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## A Message from the Program Chair

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As Chair of the 2017 IOSC Program Committee, I am so proud of all of the collaboration and energy that went in to make the 2017 IOSC technical program diverse, exciting, and in keeping with the standard of excellence that IOSC has upheld for the past 48 years. What a legacy!

The 2017 IOSC incorporated time-honored elements of past IOSCs such as the awards luncheon and dynamic and engaging plenary sessions at the start and close of the conference, as well as some exciting new features. We saw a pivot to inland issues and welcomed the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration as a new permanent member of both the Executive and Program Committees this conference. We expanded the technical program with the inclusion of several “Hot- Topics Sessions” which generated much attendance and interest. We also saw a major expansion in scope of the Technical Demonstration to include a guided tour of stations exhibiting various elements of spill response as they’ve evolved technologically since the Exxon Valdez spill in 1989.

Building upon the tremendous efforts of the 2014 IOSC Program Committee, we saw some new traditions emerge as elements were incorporated for the second Conference in a row: the “Meet the Poster Authors” session was a big hit, as was the inclusion of a Photography Contest alongside the Film Festival. In addition, our published manuscripts and posters join the long line of more than 3,000 freely available online papers and posters from previous IOSC Proceedings and may be accessed at [www.ioscproceedings.com](http://www.ioscproceedings.com).

I am honored to have been a part of the international community of professionals in oil spill prevention, preparedness, response, and restoration that coalesced to deliver such an incredible technical program for the 2017 IOSC. Thank you to each person who contributed, either by drafting or reviewing abstracts, papers or posters; planning and executing the technical demonstration; submitting photos or films; attending or instructing short courses; serving as a scholarship host; designing the iconic 2017 IOSC coin; or by participating as an attendant and cultivating relationships within this community. The collective effort is so impressive, and I am humbled by each individual’s commitment to the success of the Conference. I look forward to spending the 2020 IOSC in New Orleans, LA with you all.

Sincerely,



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