The Walter Munk Award for Distinguished Research in Oceanography Related to Sound and the Sea

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LONG-TERM GOALS

The long-term goal of the Walter Munk Award is to recognize excellence in ocean science related to sound and the sea, and to foster research in oceanography related to sound and the sea anticipating benefits from such research to naval operations.

OBJECTIVES

To recognize a deserving scientist working in the field of ocean acoustics and to demonstrate the Navy’s strong support of acoustical oceanography.

APPROACH

The Oceanography Society publicizes the call for nominations for the Walter Munk Award in relevant scientific publications, websites and e-mail lists. Nominations are solicited from the international oceanographic community.

WORK COMPLETED/ RESULTS

James Lynch received the Munk Award during the Acoustical Society of America Meeting in San Antonio, October 27 and 28, 2010. Jim was also recognized during The Oceanography Society
Breakfast at the Ocean Sciences Meeting in February 2010. He also presented a plenary lecture at this conference on Friday, February 25, 2010.

**IMPACT/APPLICATIONS**

The presentation of the Munk Award to an excellent researcher in the field of ocean acoustics fosters the development of future scientists in this field, with eventual benefits to research in naval operations.

**TRANSITIONS**

N/A

**RELATED PROJECTS**

N/A

**REFERENCES**

N/A

**PUBLICATIONS**

N/A

**PATENTS**

N/A

**HONORS/AWARDS/PRIZES**

This award has been presented to the persons listed below:

1993: Walter Munk, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, USA
1994: David M. Farmer, Institute of Ocean Sciences, Canada
1996: Leonid M. Brekhovskikh, Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology, Russia
1997: Stephen A. Thorpe, Southampton Oceanography Centre, UK
1999: Robert Pinkel, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, USA
2001: Dr. Robert C. Spindel, Applied Physics Laboratory of the University of Washington
2003: Dr. H. Thomas Rossby, Graduate School of Oceanography, University of Rhode Island, USA
2005: Dr. Peter Worcester, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, USA (selected in 2005, presented in February 2006)
2009: Dr. James F. Lynch, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, USA