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**Meet New FAU Harbor Branch Executive Director  
at Lecture Series Kickoff**  
*Anton Post, Ph.D. to Give First Presentation of the Season*

**FORT PIERCE, Fla. (December 20, 2016)** – The Treasure Coast community will soon have the opportunity to meet Anton Post, Ph.D., FAU Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute’s incoming executive director. Post will kick off Harbor Branch’s annual Ocean Science Lecture Series winter season on Jan. 11, 2017 at 4 and 7 p.m. with a talk on climate change. Those who attend will have the chance to meet and speak with Post following his lectures.

Talks will be presented by other FAU Harbor Branch researchers weekly thereafter each Wednesday through April 5, at 4 and 7 p.m., at Harbor Branch’s Johnson Education Center Auditorium, 5600 U.S. 1 North, in Fort Pierce. Admission is free. (The full season schedule is listed below.)

Post will lead a new strategic effort to develop interdisciplinary research by combining expertise across many FAU centers and colleges, including FAU Harbor Branch. He currently serves as the executive director of the University of Rhode Island’s Coastal Resources Center, Graduate School of Oceanography, and will officially begin as executive director at Harbor Branch on Jan. 3, 2017.

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**2017 Ocean Science Lecture Series Winter Season Schedule:**

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| Jan. 11 | Anton Post, Ph.D., FAU Harbor Branch<br><i>Climate Change Adaptation, from Marine Microbes to Coastal Communities</i> |
| Jan. 18 | Shirley Pomponi, Ph.D., FAU Harbor Branch<br><i>Deep Discoveries: Exploring the Mariana Trench</i>                    |
| Jan. 25 | Matt Ajemian, Ph.D., FAU Harbor Branch<br><i>Sharks with Spectators</i>   |
| Feb. 1  | Steve Burton, FAU Harbor Branch   |

- The Importance of Marine Mammal Stranding Response*
- Feb. 8 Grant Gilmore, Estuarine, Coastal and Ocean Science, Inc.  
*The Indian River Lagoon: Back to the Future*
- Feb. 15 Adam Schaefer, FAU Harbor Branch  
*Wildlife Epidemiology and Public Health: What Marine Species Can Tell Us about Our Shared Environment*
- Feb. 22 Greg O’Corry- Crowe, Ph.D., FAU Harbor Branch  
*The CetOMICS Initiative: A Multi-Faceted Approach to Studying Cetacean Molecular Biology*
- March 1 Megan Davis, Ph.D., FAU Harbor Branch  
*Ocean Entrées: Cooking with a Caribbean Flair*
- March 8 Peter McCarthy, Ph.D., FAU Harbor Branch  
*The Unexplored World of Microbial Diversity in the IRL Watershed*
- March 15 Jim Sullivan, Ph.D., FAU Harbor Branch  
*Harmful Algal Blooms in the Indian River Lagoon*
- March 22 J.M. Adovasio, Ph.D., FAU Harbor Branch  
*Early Human Populations in the New World: A Biased Perspective*
- March 29 Annie Page-Karjian, DVM, Ph.D., FAU Harbor Branch  
*Marine Wildlife Rehabilitation: Principles, Benefits, and Goals*
- April 5 Dennis Hanisak, Ph.D., FAU Harbor Branch  
*The Indian River Lagoon: “You Can Observe a Lot by Just Watching”*

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**About Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute:**

*Founded in 1971, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute at Florida Atlantic University is a research community of marine scientists, engineers, educators and other professionals focused on Ocean Science for a Better World. The institute drives innovation in ocean engineering, at-sea operations, drug discovery and biotechnology from the oceans, coastal ecology and conservation, marine mammal research and conservation, aquaculture, ocean observing systems and marine education. For more information, visit [www.fau.edu/hboi](http://www.fau.edu/hboi).*

**About Florida Atlantic University:**

*Florida Atlantic University, established in 1961, officially opened its doors in 1964 as the fifth public university in Florida. Today, the University, with an annual economic impact of \$6.3 billion, serves more than 30,000 undergraduate and graduate students at sites throughout its six-county service region in southeast Florida. FAU’s world-class teaching and research faculty serves students through 10 colleges: the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters, the College of Business, the College for Design and Social Inquiry, the College of Education, the College of Engineering and Computer Science, the Graduate College, the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine, the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing and the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science. FAU is ranked as a High Research Activity institution by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The University is placing special focus on the rapid development of critical areas that form the basis of its strategic plan: Healthy aging, biotech, coastal and marine issues, neuroscience, regenerative medicine, informatics, lifespan and the environment. These areas provide opportunities for faculty and students to build upon FAU’s existing strengths in research and scholarship. For more information, visit [www.fau.edu](http://www.fau.edu).*