

AOGS Mission Statement
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Through enhanced knowledge, relevant information dissemination and community involvement we can improve the quality of our large and diverse, but fragile, ocean systems. I see the role of the AOGS, and its broad member base, is to develop sound defendable scientific knowledge, and then communicate this to stakeholders to enhance our life on earth and that of future generations. Importantly, we need to consider all communities within our regions and actively showcase how AOGS can make a real impact.

As a member of the Ocean Sciences section, I wish to increase the interdisciplinary side of oceanography as it is becoming increasingly clear that we cannot deal with only one discipline at a time if we want to make real community impacts. Hence, I would strongly encourage such sessions at future conferences. Indeed, for 2015 I have proposed 2 such sessions that will bring together researchers and professionals with different but complementary strengths. Additionally, I have involved collaborators from different countries— thus expanding the AOGS network.

I have strong links within the Australian networks (including the Australian Integrated Marine Observation System and the Australian Marine Sciences Association) and growing links in Japan, China and New Zealand. I would like to grow this network and support AOGS grow their entire network – especially in the area of multidisciplinary oceanography, this including educational aspects.