

2017 General Election Mission Statement

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Since its birth in 2003, AOGS has remarkably grown up. The society's 8 sections cover broad range of research areas in geosciences and number of attendees to the annual meeting nowadays nears 3000 (fluctuates depending on the meeting location). After enjoying the initial growth, however, would likely be a somewhat difficult stage (but it would, at the same time, be a chance of renovation). To continue promoting the geosciences in Asia, Oceania, and in the world, the society needs not only to maintain its current state but also to open new doors.

One important key for coming years of AOGS would be co-operation with good partner societies, such as EGU, AGU, IUGG, JpGU, and SCA. As the 2012 meeting in Singapore, jointly with AGU(WPGM), was so successful, I would like to, with other Council members, look for opportunities of similar co-operation (joint meetings) at adequate frequency. Meetings with larger number of attendees would definitely benefit the members by providing opportunities to present their scientific results to a large audience and to meet colleagues face-to-face.

I also would like to introduce more flexibility to the annual meeting. Currently, poster viewing times are ordered by sections and ALL in PM2. This may be changed such that individual sessions have their own poster hours: a session is given options to have their poster viewing time in the section's poster session or in one of ordinary session times (AM1, AM2, PM1, or PM2). The latter is equivalent to increase the number of parallel sessions *without* increasing the number of meeting rooms. Such flexibility may become necessary as the number of presentations reaches 3000 or more. Evaluation of student posters during individual poster hours may be done by conveners (or whoever is appointed). In doing this, we may expect a certain number of attendees at the poster room throughout the day, saving rooms for oral sessions which would possibly reduce the difficulty in time allocation process and better satisfy the meeting participants. In addition, this would add a convenience to sessions of which oral time slots are allocated on a day largely separated from the section's poster session.

I also understand the importance of better supporting our members. This is, needless to say, the fundamentals of the society. While I was in the Council, as the ST section president, "Best Student Poster Award" was introduced with the belief this should be one good way to encourage young researchers who will become the driving force of the society in the future. Now, new schemes "Early Career Researcher Distinguished Lecture" and "Y Kamide Early Career Researcher Award" are introduced. I will, if elected, continue supporting/encouraging young researchers through all possible ways. For the society, in my opinion, it may also be necessary to pay good attention to countries/regions with relatively smaller number of attendees to annual meetings. How we can listen to their voices, how we can be of help to develop these members, may be another important key for the society's next decade, I believe. After reaching the current stage, the society may not be able to grow up without the power of young members plus currently-minor countries/regions. Keep this in mind and with my previous experience in the Council (2012-2014) together would enable me to best perform the society business.