

Mission statement by Punyasloke Bhadury

Candidature for the Position: President, Biogeosciences (BG) Section, Asia Oceania Geoscience Society (AOGS)

I have been holding the position of Secretary of BG Section of AOGS since end of 2014. I feel that I can contribute to further strengthening of BG and therefore I am standing for the position of BG President. AOGS is a truly international organization and there is a need to continue expansion and communication among biogeoscientist community in Asia-Oceania region and across the globe, especially among early career biogeoscientists, who hold the future of our society. AOGS has been playing a key role in supporting the early career scientists by providing them with a platform to present their research and establish scientific collaboration links during annual meetings. I feel that early career young biogeoscientists particularly from South and Southeast Asia, who may not be aware of AOGS, can largely be benefitted by associating themselves with AOGS through mentoring for their career and future research opportunities. Given my past experience as Executive Council member of Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS) and Young Earth Scientists Network (YES, an UNESCO initiative), I hope to make my best effort in expanding the message of Biogeosciences section of AOGS to the scientific communities from the region. I will propose to initiate a mailing list for young biogeoscientists of AOGS and disseminate information on various career related opportunities worldwide. It would be an honour to be part of the prestigious organizational team of AOGS and I sincerely hope to contribute to new directions and trends in biogeosciences research and provide strategic input to BG section and Council of AOGS.