet, and demonstrated personal initiative. A member country that has had an intern in any year is eligible to have an intern in the following two years only if there are no applicants from other member country. Applicants will apply to their senior PICES Delegate, describing their interests and qualifications, providing a *curriculum vitae* delineating their academic and work experience, and three professional references. The PICES delegate will review

applications from his/her country and transmit national nominee(s) to the PICES Secretariat for final selection by the Chairman of PICES. Applications from Delegates must be received by the Executive Secretary by the date of the first Governing Council meeting at the PICES Annual Meeting.

Interns will be provided with a stipend of CDN \$2,000 per month by the Secretariat, from which the intern must pay for his/her daily living and related expenses. Relocation costs to and from the Secretariat will be borne by the individual's home country. Travel expenses associated with the intern's work in the Secretariat will be covered by PICES. As the intern will continue to be an employee with his home institution while at the Secretariat, his/her medical insurance and all other benefits will remain the responsibility of the intern's home country.

The first PICES Intern, Mr. Gong-Ke Tan from the First Institute of Oceanography, State Oceanic Administration, People's Republic of China, has just returned home after a six-month assignment at the Secretariat. During these six months, Mr. Tan completed a number of tasks, including preparing PICES Scientific Report No. 15 and much of the current issue of PICES Press for publication and helping with the Ninth Annual Meeting in Hakodate (Japan). If you enjoyed PICES IX, some of this was because Mr. Tan was a valuable asset to the Secretariat during this meeting. He was very helpful in facilitating communication between the Secretariat and Chinese scientists and administrators. We are very grateful for his cheerful outlook and his constructive work at the Secretariat, and we wish Mr. Tan all the best in his future activities (a photo with Mr. Tan can be found on page 19).