

Editorial

***Water* Best Paper Award 2015**

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To better recognize the outstanding papers in the area of water sciences and technology published in *Water*, we announce the institution of an annual award.

We are therefore pleased to announce the first “*Water* Best Paper Award” for 2015. Nominations were made by the Editor-in-Chief and Editorial Board members from all papers published in 2011. The awards are issued to reviews and full research articles separately. The following three papers were chosen:

Article Award:

First Prize

Michael D. Dettinger, Fred Martin Ralph, Tapash Das, Paul J. Neiman and Daniel R. Cayan

Atmospheric Rivers, Floods and the Water Resources of California

Water **2011**, *3*(2), 445–478; doi:10.3390/w3020445

Available online: <http://www.mdpi.com/2073-4441/3/2/445>

Second Prize

Arjen Y. Hoekstra

The Global Dimension of Water Governance: Why the River Basin Approach Is No Longer Sufficient and Why Cooperative Action at Global Level Is Needed

Water **2011**, *3*(1), 21–46; doi:10.3390/w3010021

Available online: <http://www.mdpi.com/2073-4441/3/1/21>

Review Award:**Pauline M. Ross, Laura Parker, Wayne A. O'Connor and Elizabeth A. Bailey**

The Impact of Ocean Acidification on Reproduction, Early Development and Settlement of Marine Organisms

Water 2011, 3(4), 1005–1030; doi:10.3390/w3041005Available online: <http://www.mdpi.com/2073-4441/3/4/1005>

The prize awarding committee recognizes that the article “Atmospheric Rivers, Floods and the Water Resources of California” presents “... an analysis of the effects of specific large scale atmospheric circulation (*i.e.*, Atmospheric Rivers and Pineapple Express) on floods and water resources of California...” and conceded “...that the fractions of precipitation and streamflow totals in California, are associated with ARs, which contribute 20%–50% to the state’s precipitation totals, on long-term average, with area-average contributions ranging from zero to 54% from year to year...”, which is well supported by “...data plus analysis and very good graphics...”. The article “The Global Dimension of Water Governance: Why the River Basin Approach Is No Longer Sufficient and Why Cooperative Action at Global Level Is Needed” addresses “...an emerging research field, water footprint assessment, linking the relations among water management, consumption, and trade beyond a river basin...” and was a valuable policy research paper “...because of the broad worldwide water policy/governance implications...”. The article “The Impact of Ocean Acidification on Reproduction, Early Development and Settlement of Marine Organisms” comprehensively reviews “our current knowledge of ocean acidification on the early life-history of invertebrates, providing future research needs for integrating temperature effects and long-term multigenerational experiments...” and indicates “the implications for ocean climate change induced acidification effects on marine organisms”.

These three exceptional papers are all worthy contributions to *Water* and the water resources field. On behalf of the Prize Awarding Committee and the Editorial Board of *Water*, we would like to congratulate the authors and co-authors of these three papers for their excellent work. In recognition of their accomplishments, Drs. Michael D. Dettinger and Arjen Y. Hoekstra will receive 600 CHF and 400 CHF, respectively. They will also have the privilege of publishing an additional open access format paper free of charge in *Water*, after standard peer-review. Dr. Pauline M. Ross will be awarded the privilege of publishing an additional research paper free of charge in open access format in *Water*, after standard peer-review.

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