

Tracker News



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Satellite Telemetry: a Catalyst for International Collaboration

Dear Customers and Friends,

When an 8.8 magnitude earthquake struck Chile on February 27 at 3:34 PM, our first thought flew to our customers there, especially to Peter Hodum, with whom we have worked for the last 10 years or so. We watched the news of a predicted tsunami with horror as it headed to the Juan Fernández Islands where Peter and his colleague Erin Hagen work to track shearwaters. Luckily, Peter was still in California and Erin, though actually on Robinson Crusoe Island when the tsunami hit, was safe. Sadly, 16 people were lost including 5 children that both biologists knew well. In an effort to help in rebuilding, Peter and Erin have established a charitable fund. We are asking you, our loyal customers and friends to give generously. We have already contributed to the fund and hope that you will do so too.

Strangely enough, we were one phone call away from asking Peter for a contribution to this newsletter when the earthquake struck. The focus of this issue is on the collaboration between biologists from different countries; it has become increasingly common to find projects carried out by scientists working together across the globe.

We enjoyed reading the articles contributed to this issue and hope that you will too. We especially wish to thank: Kim Aarestrup from Denmark, Housseini Issaka from Niger, Hiroyoshi Higuchi from Japan, Peter Hodum and Jerry Hupp from the USA, Mátyás Prommer from Hungary, Audun Rikardsen from Norway, Joseba Felix Tobar-Arbulu from the Basque Country and Martin Wikelski from Germany. Thank you for your wonderful articles; these truly illustrate how much more can be accomplished by pooling resources across international boundaries.

We thank you for the opportunity to work closely with you; we hope to remain a part of your professional journeys as satellite telemetry helps bring scientific communities together.

Stay tuned for our next newsletter which will kick off our 20th anniversary celebration. Have a safe and productive field season!

Sincerely,
Paul and the staff at MTI

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