

May 2008 Newsletter of the AGU Near-Surface Focus Group

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Recent announcements of interest to the NS community (conferences, academic positions, graduate student opportunities etc.) can be found at the AGU NS-Focus Group Web Page: <http://nsg.agu.org/>

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1. 2008 Joint Assembly, May 27-30, Fort Lauderdale, FL  
(<http://www.agu.org/meetings/ja08/?content=home>)

NS Sponsored sessions:  
(<http://www.agu.org/cgi-bin/sessions5?meeting=ja08&sec=NS>)

NS23A Innovative Near-Surface Geophysical Approaches to the Characterization of Karst Aquifers NS24A Advances in Hydrogeophysics: From Wetlands to River Basins NS31A Near-Surface Studies of Coastal Processes Posters NS31B Near-Surface Geophysics: General Contributions Posters NS34A New Geophysical Tools and Software for High-Resolution Field Site Characterization

NS jointly sponsored sessions:  
(<http://www.agu.org/cgi-bin/sessions5?meeting=ja08&sec=H>)

H31C Site Characterization and Hydrologic Modeling H33D Advances in Understanding Groundwater Flow in Karst Systems

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2. Near-Surface Geophysics Focus Group lunch, Wednesday May 28, 12:30-13:30, Ft. Lauderdale Convention Center:

For all NS members and any others who are interested in attending.

Please join us at the Near-Surface Geophysics Focus Group AGU lunch. Be sure to sign up for this event (\$30) when registering for the meeting.

This is a great opportunity for our community to meet and discuss plans for future AGU meetings and other conferences/workshops.

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3. Early Career Faculty Travel Support for the Chapman Conference on

Biogeophysics:

The AGU Chapman Conference on Biogeophysics

(<http://www.agu.org/meetings/chapman/2008/fcall/>) will be held October

13-16 in Portland, Maine. As a result of a generous grant from the National Science Foundation we anticipate providing 35 awards to support the full travel/attendance costs of graduate students and early career faculty (less than 7 years from graduation of PhD degree) working in the interdisciplinary field of Biogeophysics to participate in this Chapman Conference. An application form can be requested from Lee Slater ([lslater@andromeda.rutgers.edu](mailto:lslater@andromeda.rutgers.edu)) and must be returned to Estella Atekwana ([estella.atekwana@okstate.edu](mailto:estella.atekwana@okstate.edu)) by July 21, 2008. An abstract describing a presentation to be made at the conference must also be submitted by July 21, following the guidelines that can be downloaded at the meeting website.

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#### 4. NS Executive July 2008-2010 – from NS Chair Rosemary Knight

Effective July 2008, the executive of the Near-Surface Geophysics Focus Group will be - Chair: Lee Slater, Vice-Chair: Louise Pellerin, Secretary (and continuing newsletter editor): George Tsoflias. These three names were submitted to AGU, and recently approved by the incoming President. Thank you to the three of you for volunteering your time to support our focus group.

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#### 5. Message from NS web-master Rhett Herman

We are glad that people are taking advantage of the student opportunities, postdoc and job listings on the Near Surface website (<http://nsg.agu.org/>). For those who do advertise please let me know when to remove your listing from the site. This could be either a fixed time frame for the listing or an email to me when your advertised position(s) is(are) filled.

Rhett

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**DEADLINE:** Material must be received 2 full business days prior to the first of each month.

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