



James F. Lynch has been selected as the next Editor-in-Chief of the Acoustical Society of America (ASA). He is replacing Allan Pierce who is retiring after 15 years of service as Editor-in-Chief of the Society.

Jim began his service as ASA Editor-in-Chief designate on 15 August 2014 and will assume the title of Editor-in-Chief on 1 November 2014. Jim is working with Allan to ensure a smooth transition in ASA's publication operations.

As Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Lynch will be responsible for the ASA publications program, including: the *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*, *JASA Express Letters*, *Proceedings of Meetings on Acoustics*, and *Acoustics Today* magazine. He is an officer of the Society and will serve as a member of its Executive Council.

Jim Lynch is a Senior Scientist at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) in Woods Hole, MA. His earlier employment included a position at the Applied Research Laboratory, University of Texas at Austin. He received a B.S. in Physics from the Stevens Institute of Technology and a Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Texas at Austin.

Jim is a Fellow of the ASA and the Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). He received the Munk Award in 2009, a joint award of The Oceanography Society, the Office of Naval Research, and the Office of the Oceanographer of the Navy. His research specialty areas are ocean acoustics and acoustical oceanography. He also greatly enjoys occasional forays into physical oceanography, marine geology, and marine biology.

Many of you know Jim from his extensive service to ASA including chair of the ASA Technical Committee on Acoustical Oceanography (1999-01), as a Member of the Executive Council (2011-14), and as Editor of the *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America Express Letters*, *JASA-EL* (2009-14). He also served as an Associate Editor of the *IEEE Journal of Oceanic Engineering* (1997-98, 2005-14) and later as its Chief Editor (1999-2004).