

Global Strategy Com (GSC) Meeting #6

Date: 2015 Mar. 18, Wednesday 10:00-12:30

Room: Gakkai Center Building, Meeting Room, 2-4-16 Yayoi, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo

Attendees:

Global Strategy Committee members: Gaku Kimura, (Chair), Shigeko Haruyama, Toshiyuki Hibiya, Yukio Himiyama, Kensei Kobayashi, Teruyuki Nakajima, Eiji Ohtani, Kanako Seki (Skype), Kiyoshi Suyehiro, Fumiko Tajima (Skype), Yukihiro Takahashi (Skype),

Vice president: Masato Nakamura

Secretariat: Kayoko Shirai, Yohei Sugimura

Meeting summary: ACTION ITEMS

会議概要：アクションアイテム

1. This committee (GSC) requests the Council to consider renewal of the JpGU registration system (Coordinate with Information Technology Com).
2. 25th Anniversary Symposium Abstracts from Presidents of AGU, EGU and AOGS are to be shared (Secretariat).
3. Suyehiro to organize the panel discussion session in detail.
4. Suyehiro to propose a list of addresses and draft cover letter to be sent out by mid-April.
5. Takahashi will coordinate with Publicity and Outreach Committee (Tajika Chair) for web streaming/archiving of the session. Copyright issue needs to be cleared.
6. Inform Wallis on GSC consensus on May 26 buffet party (Shirai).
7. Finalize the questionnaire at International Mixer Luncheon (Shirai to Tachibana).
8. GSC members will attend to the participants table by table (about 10 volunteer moderators required) (Shirai to Tachibana).
9. Advertise the Mixer Luncheon event (Secretariat).
10. International openness strategy discussion to be put on the agenda of GSC#7.
11. Finalize the GSC#7 meeting date between May 14-22 (Shirai).
12. Nominate a new member to GSC from mid-career members of JpGU who can provide concrete plans for the secretariat to implement (Kimura and secretariat).

Review of ACTION ITEMS from GSC #5 meeting

1. 木村理事より理事会に田島文子氏（カリフォルニア大アーヴァイン校）をグローバル戦略委員に迎えることの承認を求める。承認済。
2. 2015年AGU大会のブース予算は400万円代とする（内グローバル戦略委員会からは140万円）。財務委員会。
3. 12/15のAGU大会中のJpGU-AGU会議における合意に基づき、2者間での調整を進める。2/9AGUと会合（未広）。
4. 共同声明案の最新版を委員会メンバーに送り、AGU/AOGS/EGUにも送付する。送付済。
5. 広報委員会と協議して25周年シンポジウムへの多数参加を募り、アーカイブの方策を探る。継続中：高橋。

6. 一連の国際セッションに政策担当者（例えば、文科省、NSF東京など）の招待を検討する。継続中：田島／末広。
7. 次回委員会でロードマップの議論を続けることを議題に載せる。次回以降。

Minutes of the 6th JpGU Global Strategy Committee Meeting

Kimura opened the meeting at 10:05.

Item 0: Approval of Minutes

No comments were raised to the distributed minutes of the previous meeting.

Item 1: AGU-JpGU Joint Meeting

Suyehiro reported on the meeting on February 9 at AGU Headquarters as given in the distribution (p.7).

AGU and JpGU agreed that the registration process will be handled by JpGU with AGU's assistance in identifying AGU members in the process. This necessitates a renewal or major overhaul of the current system. This committee (**GSC**) urges the Council to consider this issue (**Action Item**). Whether to keep the current bilingual mode (Japanese and English) should also be discussed.

GSC is concerned about AGU's process to keep its corporate memory of AGU Program Committee as the current Chair (D-D Rousseau (climate)) will rotate off in 2017. JpGU Program Committee Chair will be Nishiyama (Kumamoto University). Rousseau will have had experience of a joint session with EGU this year (April).

AGU has no issue over the JpGU's direction to increasing the registration fee by 50% from the present rate. JpGU secretariat estimated the increase is needed to accommodate for the space increase with the assumption of the same attendance as the Yokohama 2014 JpGU meeting. The JpGU Council needs to decide on whether it will be a one-time exceptional rate or not and also a possible raise in 2016.

Ohtani said GSC needs to continue discussing how JpGU might organize joint meetings with international partners beyond 2017 (**Consensus**).

Item 2. 25th Anniversary Symposium, "Geoscience Ahead"

Kimura suggested the order of presentations would be best if it were EGU, AOGS, and then AGU.

2-1) Speakers from 5 sections: Confirmed as selected.

2-1b) Presentation representing Science Council of Japan

Kimura commented that each of AGU, EGU and AOGS has its own unique role and cannot be stereotyped into a single model in relation to ICSU-type organization. Also important is to establish strengthen and maintain good relationship with countries in need.

Discussion was made on how best to build our relationship with other unions, in particular with AOGS. GSC members recognized the sensitivity since AOGS and JpGU have similar objectives in this part of the world, which may lead to conflicting targets. Otani suggested planning for joint sessions with AOGS should be a good target. Kimura pointed out that the current trend of increasing international sessions at JpGU is as planned (1/3 sessions and 1/4 presentations are international this year) and that JpGU should focus on cutting edge and pure science. Otani said JpGU should plan for joint sessions with EGU and AOGS in 2016 and 2017 as well.

