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Newsflash!

NEPM and WSSPC Annual Meeting plan to meet in Seattle, Washington in May 2018. The two weeks under consideration are April 30 – May 4 and May 21 – May 25. Dates and details to follow.

For an updated list of the State Earthquake Program Managers visit: <http://eqprogram.net/state-program-contacts/>

Nominations for 2018 WSSPC Awards are Open!

Don't miss this opportunity to recognize outstanding people and projects that have had an impact on seismic risk reduction with a nomination for the 2018 WSSPC Awards of Excellence, Lifetime Achievement Award, or WSSPC Leadership Award. The deadline is almost here—January 5, 2018! Nomination forms and eligibility guidelines can be found on the website at: <http://www.wsspc.org/awards/call-nominations/>

Alaska's Next Big Earthquake Workshop Report Now Available

In May 2017, WSSPC supported Alaska through FEMA's state support to hold *Alaska's Next Big Earthquake Workshop*. The final workshop report is now available at: <http://nextearthquake.gi.alaska.edu/>.

Mike Stickney at Work in Montana

Featured on the Seismological Society of America's website "Seismologists at Work" is WSSPC Member Mike Stickney. Mike is the Director of the Earthquake Studies Office at the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology. He didn't receive any special training for being a seismograph technician; he had to learn everything through hands-on experience (i.e. deicing antennas and making repairs following the devastating fire seasons). Prior to 2014 the Advanced National Seismic System (ANSS) had paid for an analyst to assist Stickney; however, after funding was cut Mike "reverted back to a single-person operation." Stickney said, "It's been the school of hard knocks."

This summer's earthquake activity has not only kept Stickney busy, but reminded everyone that Montana is in earthquake country. The 7.3 magnitude earthquake that devastated Hebgen Lake 58 years ago was the last major quake to affect Montana. Due to that fact, Mike noted that a whole generation has grown up without realizing the potential hazards of the state.

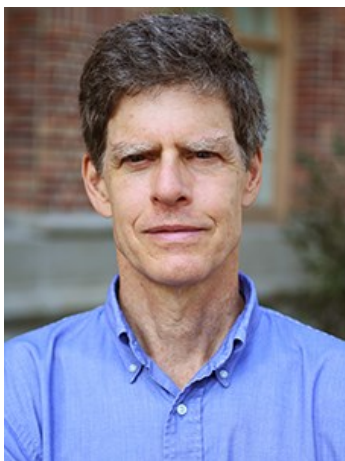
<https://www.seismosoc.org/at-work/work-mike-stickney/>



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John Vidale Assumes Helm of SCEC

John Vidale has assumed a new role as Professor at the University of Southern California and as Director of the Southern California Earthquake Center (SCEC), taking over for Tom Jordan. Vidale brings with him significant expertise: previous Director of the Pacific Northwest Seismic Network, Washington State Seismologist, and member of the National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council. He also played an instrumental role in developing the ShakeAlert Earthquake Early Warning System.



“To learn about earthquakes we have to have earthquakes,” Vidale said. “Southern California is the heart of the science of seismology.”

Source: Mike Glier

To learn more about John Vidale visit: <https://www.scec.org/user/vidale> or <http://dornsife.usc.edu/news/stories/2690/renowned-seismologist-joins-usc-as-southern-california-earthquake/>.

September 2017 Mexico Earthquakes: M_w 7.1 Puebla-Morelos and M_w 8.1 Chiapas

EERI has released articles pertaining to the earthquakes that occurred in Mexico on September 7th and 19th. The preliminary findings were incorporated into three different articles focusing on ‘Preliminary Statistics of Collapsed Buildings,’ ‘Preliminary Reconnaissance Observations in the Aftermath’ and ‘Preliminary Notes on Tsunami Damage and Response.’

To read the articles visit: <https://www.eeri.org/cohost/member-resources/pulse/788-october-15-2017#1-preliminary-statistics-of-collapsed-buildings-in-mexico-city-in-the-september-19-2017-puebla-morelos-earthquake>

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Conferences and Events

WSSPC Board Meeting

December 7, 2017
Sacramento, California

AGU Fall Meeting

December 11-15, 2017
New Orleans, Louisiana
<https://fallmeeting.agu.org/2017/>

OSSPAC

January 9, 2018
Location: TBD

2018 Working Group on Nevada Seismic Hazards

February 5-7, 2018
Reno, Nevada
<http://www.nbmg.unr.edu/Geohazards/Earthquakes/2018SeismicHazardsWorkshop.html>

SSA 2018 Annual Meeting

May 14-17, 2018 (New Dates)
Miami, Florida (New Location)
<https://www.seismosoc.org/meetings/>

11th United States National Conference on Earthquake Engineering

June 25-29, 2018
Los Angeles, California
<https://www.11ncee.org/>
[WSSPC is a Cooperating Organization.]

AEG 61st Annual Meeting/13th IAEG Congress

September 17-21, 2018
San Francisco, California
<http://www.aegweb.org/mpage/iaeg18m>

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