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Dear Dr. Goffredo,

On behalf of the American Academy of Underwater Sciences, I would like to extend our welcome and congratulations to the Marine Science Group, Department of Evolution and Experimental Biology at the University of Bologna in becoming an Organizational Member of the Academy. The Marine Science Groups application has been completed and was accepted by our Board of Directors in September 2009. It is now recognized as a member in good standing due all of the rights and privileges of Organizational Membership.

We look forward to many years of your active involvement within the AAUS. An important benefit available to our membership is participation in the annual AAUS Diving for Science Symposium. It offers an excellent venue to become better acquainted with the various Scientific Diving Programs operating within the AAUS community and to keep current on the world of scientific diving. This year's Diving Officers Meeting and Symposium will be hosted by the University of Hawaii from March 25th-27th. I invite you to attend. More information can be found on our website at www.aaus.org.

We also look forward to a growing dialog and partnership with our member organizations in the European Union. Please feel free to contact me with questions or comments relevant to the Academy and, of course, to scientific diving. Again, welcome.

Sincerely,

Christian McDonald
President, AAUS