

August 24, 2011

4th International Ra-Rn Workshop June 4 – 7, 2012

The 4th international Ra-Rn workshop will take place from June 4-7, 2012, at the Graduate School of Oceanography campus of The University of Rhode Island, located in Narragansett, RI, USA (www.gso.uri.edu).

Workshop Objective: The purpose of this workshop is to provide a forum for presentations and open discussions regarding the latest developments and new directions in the application and measurement of radium isotopes and radon as tracers in the environment.

Registration: Registration for the workshop should be made by e-mail (moran@gso.uri.edu). A registration fee is requested to offset workshop costs, due at the beginning of the workshop. The exact amount will be announced when expenses are more accurately known, but please expect to pay a registration fee of about \$100 (check or cash only).

Abstract Submission and Session Topics: If you wish to make a presentation, then please e-mail (moran@gso.uri.edu) a short title and abstract of approximately one-half page length and indicate your preference for an oral or poster presentation. Posters will be on display for the duration of the meeting, and time will be reserved for poster presentations. The deadline for submitting an abstract is October 31, 2011. Topics covered will be similar to those covered at prior Ra-Rn workshops, however new topics are welcomed and encouraged. Once submitted, the organizing committee will group abstracts into topical sessions.

Financial Assistance: The NSF Chemical Oceanography Program has indicated the possibility of financial assistance to offset the cost to workshop participants. These funds are currently pending the next NSF FY budget, after October 1, 2011. Depending on the number of participants, this funding would be used to offset accommodation and coffee/lunch expenses during the workshop.

DURRIDGE Scholarship: DURRIDGE Company (www.durridge.com) is offering a full scholarship to the workshop, including accommodation, and paid summer employment for one full-time student of a recognized university. In addition, a contribution towards travel and living expenses may be made, depending on need.

Students who are interested are invited to submit a) a transcript of their studies so far, b) a brief resume, highlighting their extra-curricular and entrepreneurial activities, if any, and career goals, and c) a letter applying for the scholarship, giving the dates available to work at DURRIDGE Company. References would be appreciated. If help with travel and/or living expenses is

needed that, also, should be requested, with reasons stated. Applications may be sent to Derek Lane-Smith, e-mail <derek@durridge.com>, or by mail to P.O. Box 54, Billerica, MA 01821, USA.

Students not entitled to work in the US must apply early, to give time to apply for and obtain a J1 visa.

Travel: TF Green is the destination airport in Rhode Island, and is located approximately 25 minutes by car from GSO and local hotels. Rental cars are available at the airport. The Amtrak train station is located about 7 miles from GSO. Public transportation by bus is available, but runs infrequently. A rental car, sharing rides, or taxi, will be necessary to get to/from GSO and the hotels and airport. The GSO web page (www.gso.uri.edu) has directions to the campus.

Accommodations: While there are a number of very nice places to stay within a 15-30 minute drive to GSO (e.g., in Newport), below are suggested hotels located just a short ~(2-5 mile) drive from GSO.

We are currently working to secure a block of rooms with a group rate at these hotels. Regardless, be sure to book your hotel early because Narragansett is a popular tourist location and lodging availability may be limited. We will keep you posted.

The Village Inn, Narragansett (401-783-6767, www.v-inn.com); across the street from Narragansett Beach and ocean walk, close to several restaurants; recommended if you prefer to be close to the ocean.

The Hampton Inn South Kingstown, South Kingstown (401-788-3500, hamptoninn.hilton.com). Located in South County Commons plaza; easy walking distance to a coffee shop and a couple of decent restaurants.

Holiday Inn South Kingstown, South Kingstown (401-789-1051, www.holidayinn.com); has a decent restaurant and walking distance to a coffee shop and Subway restaurant.

Meeting Location and Attractions: By car, the GSO campus is ~15 minutes to Newport, ~10 minutes to Jamestown, ~30 minutes to Providence, ~10 minutes to Narragansett Beach/ocean walk. The GSO has a beautiful campus located on Narragansett Bay, with a beach for swimming. You will need a car to visit local attractions, shops, and most restaurants.

Field Trips: On Tuesday evening, participants are invited to a Sunset Sail out of Newport on Narragansett Bay (1.5 hours, ~\$35). Afterwards, one can walk around the waterfront area where there are many shops and restaurants. On Wednesday, we plan to take the Block Island Ferry from Point Judith to Block Island (~\$20 RT), which has small shops, restaurants, and a beach to swim. We hope to have sufficient funds to cover these expenses, however at this time the approximate costs per person are indicated.

Workshop Program:

<u>Sunday</u> (6/3)	All day	Arrival
	18:00-19:30	Reception (Location TBA)

<u>Monday</u> (6/4)	09:00-12:00	Meeting sessions
	12:00-13:00	Lunch at GSO
	13:15-17:00	Meeting sessions
	19:00-20:30	Newport Sunset Sail
<u>Tuesday</u> (6/5)	09:00-12:00	Meeting sessions
	12:00-13:00	Lunch at GSO
	13:15-15:15	Meeting sessions
	15:15-17:30	Poster session
<u>Wednesday</u> (6/6)	10:30-11:25	Pt. Judith to Block Island Ferry
	12:30-14:00	Lunch on Block Island
	15:45-16:40	Block Island to Pt. Judith Ferry
	17:30-	Party (Location TBA)
<u>Thursday</u> (6/7)	09:00-12:00	Meeting sessions
	12:00-13:00	Lunch at GSO
	13:15-17:00	Meeting sessions
	17:00-17:30	Closing remarks & next steps

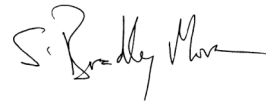
Important dates:

October 31, 2011 Deadline for Registration and Abstract Submission

October 31, 2011 Deadline to application for DURRIDGE Scholarship

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we look forward to an exciting workshop in 2012!

Best wishes,



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