

SSS Division Meeting
11 April, 2013 – 12:15-13:15

Called to order by President Artemi Cerda at 12:15

Awards

Philippe Duchaufour Medal – William Shotyk

Outstanding Student Poster Award – Alicia Morugan Coronado, Gianbattista Bussi, Sarah McCormack, and Miriam Muñoz-Rojas

Best Flyer – Third place to Daniel Said-Pullicino, second place to Encarnación Taguas , and first place to Noemí Lana-Renault

Outstanding Young Scientist – Raúl Zarnoza. Presentation on Raúl by Jorge Mataix-Solera.

Applications solicited for next year's Philippe Duchaufour Medal and Outstanding Young Scientist.

13,343 EGU papers this year, 448 scientific sessions, 9,876 registrations, >11,000 attendees. These numbers are fairly stable from recent years.

There are 1009 SSS abstracts and 57 sessions in 2013, but only 976 abstracts are official. Artemi entered the additional abstracts between 976 and 1009 for people who submitted after the deadline. These abstracts do not count towards our totals with EGU. Total abstracts are important for funding. Our 976 equal 7% of all EGU abstracts putting SSS as the 4th division in number of abstracts submitted.

Constraints on scheduling of sessions - Monday and Friday sessions are useful. At least 1-2 young scientist talks should be in each oral session.

For next year – we need to run sessions with 1-4 active conveners. More conveners can get too big. Encourage poster only sessions. Encourage especially young scientists to apply for financial support. Send any suggestions for improvements to Artemi.

EGU has a newsletter, also workshops, topical meetings, training schools, etc. Approach Artemi if you would like to organize one of these other types of meetings. It would be good to get SSS contributions to these.

There is much EGU activity on social media – blogs, Twitter, etc. Over 2,500 Twitter and 2,200 Facebook followers. Very important for young members. Does SSS need dedicated Facebook and Twitter accounts?

Antonio Jordán is SSS secretary for news and information. He organizes efforts such as a blog and website and works with several other SSS members. All members are welcome to submit items to the blog through Antonio. These sites are visited by people from around the world. SSS also has a newsletter. The news and information group wants to develop awards like Honorary Convener, Best Flyer, Best Poster, Best Speaker, Best Convener. This should be approved by the council. Best flyer results reported earlier.

Need to reach out to northern Europe to bring in SSS members from that region. Currently about 45% of SSS members are from Spain, Italy, Portugal, and Greece.

Members are encouraged to submit pictures to Imageo, increase division visibility in Geo-Q, and in social media.

There are two new open access journals – Earth Surface Dynamics and Solid Earth. Publication charges are waived while these journals become established. There is a need for a soils-oriented journal in EGU. The opinions of SSS division members were requested. There were no stated objections to forming a journal, the show of a majority of hands indicated interest in a soil journal. Artemi will take a proposal for a journal to the EGU Council and contact people to work on the journal. This proposal will be presented to the Council in October 2013.

There was a request to advertise meetings members are involved in organizing with the EGU website.

2014 organization schedule:

- May-June, skeleton program
- Mid June, publish skeleton program
- September, finalize program by subdivision chairs and EGU program committee

Please submit session ideas!

The structure of the division was displayed, showing president, secretaries, and subdivision chairs. The membership was asked to approve a proposal for a vice-chair and secretary for each subdivision. Along with the chairs, each position serves a 2-year term. Then vice-chair moves to chair, secretary to vice-chair. This maintains teams to work on issues of interest to the group and trains incoming people. There was a proposal for a new subdivision on Pedometrics, the proposal was approved. There was a proposal to change name of the Soils and Agriculture subdivision to Agriculture, Forestry and Soils subdivision. Also the division 1 is now called “History, Education and Society of Soil Science” There were comments that the EGU platform offers some advantages over the IUSS structure and encouragement for EGU to maintain its uniqueness and not try to imitate or copy all the subdivisions of IUSS. The collaboration with geoscientists is important at EGU and is the reason for SSS to exist.

Some upcoming meetings were announced. The Italian Society of Soil Science will be submitting an application to host WCSS in 2022. The British Society of Soil Science is also interested in hosting the 2022 WCS.

EGU will continue in Vienna for at least the next 3 years, EGU has a good deal with the VIC venue and there are few options for a meeting of this size. Future proposed dates through 2024 were displayed.

Meeting adjourned 13:23.

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