

MARCH is National Women's History Month

2012 THEME: *Women's Education - Women's Empowerment*

June Pattullo, the first woman to receive a Ph.D. in Physical Oceanography



June Pattullo was an outstanding scientist and highly regarded by oceanographers everywhere. She received her doctorate from Scripps Institution of Oceanography in 1957 and became a research oceanographer for the Institution. In the fall of 1960, Dr. Pattullo was appointed Associate Professor of Physical Oceanography at Oregon State University. During her years of research, she became an authority on sea level and its dependence to worldwide heating and cooling. She also had a special interest in coastal upwelling off the Oregon coast. Dr. Pattullo spent a considerable amount of time at sea despite a rule that women could not go out on her primary research vessel, the ACONA, unless another woman accompanied her.

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MPOWIR - Pattullo Conference

The Pattullo conference, named after June Pattullo, is a conference for female early career scientists and is a centerpiece of the [MPOWIR](http://mpowir.org) program. MPOWIR is a community-based program that provides mentoring to physical oceanographers from late graduate school through their early careers. The overall goal of MPOWIR is to make mentoring opportunities for junior physical oceanographers universally available and of higher quality by expanding the reach of mentoring opportunities beyond individual home institutions. The aim is to reduce the barriers to career development for all junior scientists in the field, with a particular focus on improving the retention of junior women. NOAA is a supporter of MPOWIR. Website: <http://mpowir.org>