

Ping-Yu's mission statement for the IG session president

Interdisciplinary studies is an emerging issue in the society of earth sciences. As the president of the Interdisciplinary Geosciences (IG) session of AOGS, I would first try to reach out and to bring in more research communities, such as environmental and energy researchers, who would have interest in joining different geoscience technologies and knowledge in their study. Keeping versatile and active study groups growing in the IG session would be the most important task for the coming president of the session. In addition to bring in more interest groups with different professionals to the IG session, the second task for me would be building the connection to the other similar societies around the world, such as the AGU focus groups or the EGU/JpGU research groups. I would try to invite the leaders of the focus groups from the other society to joining the IG session talks. Through exchange the information regarding the funding and job opportunities with these focus groups, it would benefit our IG community for acquiring research information accurately and quickly. Lastly, it would be possible to build a bi-monthly newsletter system for sharing the aforementioned job or funding opportunities and meeting announcements for the IG community. Although a similar mail system is now working in the AOGS society, yet it is possible to have a better web site for showing the information more efficiently. By working on the above tasks, I would hope that we can have a growing and active IG community in the coming future.