

**Candidate for:
Solid Earth Sciences (SE)
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I am humbled and honored to have been nominated for election to the Asia Oceania Geosciences Society's Solid Earth Sciences (SE) Section Presidency. In 2016 I was appointed section secretary for the Solid Earth Sciences section, covering volcanology. My research relationship with the Asia-Oceania region began in 1996 in the Philippines, and continues to prosper to this day through collaborative partnerships in all regions of the Asia Oceania region. I have worked together with brilliant local scientists in many countries all across the Asia-Oceania region, including Indonesia, the Philippines, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Japan, and Hawaii and lived for several years in Singapore. In addition to volcanology, my professional interests span hazards, tectonics, petrology, climate change and atmospheric processes.

My vision to strengthen AOGS and the Solid Earth section includes activities to:

- a) Strengthen the Solid Earth section by encouraging existing and prospective members to organize Solid Earth sessions at the annual meeting, by encouraging increased exchange and collaboration across Solid Earth sub-disciplines and country boundaries, and through outreach activities. I will seek to get to know and engage researchers in universities, government and academia who can contribute to, and benefit from, AOGS/SE activities - both from within the Asia Oceania region, but also from the outside for active or potential work interest in the Asia Oceania region.
- b) Strengthen cross-disciplinary science initiatives between SE and other sections, by coordinating activity and encouraging or initiating discussion across sections. AOGS will continue to grow and benefit from smart coordination rather than by focusing on growth in numbers. I will work toward fostering integrating measures and synergetic ideas for sessions, advocacy, and promoting research collaboration that cross section boundaries.
- c) Strengthen AOGS by working with the Executive Committee to identify strategic initiatives and actions, by supporting the society's journal Geoscience Letters by encouraging high quality contributions, and by forging and strengthening the bonds with SE-equivalent sections of sister organizations (AGU, EGU, others) to explore possible coordinated activities. I also pledge to work with the Executive Committee to explore and advance concepts of support for researchers and students to attend and contribute to the annual meetings, explore partnership programs, and continue to engage regional stakeholders like NGOs, industry, local government organizations, and the primary/secondary educational sector.

Florian M. Schwandner, November 20th, 2016