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The Oceanography Society
P.O. Box 1931
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Jennifer Ramarui,

In response to your correspondence dated April 15, 2016; the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) - International Events and Convention Services Program (IECSP) officially recognizes the following event:

<p><u>Ocean Optics XXII</u> October 22-28, 2016 Victoria Conference Centre Victoria, BC</p>

The information provided to the CBSA states there will be approximately 400 attendees of which 90% are foreign to Canada. The event is closed to the general public with no sales of merchandise taking place.

This event is expecting approximately 20 foreign exhibitors who are importing ocean measurement tools for use at the event. Non-Canadian exhibitors may import display items and exhibit booths temporarily as outlined in the provisions of tariff classification **9993.00.00.00** duty free, on the condition that the goods will be exported from Canada upon the completion of the event.

It has been determined that this event qualifies under the provisions of the *Foreign Organization Remission Order* as outlined in tariff classification **9830.00.00.00**. Conference materials (i.e. office paraphernalia, souvenirs, printed matter, pens, decorations, etc.) may enter Canada free of duty and taxes, provided the items will be exported upon the completion of the event.

Foreign exhibitors importing goods into Canada from the United States should consult with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) prior to shipping any convention materials. It is required that goods valued over \$2000USD be reported to USCBP. USCBP may document the goods on a form 4455 in order to identify the goods upon return to the US.

CBSA requires everyone seeking admission into Canada to properly declare themselves to CBSA by providing accurate identification. CBSA will accept a valid passport as proof of citizenship. Persons who have been convicted of any criminal offences may be inadmissible to Canada. For more information please visit: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/inadmissibility/index.asp>



If you have attendees from visa-requiring countries (<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp>), please contact the Special Events Unit of Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) at special.events@cic.gc.ca with the specifics of your event. They will assess the visa requirements of your event.

To ensure that organizers and participants of your event are aware of requirements for entry to Canada, the information provided to the CBSA may be shared with CIC. The CIC may, in turn contact event organizers to confirm details of your event and provide further direction regarding admission to Canada for those attending your event(s).

To facilitate border procedures it is recommended that foreign exhibitors and attendees be provided a copy of this letter for presentation to a CBSA Border Services Officer upon their arrival to Canada.

In conjunction with the presentation of this Recognition Letter, an itemized list of goods including a description, country of origin, quantity and value is required for presentation to CBSA. If your event materials will be imported by a commercial carrier or courier service, a copy of this letter should also be attached to any shipping documents.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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*Individuals have the right of access to, the protection and correction of their personal information under the **Privacy Act – Section 12**. The information collected is described under the **International Events Personal Information Bank CBSA PPU 040** which is detailed at www.cbsa.gc.ca/agency-agence/reports-rapports/pia-efvp/atip-airp/infosource-eng.html*