

Woods Hole Science and Technology Education Partnership
ROV Progress Report, June 2004 - June 2005

As of June 2005, there were 77 scientists registered in the *ROV*. The breakdown by affiliation is as follows:

Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution	41
Marine Biological Laboratory	10
NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service	7
U.S. Geological Survey, Woods Hole	6
Woods Hole Research Center	4
Sea Education Association	2
Other	7

To track use of the *ROV*, we can count hits to the search entry page. During the *ROV*'s pilot year, we had 477 hits to this page. During the first four months, there was an average of 63 hits/month. That number decreased during the remaining months to an average of 26 hits/month.

During the 2004-2005 school year (our first in operation), at least 6 classroom visits and 4 teacher workshops were coordinated through the registry. Several local high school students were referred to the *ROV* and they found volunteer mentors for their science projects, some of which were completed at the scientists' home institutions. The *ROV* has been featured in local newspaper articles and at New England Centers for Ocean Sciences Education Excellence (NE-COSEE) outreach workshops. It has also become a model for similar database efforts by NE-COSEE and the Reading (MA) Public School System.

To promote the *ROV*, WHSTEP representatives visited a number of our member schools to make presentations. We also highlighted the *ROV* at our annual liaison dinner last October. Our newsletter has included articles about the *ROV* and use of the registry by local teachers. During the upcoming school year, we plan to continue visiting local schools to demonstrate use of the *ROV* and highlight any successful connections made using it. You can view past issues of WHSTEP newsletters and learn more about our other programs at www.whoi.edu/whstep. There is a link to the *ROV* prominently displayed on the WHSTEP homepage.

If you have participated in an outreach activity as a result of your *ROV* registration, please let us know at whstep-info@whoi.edu. Examples of successful connections made through the *ROV* will encourage others to take advantage of this resource.

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