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**To:** [John Doherty](#)  
**Cc:** [Sandra Nichols Thiam](#); [Paul Hanle](#); [Sarah Roth](#); [Jarryd Page](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Additional information for WHOI program  
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Thank you! See everyone on Tuesday!

Kevin

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On Fri, Sep 9, 2022 at 9:13 AM John Doherty [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Kevin,

Thank you for your explanation—it does make sense the way that you describe it. I think our concern was that a "conflict of interest" might be confusing to the audience members, who may understand that phrase in a different way. That said, we agree that the point you make about the existence of anthropogenic forcing of events that haven't been formally studied or quantified, particularly in the developing world, is absolutely a valuable one.

Again, thank you, and we look forward to hearing your talk!

Best wishes,  
John

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**From:** Kevin Reed [REDACTED]  
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Thanks, John! Yes, I am planning to go through those background slides rather quickly - but I thought it would be nice to show slides that link directly to the other topics and I pulled specific slides from Ben Santer's talk earlier this year to make direct connections.

I can reframe the Conflict of Interests discussion, it is more a philosophical question of why attribution science isn't more widely used and NOT a COI for judges, lawyers, etc. It was meant to reference that attribution studies ONLY exist if they are funded and that the lack of an attribution analysis of a specific event does not imply a lack of a connection to climate change. Further, there is a conflict of interest in that governments in the developed world fund most of this work and their countries are those responsible for most emissions (and therefore the attribution could be linked to them). I think this is an important point related to event attribution.

Thanks for the info on parking information. I hope to be there around the first break.

I will send final slides by the end of the day Sunday ( [REDACTED] ).

Kevin

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On Thu, Sep 8, 2022 at 2:56 PM John Doherty [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Kevin,

Thank you for sending your slides! We are all very excited for your talk on attribution science, which will be from **12:50 to 1:50 on Tuesday, September 13 in Redfield Auditorium located at 57 Water Street, Woods Hole, MA**. For your reference, I have attached a draft of the program agenda. You may be interested to know that there is an "Introduction to Climate Science" talk on Monday by Sarah Das and Caroline Ummenhofer, which will overlap slightly with some of your introductory slides. A little overlap is perfectly fine, but we just wanted you to be cognizant that the audience will have been recently exposed to introductory climate science.

I also wanted to reach out about the last discussion point on your presentation regarding potential "conflicts of interest." We want to assure you that there is no conflict of interest from a legal perspective, and that this is not likely something that judges will be concerned about. As such, we'd encourage you to focus the discussion on the scientific material as much as possible.

Lastly, I wanted to touch base about parking logistics. WHOI will be providing parking passes and I wanted to offer to meet you when you arrive to deliver yours. Feel free to give me a call or text at [REDACTED] when you arrive so that I may give you your pass.

Thank you again for your time and effort on this. I look forward to seeing you next week!

Best wishes,  
John

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