

Society Lectures – Selection Procedure and Speaker Benefits (Last Updated: 26 Jul 2024)

This document describes the criteria and process recommended for the selection of Society and Section Distinguished Lecturers for the annual AOGS meetings. Normally there will be two Society Distinguished Lectures at each annual AOGS meeting, as well as two Section Distinguished Lectures per Section. The society also offers Special Lectures which feature leading scientists and academics for examining the wide range of geoscientific issues and that promises the foremost in geosciences.

With effect from 2016, out of the present two Distinguished Lectures (DLs) in each AOGS section every year one shall be delivered by an early career researcher including post-doctoral researchers under the title Kamide Lecture (KL).

Each division will have one DL and two KLs starting in 2025 in an effort to further inspire the next generation of researchers and promote the steady growth of the geoscience community and AOGS. Remember that these awards are non-transferable. For instance, if only one KL is selected, the other seat for KL must remain unfilled for the duration of the annual meeting and cannot be used to extend an invitation to a second DL.

The Society Distinguished Lectures are named “Axford Lectures” in honour of Sir Ian Axford. The Distinguished Lecture by Early Career Researcher is named “Kamide Lecture” in honour of Professor Yohsuke Kamide. Together with Professor Wing-Huen Ip, Sir Ian Axford and Professor Kamide are the three major founders of AOGS.

Criteria

1. The speaker must have a sustained (for at least 10 years) track record of excellent science. This criterion applies solely to society, section distinguished and special lectures, but is not applicable for Kamide Lectures. If there has been a professional interruption brought on by different life occurrences, that will be duly considered. Kindly verify with the selection committee whether your nominee is eligible for this kind of consideration.
2. The age limit of the K-DL is 35 years of age or no more than 7 years after successfully passing doctoral level degree.
Each K-DL lasts for 30 minutes, and each DL lasts for 45 minutes. The speaker benefits of DL and K-DLs are the same. There can be only one DL.
3. It is desirable, but not essential, that a Society, Section Distinguished Lecturer or Special Lecturer be either born or has worked in the AOGS region.
4. A Society, Section Distinguished Lecturer or Special Lecturer is required to publish the presented paper in Geoscience Letters, the society’s official journal.

Thus, Distinguished Lecturers will be selected primarily on the basis of their excellent, sustained, scientific record.

Selection Process for Section Distinguished Lecturers

1. Each Section President forms and heads the Selection Committee.
2. The Executive Committee of the society reviews and approves the members of the selection committee, which is headed by the Section President.
3. The Selection Committee requests nominations, each comprised of the nominee's name, institution, and a few-sentence rationale.
4. The Selection Committee uses the criteria and information from the nominators to develop a ranked list of nominees (separately for DL and KL), comprised of the two top ranked nominees plus alternates.
5. The Selection Committee forwards the ranked list to the Council for discussion, possible revisions (taking into account the gender and geographic diversity of the society), and eventual approval.
6. The Selection Committee is then responsible for inviting the approved nominees and, once they accept, organizing the Section Lectures.

Procedure for choosing speakers for Society Distinguished Lectures, Special Lectures and Public Lectures

1. The process will be essentially identical to that for Section Distinguished Lecturers except that the relevant Committee will be the AOGS President and/or the Society's Awards Committee.
2. Recipients of the Wing Ip Medal and Axford Medal must deliver medal lectures during the annual meeting
3. The Public Lecture speaker will deliver a presentation aimed at educating and engaging a general audience on a specific topic of interest.