

Mission Statement by Punyasloke Bhadury

I work in the area of earth and environmental sciences in Asia and Asia needs the right voice. The Asia Oceania Geosciences Society provides the voice that can help to connect scientists working in earth and environmental sciences such as the emerging field of Biogeochemistry with the rest of the world. I have been involved with the activities of AOGS for almost a decade now. Over the years I have actively participated in one of the youngest sections of AOGS- Biogeosciences by submitting abstracts for contributed and invited talks as well as convening/co-convening a number of sessions. Many of these sessions which I convened were truly interdisciplinary and had large number of submissions of abstracts across Asia and beyond. I was elected as the President of Biogeosciences, AOGS for a period of two years (2018-2020). During my tenure, I connected to early career researchers as well as established senior scientists throughout Asia and encouraged them to submit session proposals as well as engage in activities for promotion of AOGS and Biogeosciences within their respective country. In particular, my established networks helped to spread the message of AOGS in many countries across South Asia. One of my key involvements was to help shape the AOGS Satellite Meeting framework. I was also involved with the Regional Advisory Committee of AOGS as Vice Chair and during my tenure I helped in shaping building of capacity programs encompassing interdisciplinary themes ranging from geology to climate studies. I am standing as a candidate for President of Biogeosciences of AOGS and I hope to receive support from all of you to help shape and strengthen this section over next two years. In particular, I want to strengthen the South- South and South-North engagements as a Section President and actively involve early career researchers through focused satellite meetings in regions of Asia such as parts of South and Southeast Asia. Moreover, I want to engage with fellow biogeoscientists across Asia and connect with colleagues from Europe, North America and Africa to help shape new programs that can contribute towards addressing issues pertaining to UN SDG Goals.