

Global Strategy Com meeting #3

Room: 843 at University of Tokyo, Bldg 1, 8th floor

Date: October 24th, Tuesday

13:30-16:20

Attendee:

Global Strategy Committee member: Gaku Kimura, Kiyoshi Suyehiro, Yukihiro Takahashi, Toshiyuki Hibiya, Kensei Kobayashi, Teruyuki Kato, Hisashi Nakamura, Shigeko Haruyama, Yasuhiro Murayama

President: Toshitaka Tsuda

Vice president: Masato Nakamura, Hodaka Kawahata

Secretariat: Mihoko Tanigami, Kayoko Shirai

Kimura opened the meeting at 1330. The committee welcomed a new Member (Hisashi Nakamura) introduced by Kimura. Minutes of the previous meeting was approved.

1. Mission Statement and Roadmap

Kimura shared his view of the recent Japanese science state of affairs. SCJ (Science Council of Japan) is aligning with ICSU (International Council of Science) to participate in the “Future Earth” initiative with 10-year perspective. There will be 5 regional offices, one of which will be hosted by Japan. MEXT will initiate its 5th Science and Technology Basic Plan from FY2016. The message from politicians is clear on priorities on environment, resources and energy, and natural hazards. However, the society does not quite appreciate the efforts of scientists and the role of science. Looking at global geoscience unions (AGU, EGU, AOGS), AGU has its own global strategy (3-5 year goal-oriented) with emphasis on science promotion, societal relevance, “talent pool”, and organizational excellence. In Japan, 12 universities were selected by MEXT under Global 30 program for internationalization. Kimura indicated that JpGU should strive to show global leadership in coordination with other societies.

Tsuda asked how we should manage our relationship with AOGS. Members agreed that JpGU is nothing other than a society based in Japan but open to global communities, similar to AGU and EGU. JpGU will not become an Asian Union.

Kawahata said JpGU strengths could be shown through respecting freedom of science, mature-level organization matching GNP and by providing opportunities (such as capacity building and education) to members.

Takahashi commented JpGU might choose to form an alliance with other unions in Asian countries.

Suyehiro alluded to the draft mission statement on p.5 of the distribution material and asked if the foregoing discussion was included in these wordings although there is no explicit mention of “capacity building.”

Action Item: Committee members will go over the statements and refine them over e-mail discussion.

Roadmap was not discussed neither about the 2018-2020 milestones.

2. 2015 anniversary symposium

2.1 Members agreed to pursue a “**joint statement**” out of the symposium. Kimura suggested attracting greater audience through online **webcasts**.

2.2 Discussion ensued on how to attract audience. Section Boards and Heads of the JpGU Society Members are to be notified and reminded to attend (since they are responsible for helping the implementation of science desired by the community).

2.3 Members agreed to announce an open competition to select presentations by emerging and active scientists. Section Boards are to nominate such candidates (at least 1 from Japan). **This committee will make the decision on the selection (Action Item: Subcommittee need to be formed to decide on the selection**

process). Some members suggested allowing posters and/or panels prepared by Sections.

2.4 NASA-JAXA joint session was approved by the Directors (10/24 AM) to be a Union session as well as this 25th symposium. **Murayama will reconsider the NASA session title. A meeting with NASA on Dec. 14 at Marriott's in San Francisco needs to be confirmed.**

2.5 **Kimura asked the Secretariat to prepare a report on the status and trend of JpGU members.**

3. International strategy

3.1 JpGU's trend towards bilingual (Japanese/English) presentations (slides and posters with English subtitles). **Need to grasp the actual trend although the policy is already set for bilingual presentations.**

3.2 Increasing overseas members. JpGU registration fee almost forces to join the JpGU because of the discount for members. What other merits need to be considered?

3.3 International outreach. AGU booth for 2014 Fall meeting is under preparation. Sections are to be encouraged to nominate showcases of Japanese geoscience such as SATREPS.

4. Towards the meeting with AGU management at AGU/SF

Meeting is on 12/15 0900-1000 to be attended by Kimura, Wallis, Otani and Suyehiro on JpGU side to discuss 2015 symposium and joint statement, 2016 joint sessions, and roadmap to 2017 joint meeting.

5. Common perception of internationalization within JpGU

Not discussed in detail except to reaffirm that the intended internationalization does not necessitate moving to "English only."

6. 2015 JpGU Session Proposals list was shared among the members. Program

committee will meet on November 14.

7. Consensus and action items; next meeting

As noted above.

Next meeting is tentatively December 2 from 10:00 to be followed by the Board of Directors meeting.