

SNO~FOO AWARD



TO ERR IS HUMAN, TO FORGET IT WOULD BE DIVINE.

SNO-FOO 2014 – Dorothy Hall

As snow and ice scientists we share a passion for frozen water. As we have heard today we also share a passion for MODIS. In exploring the true meaning of MODIS a pattern emerges. The project pages for MODIS global mapping of snow and ice website: a 1987 image from Alaska, a 1992 image from Alaska, a 2000 image from Colorado and the Alps all provided by the same distinguished researcher. These are unusually dated for the digital age, and for a project that gathers current daily snow and ice information. Try and find an image of this scientist in contact with snow or ice, I could not.

This lack of recent images of snow and ice implies an aversion to contact with snow and ice. This is supported by the fact that this scientist until today had hosted the southernmost ESC meeting, in Williamsburg, Virginia. And now has helped coordinate the current furthest south meeting in Boone, NC. It is further supported by the last field campaign to be undertaken to Central New York that this scientist was participating in, was cancelled by “snow!”. In the decade since there has not been any additional field seasons, maybe there would be more snow. Lastly the first slide in this distinguished scientists presentation this morning featured no snow as the lead to a snow and ice conference.

Dorothy Hall has earned the Sno-Foo award for an apparent aversion to direct contact with snow and ice. This award adds to a distinguished career. Returning to the meaning of MODIS, looking around this room at all the scientists that she has worked with and whose careers she has fostered it appears it could refer to Mother of Distinguished Ice Scientists. Or just as appropriate Most Distinguished Ice Scientist.