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ONR Scientists Bring Undersea Vehicles to Light

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ARLINGTON, Va.—With unmanned underwater vehicles in tow, scientists from the [Office of Naval Research](#) (ONR) will convene in Salt Lake City for an international gathering of marine science experts Feb. 20-24.

Attendees of the 2012 Ocean Sciences Meeting can visit the ONR-sponsored exhibit booth to view unmanned underwater systems, see video demonstrations of ONR-supported oceanographic research projects and talk with program officers from the [Ocean Battlespace Sensing Department](#). Two semi-autonomous vehicles will be part of the display: Remote Environmental Monitoring Unit System ([REMUS](#)) and Sea Glider.

"It's a good opportunity to learn new things, to meet with ONR's principal investigators for updates on the results of their research and to meet people doing interesting research that we didn't already know about," said Dr. Joan Cleveland, a deputy director for ONR's [Ocean Sensing and Systems Applications Division](#).

During the biennial five-day conference, ONR program managers will attend daily scientific presentations and plenary sessions and connect with scientists conducting research in fields pertinent to Department of the Navy projects.

ONR will present the Walter Munk Award for Distinguished Research in Oceanography Related to Sound in the Sea to Dr. William A. Kuperman of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. The award is named in honor of Dr. Walter Munk, a pioneer researcher who contributed greatly to the Department of the Navy's knowledge of oceanography and its application to naval operations. The award includes a certificate bearing the signature of the secretary of the Navy and the president of The Oceanography Society.

The 2012 Ocean Sciences Meeting is sponsored by The Oceanography Society, the Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography and the American Geophysical Union.

For more information, go to www.sqmeet.com/osm2012/default.asp.

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