

## **SAIL Regional Group Report, 2007–2008**

SAIL has maintained its membership, held a very good conference this last Spring in Panama, and has concrete plans to increase membership. Some of the significant highlights included: new members who attended the SAIL conference, members, or potential members who attended from the Caribbean, Canada, and Cuba. A great deal of credit must be given to ODINCARSA who ran some OceanDocs training before the conference and enabled some members and potential members to attend the conference.

### **Membership Status:**

We have seen a very slight increase in membership. SAIL grew substantially from 58 members in February 2007 to 70 members due to increased geographic area now in the regional and we now have 71 primary members. There have been some retirements but the new people in those places have signed up with IAMSLIC and SAIL.

The Membership Committee continues its efforts in recruiting new members. One of the major accomplishments has been reviewing SAIL's membership directory. Outreach to potential new members should take place before the September IAMSLIC conference.

### **SAIL Activities:**

SAIL was pleased to participate in the combined IAMSLIC/SAIL Conference in Sarasota, Florida, October 7-11, 2007, hosted by the Mote Marine Laboratory. Susan Stover, Chair of Local Arrangements Committee and her planning committee arranged a very productive conference. SAIL held a business meeting during the conference.

As SAIL Representative, Jan Heckman attended the 2007 IAMSLIC annual meeting in Sarasota, the SAIL annual conference in Panama, and is planning to attend the annual in Fiji, Sept. 14-18<sup>th</sup>.

SAIL web site completely updated, thanks to Helen Ivy and Chris Zeigler  
<http://mrl.cofc.edu/sail/index.html>

Implementation of regional group proposal / approved  
SAIL funding allocation = \$2037

### SAIL Members involved in various offices, committees and taskforces:

#### **IAMSLIC Executive Board**

Jan E. Heckman – SAIL Representative (2007-09)  
Sandra Abbott-Stout – Treasurer (2006-07)  
Elizabeth Winiarz – President-Elect (2008-09)  
Peter Fritzler, IAMSLIC secretary (2007-09)

#### **IAMSLIC Archivist**

Lisa Raymond

#### **Aquatic Commons Board**

Stephanie Haas (**Chair**), Lisa Raymond

IAMSLIC Membership Committee and Database

Kristen Metzger (Chair), Mary Heckman (SAIL)  
IAMSLIC Nominating Committee  
Natalie Wiest

IAMSLIC Resource Sharing Committee  
Jan Heckman

IAMSLIC Site Selection Committee  
Beth Avery, Enma Fonseca

Disaster Taskforce  
**Chair:** Susan Stover  
Members: Joyce Shaw, Gloria Aversano

### **Upcoming 2009 SAIL Conference**

Peter Fritzier is looking forward to hosting the 2009 Annual SAIL Conference at the University of North Carolina - Wilmington next year. May 11-15, 2009.

<http://library.uncw.edu/>

#### **From the SAIL Representative:**

This year has been rewarding but the main reward was seeing the true group enthusiasm of the attendees at the SAIL annual conference in Panama, April 14-16, 2008. The conference was small enough that everyone got a chance to network with everyone else. There was some real resource sharing that took place and a project was funded in which material about the ecological studies done prior to the building of the Panama Canal were added to the Aquatic Commons.

*by Jan E. Heckman, SAIL Representative, 2007-09  
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