

## **Woods Hole Diversity Day**

**Wednesday, August 15, 2007**

**3:00 - 6:00 pm, Lillie Auditorium and MBL Street**

All employees, students and postdocs are invited to our second annual Woods Hole Diversity Day.

On Wednesday, August 15, 2007 the six major scientific and educational institutions of Woods Hole are hosting Diversity Day to express the importance of understanding and promoting diversity.

The events will begin at 3:00 pm in the Lillie Auditorium. This year's speakers are Jamie Hoyte with the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard and Robert Nadeau, Regional Coordinator for MEMA (Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency) Region II. There will be a short question and answer period afterwards.

A celebratory street fest will then be held from 4:30 – 6:00 pm on MBL Street. There will be food, displays, and donations from local businesses among other items. Music will be provided by the band Pan Loco. With the participation of employees and the public we aim to raise awareness in our community that the beauty and richness of life is its diversity. Admission is free.

Three years ago the Diversity Initiative was formed to encourage the belief that diversity is a strength needing development in our community. The events of August 15 will celebrate the third anniversary of the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the six local institutions (the Marine Biological Laboratory, the Northeast Fisheries Science Center Woods Hole Laboratory, Sea Education Association, the United States Geological Survey-Woods Hole Field Center, the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, and the Woods Hole Research Center).

See the Woods Hole Diversity Advisory Committee (WHDAC) website for more information: <http://www.woodsholediversity.org/>.

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