

# Plenary Session

Thursday, 7 July  
New Orleans Marriott  
Salon D-H

- 8:15 a.m. Welcome**  
Kyle Piller, Chair, Local Host Committee (or local dignitary)
- 8:30 a.m. Award Presentations**  
ASIH Gibbs, Fitch and Johnson Awards  
SSAR/HL/ASIH Meritorious Teaching Award in Herpetology  
ASIH/AES Meritorious Teaching Award in Ichthyology  
PARC Alison Haskell Award for Excellence in Herpetofaunal Conservation  
PARC Visionary Leader Award  
Joseph Nelson Award  
HL Semlitsch Award
- 9:15 a.m. JMIH Plenary Keynote Speaker**  
“Exploring the Deep Frontier”  
Dr. Sylvia Earle, Founder of Deep Ocean Exploration and Research, Inc.,  
Founder of Mission Blue and SEAlliance
- 9:45 a.m. Beverage Break**
- 10:15 a.m. AES Plenary Speaker**  
“Conservation biology of sawfishes: Is there hope for the most imperiled elasmobranchs?”  
R. Dean Grubbs, Ph.D., Associate Director of Research Florida State University Coastal and Marine Laboratory
- 10:35 a.m. HL Distinguished Herpetologist**  
“Known knowns and unknown unknowns: herpetological progress in fits and starts”  
Jonathan Losos, Monique and Philip Lehner Professor for the Study of Latin America, Professor of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology, and Curator in Herpetology, Museum of Comparative Zoology Harvard University
- 10:55 a.m. ASIH Past Presidential Address**  
“GIANTS!”  
Dr. Larry G. Allen, Chair and Professor of Biology, California State University Northridge
- 11:15 a.m. ASIH 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Speaker #1**  
“Out of Bounds”  
Lynne Parenti, Smithsonian Institution
- 11:35 a.m. ASIH 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Speaker #2**  
“100 Years of ASIH – And the Beat Goes On!”  
Jay Savage, San Diego State University
- 11:55 a.m. Closing and Announcements**