

2015 SSS meeting
14 April 2015

The meeting was opened at 1:20 by President Artemi Cerdà. New President Saskia Keesstra was introduced.

Awards were announced:

- Philippe Duchaufour medal – Ingrid Kögel-Knabner
- Outstanding Poster awards announced (Christine Brings, Dácil Unzué Belmonte, Roman Hüppi, Pauline Fanguin)
- Outstanding Young Scientist Award – Paulo Pereira

- Best Flyer – Tani Taguas
- Best convener 2014 – Agata Novara
- Best Course coordinator 2014 – Marc Oliva
- Best oral talk 2014 – Phil Greenwood
- Best poster 2014 – Luis Alcantara and Beatriz Lozano
- Best PICO presentation 2014 – Vanessa Wong

The 2016 Outstanding young scientists committee will be Saskia Keesstra, Raúl Zarnoza, Markus Steffens, and Paulo Pereira. The committee will be the SSS President and the last three awardees.

The 2016 Philip Duchaufour Medal committee will be Artemi Cerdà, William Shotyk, Johan Six, and Ingrid Kögel-Knaber. This committee will be the SSS Past President and the last three awardees.

A new SSS medal was proposed. At present SSS only has one medal, many divisions have two, yet SSS has grown to one of the largest divisions in EGU. The SSS membership endorsed pursuing a second medal. Send proposed names and ideas for what the medal should represent to Saskia Keesstra. Saskia and Artemi will work with the EGU executive board to pursue a second medal.

Paper numbers for the 2015 EGU were announced:

2015 – 14,231 total papers, 34% oral, 60% poster, 5% PICO, 12,437 participants (2014),
2015 SSS – 93 sessions, 1,573 abstracts, #2 in terms of division abstract submissions

When scheduling oral sessions, we want at least 1-2 young scientist talks in each oral block, posters will be scheduled during the 5th block. There were many requests for Monday and Friday time slots. There were some merging problems this year, if a session has less than 10 abstracts the President merges the abstracts. Conveners can make merging deals if they have 10 or more abstracts. Please keep sessions in the SSS division when making merging deals, moving a session to another division moves money to that other division. This money is used to support young scientists.

When planning for next year we want to consider:

- Poster only sessions and PICO sessions
- More involvement of young scientists
- 1-4 conveners from different countries per session
- Apply for financial support, or suggest that eligible colleagues apply

News and Information outreach for SSS, presented by Antonio Jordán

- Serves as the outreach and dissemination of news/activities/etc. for SSS
- Contact Antonio to provide information to be distributed
- SSS has several social network pages, Facebook, Google+, and Twitter
- Members can send in information on research activities
- Use of SSS social networks is growing
- These networks facilitate information exchange
- The G-Soil blog launched in 2013, joined the EGU network in 2013, and renewed the website in 2015. Again, numbers of views etc. is increasing
- We want bloggers to add to the EGU blog (news on papers, congresses, sessions, ideas, etc.)
- Imaggio is EGU's image repository. SSS is now the 3rd division in number of images submitted, and the lead division in images added over the last year. Imaggio can include photographs, SEM type pictures, figures developed for papers, and videos
- We want to reach out to young scientists, encourage them to be more involved. Matthias Vanmaercke, Belgium, is the SSS young scientist representative.
- We are currently discussing launching a YouTube for the division.
- Planet Press is a press release for kids (7-13). Members are invited to submit short pieces that would be age appropriate.

Thanks was expressed to Artemi for his service as SSS President, which was much supported by all meeting participants.

Organizing sessions for next year will start very soon – start thinking about possibilities. The approximate schedule:

- May-June, skeleton program
- Mid-June – publication of skeleton, open call for sessions
- September – finalize the program
- Contact Saskia Keesstra to submit a session proposal

SSS division structure was presented, it will be kept as is for this year, this was approved by the SSS community by voting.

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17–22 April 2016 is next EGU meeting

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