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b. Long Term Goals:

We aim to celebrate the heritage of Dr. David C. Chapman, a distinguished coastal oceanographer with strong ties to the Office of Naval Research, who died in 2004.

c. Objectives:

To communicate to the broader Woods Hole community the state of the art in a wide range of coastal subjects, spanning all ocean disciplines.

d. Approach:

We have initiated a series of "David C. Chapman Lectures", to be given about once per year. An interdisciplinary committee of WHOI scientists has selected the distinguished speakers. In each case, the lecturer has been from outside the Institution, and arrangements were made for the speaker to spend several days at WHOI, so as to allow interactions with students and scientists. All Lectures to date have been well-publicized and very well-attended by a broad group of Woods Hole-area students and scientists.

e. Tasks completed:

The following talks have been given as part of the Chapman series:

Allan J. Clarke, Florida State University: “ ‘Too fast’ planetary wave propagation off the California coast” (August, 2006).

Garry Clarke, University of British Columbia: “An ice age megaflood and the 8200 BP cold event: Goldilocks or fool’s gold?” (May, 2007).

Peter Franks, Scripps Institution of Oceanography: “Planktonic ecosystem models: perplexing parameterizations and a failure to fail” (May, 2008).

Tom Weingartner, University of Alaska: “Ice, winds and river runoff: Arctic shelf processes” (November, 2008).

f. Results:

All of the lectures have been extremely well-received. Communication with the visiting scientists has been beneficial on both sides. In at least one case, the lecturer’s visit has led to developing specific research programs with WHOI personnel.

g. Impact for Science:

The lecture series has been a very successful exercise in communications. WHOI personnel have been exposed in detail to new ideas from outside, and the series has facilitated interdisciplinary interactions.