JpGU and AGU already agreed that the 2017 meeting will be referred to as JpGU-AGU Joint Meeting. This does not preclude joint sessions with other unions.

2-2) Draft Joint Communiqué: Distributed but no response yet.

Abstracts from Presidents of AGU, EGU and AOGS are to be shared (**Action Item**).

2-3) Panel discussion

Suyehiro to be the moderator of the panel discussion (**Consensus**). Besides the union presidents' positions, voices from the floor should be solicited particularly from future leaders age group. The discussion should lead to the adoption of the joint communiqué. **Action Item**: Suyehiro to organize the panel discussion session.

2-4) Attracting audience to the 25th anniversary session

Kimura said we should aim for 200 to participate. JpGU representatives (~100) are to be requested to attend.

Flyer is ready for distribution. E-mail also needs to be utilized. Currently including HTML in e-mail is not encouraged due to security reasons. Each Section will also advertise the session through their channels.

Tajima proposed to pursue invitation of relevant science policy makers at NSF (U.S. National Science Foundation, Tokyo Office and DFG (German Research Foundation) and others such as at MEXT. She explained the importance of extending JpGU arms to these organizations. International coordination at science union level will need support of relevant funding agencies. Appropriate invitation letters to the session and reception should be written and sent by normal mail. Emphasis on scientific vision and its societal relevance need to be spelt out well. Suyehiro to propose a list of addresses and draft cover letter to be sent out by mid-April (**Action Item**).

Tajima pointed out that the US Embassy might be interested in holding a symposium or workshop in 2016/2017.

Suggestions were made on what to include in the cover letter.

Hibiya shared his concern about JpGU relationship with AOGS as we move along the internationally open direction.

Takahashi expressed the importance of involving deans and presidents of Asian universities as their societal prestige is very high.

Takahashi will coordinate with Outreach Committee (Tajika Chair) for web streaming/archiving of the session. Copyright issue needs to be cleared (**Action Item**).

2-5) Buffet party (Wallis in charge)

Changes suggested by GSC members are as follows (**Action Item to Wallis**):

Moderator will be Simon Wallis.

Masato Nakamura welcomes participants and introduces guests.

Carol Finn, Günter Blöschl and Kenji Satake will have chance to speak to the attendants.

Japanese “TAIKO” performance to be made before the reception leading the participants into the reception room (15 minutes). This avoids the drum sound to interfere with parallel business meetings nearby.

Drinks will be served without protocol.

Hodaka Kawahata closes the reception.

2-6) International Mixer Luncheon (Tachibana in charge)

The questionnaire at International Mixer Luncheon needs to be finalized (**Action Item (Shirai to Tachibana)**).

JpGU President to address the attendees (currently about 50 responded; invitations up to 120).

GSC members will attend to the participants table by table (about 10 volunteer moderators required) (**Action Item (Shirai to Tachibana)**).

Secretariat to advertise the Luncheon event (**Action Item**).

2-7) Welcome *dinner* (Seki in charge)

Seki asked for requests from GSC. The main purpose of the dinner event is for the 2 Union sessions (U-01 and U-02) participants to get acquainted with each other and to go over issues, if any, for the success of the sessions the next day in an informal atmosphere. No screen and projector requested.

It was decided that this event will be buffet style and invite up to 40 people including appropriate Science Council of Japan members (Earth and Planets: Okubo Shuhei, Himiyama Yukio, Fujii Ryoichi, Takahashi Keiko). Invitations are to be extended to JpGU Section Presidents and GSC members

As a result of this discussion, this event should be announced as “reception.”

Item 3: NASA-JAXA outreach event for junior high school students

Shirai explained the status. It is on track with Fujimoto’s involvement.

Item 4: Proposal from Wallis on recommendations for AGU Fellows and Honors

As Wallis was absent and in view of the fact that the next deadlines for recommendations to AGU will be 3/15 and 4/15 of 2016, GSC will consider this item in the future meeting. Nakamura suggested GSC work with the Award Committee before going to the Council. Suyehiro said he became a member of the AGU Honors and Recognition Committee and confirmed the AGU direction towards fair recognition of geoscientists worldwide.

Item 5: 日本学術会議の新たな展望を考える有識者会議 (Experts meeting)

organized by the Cabinet Ministry) (第5回) (1/22)

Kimura reported on the meeting (draft minutes distributed by e-mail) as he explained to the experts on the role of JpGU and its relationship to the Science Council of Japan.

Item 6: Enhancing international openness with roadmap

Discussion skipped. To be discussed in the early part of the next meeting (**Action Item**).

Item 7: Next meeting

Next meeting date will be finalized between May 14-22 (**Action Item**).

Item 8: Other business

Secretariat proposed to add a new member to GSC who can represent mid-career members of JpGU who can provide concrete plans for the secretariat to implement. Kimura will direct GSC to select a person (**Action Item**).

GSC also recognized the importance of strengthening the secretariat, which may require expansion and reorganization.

Item 9: Adjournment

GSC #6 was adjourned at 12:30.