

JpGU Global Strategy Committee #2 meeting minutes

Date: September 9th, 2014, 1:30PM – 5:30PM

Venue: The University of Tokyo, Bldg. 1 Room 936 (7-3-1 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo)

Attendance:

Gaku Kimura (President/Board member), Simon Wallis (Vice-president/Board member), Yukihiro Takahashi (Board member), Toshiyuki Hibiya (Board member), Eiji Ohtani, Kensei Kobayashi, Teruyuki Kato, Kiyoshi Suyehiro, Ryuji Tada, Shigeo Haruyama, Yasuhiro Murayama, Shogo Tachibana, Yukio Himiyama
Mihoko Tanigami (Chief Secretary), Kayoko Shirai (Secretary)

Chair: G Kimura

1) Global Strategy Mission:

Kimura will present a draft to the JpGU Council for approval <ACTION>.

2) AOGS2014 at Sapporo had 3000 participants with 1500 from Japan.

3) Otani attended the 21st International Mineralogical Association Meeting or IMA 2014 in Johannesburg (September 1st to 5th)

4) Himiyama and members discussed the Future Earth (2013-2022) status. Science Council of Japan or SCJ is organizing the Japanese participation.

5) JpGU 25th anniversary symposium:

Kimura reminded the proposal from our side would be important. Suggestions were made to

- (1) combine the Symposium with Special Lectures to balance science with policy matters,
- (2) aim for a joint statement and/or PEPS special volume,
- (3) showcase international linkages/partnership, and
- (4) involve early-career researchers.

Suyehiro questioned if geoscience was considered useful to society. Kimura said there should be a good balance between pure science and solution-oriented research. Suyehiro suggested the symposium, if successful, could evolve into a forum-type regular meeting.

We need to agree on the organization of the event < ACTION>.

Emphasize the strength of JpGU science?

Consider capacity building?

6) JpGU Meeting 2015

There will be 5 Union Sessions, i.e. 4 Sessions other than the 25th Symposium. These must be supported and compete through Sections for eventual selection by the Council. This applies to the NASA joint session as well.

Joint Sessions with AOGS or EGU may be planned.

That English is strongly recommended for Power Points and posters needs to

be communicated <ACTION>.

- Kawahata suggested the idea of posting the posters on the session room doors, showing “English is strongly recommended.”
 - Some members suggested prioritizing English presentations over Japanese ones when offering Student Outstanding Presentation Award.
- Concern was raised that the media may prefer Japanese language.
Science Council of Japan or SCJ starts its new regime from 10/1/2014.
There may be some hiatus in their actions.

See attached Draft Outline-1

7) Towards 2017 Joint Meeting with AGU

How do we coordinate (set joint sessions) with AGU for 2016?

Accept submissions both at AGU and JpGU?

Need discussion with AGU <ACTION>.

Do we rely on AGU system? What is the associated cost?

Do we accept higher registration fee? If so, how much?

AGU or AOGS joint sessions also can co-exist.

JpGU membership is required to submit proposals (membership fee issue).

Need confirmation <ACTION>.

Assume 1500 AGU registrants within 4500 total?

Re-calculate the business model <ACTION>.

There will be fees for

- (1) Registration,
- (2) JpGU Membership, and
- (3) Abstract submission (now 4,000 JPY).

Raising the fees but with incentive for international sessions?

- AGU tried to negotiate with AOGS with the condition of \$100K from AOGS + split profits.
- International researchers’ luncheon to listen to their voices (about 150 non-Japanese in Japan).
- What is the mission of JpGU for Asia?
 - Help Asian partners build their own societies.
 - Continue partnership with AOGS.
 - JpGU does not aim for an Asian society, although expansion of Asian members is welcome.
 - JpGU simply needs to respond to the members’ collective voice.
 - More ideas need to be explored to encourage Asian colleagues’ participation.
- Suyehiro suggested increasing JpGU members and listening to their voices were important.