



AOGS2026 in Fukuoka, Japan



Celebrating Excellence in Geosciences

Announcement of the 2026 AOGS Award Winners

The Asia Oceania Geosciences Society (AOGS) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2026 AOGS Awards. These honours recognize individuals whose outstanding scientific achievements, leadership, and service have made significant contributions to the advancement of geosciences in Asia Oceania and beyond.

We warmly congratulate the following distinguished awardees.

2026 AOGS AXFORD MEDAL



Prof. Benjamin Horton

City University of Hong Kong

Citation

Benjamin Horton is Dean of the School of Energy and Environment and President's Chair Professor of Earth Science at City University of Hong Kong. Internationally recognised for pioneering research on sea-level change and coastal flood risk, he has advanced understanding of past and future sea-level dynamics through integrated field studies, geochronology, and quantitative modelling. His work has significantly improved knowledge of ice-sheet behaviour, ocean-atmosphere variability, and coastal adaptation strategies. Previously, he held senior appointments at Nanyang Technological University, Rutgers University, and University of Pennsylvania. Professor Horton has contributed extensively to international climate policy initiatives, published over 300 papers, and is widely recognised as a leading authority in Earth and climate science.

About the Award

The AOGS Axford Medal is the Society's highest honour and recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exceptional and sustained contributions to geosciences through scientific excellence, leadership, and service to the international geoscience community.

2026 AOGS HONORARY MEMBER



Prof. Van-Thanh-Van Nguyen

McGill University

Citation

Professor Nguyen is Brace Chair Professor Emeritus of Civil Engineering at McGill University, where he previously held several leadership roles, including Head of Civil Engineering and Director of the Brace Centre for Water Resources Management. Over a career spanning more than 40 years, he has published over 300 peer-reviewed papers and made pioneering contributions to hydrology, climate change adaptation, and sustainable water management. His research has significantly influenced engineering practice and policy worldwide, including technical guidelines developed by the World Meteorological Organization and other international bodies. An internationally respected scholar, he has delivered more than 60 plenary lectures and served on numerous expert committees, editorial boards, and professional societies globally.

About the Award

Honorary Membership is conferred upon distinguished individuals who have rendered exceptional service to the Society and contributed significantly to the advancement of geosciences in the Asia Oceania region.

2026 AOGS FELLOWS

The following scientists have been elected as AOGS Fellows in recognition of their sustained and distinguished contributions to geosciences and the scientific community.



Fei Chen

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Atmospheric Sciences Section



Changming Dong

Nanjing University of Information Science and Technology

Ocean Sciences Section



Yoshiharu Omura

Kyoto University

Solar and Terrestrial Sciences Section



Yukari Takayabu

The University of Tokyo

Atmospheric Sciences Section



Yuqing Wang

University of Hawai'i

Atmospheric Sciences Section

Message from the AOGS President

"The AOGS Awards honour scientific excellence, dedication, and impactful contributions that continue to shape the future of geosciences across Asia Oceania and the global scientific community. On behalf of AOGS, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all award recipients."

Prof. Takehiko Satoh

President, Asia Oceania Geosciences Society

Join Us at AOGS2026 in Fukuoka, Japan

We look forward to celebrating our award recipients during the AOGS2026 Annual Meeting in Fukuoka, Japan.



Conference Dates: 02–07 August 2026



Venue: Fukuoka, Japan



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