

海外機関からのメッセージ

日本惑星科学会事務局

日本惑星科学会創設につき、去る6月、武田副会長より海外主要機関宛に挨拶状を送付しました。それに対するメッセージとして、GSA (the Geological Society of America) Planetary Geology Division の Prof. Lucchitta より、また、AAPG (American Association of Petroleum Geolo-

gists) の Prof. Howell よりお手紙と資料をいただきました。両メッセージをここに掲載し、感謝にかえたいと思います。なお、両機関より送付いただいた資料は、松井対外協力専門委員会委員長の下に保管されています。

July 15, 1992

Dr. Kiyoshi Nakazawa, President

Japanese Society for Planetary Sciences

Dear Dr. Nakazawa:

The Planetary Geology Division of the Geological Society of America is pleased to learn about the formation of the Japanese Planetary Society and its success in obtaining such a large initial membership. Apparently, there is much interest in Japan concerning planetary matters. Our Division, by contrast, is not as broadly based. It includes geologists and some remote sensors. The geologists are actively engaged in planetary research or planetary missions, or are interested in planetary matters for general information or to keep up with current events. To inform you about our Division activities, I attach a copy of our goals statement; it gives you some idea on our purpose and on how we are implementing certain strategies to further the cause of planetary geology. I also include the latest copy of our yearly newsletter. These documents may help you in getting ideas.

You may also want to contact the GSA headquarters to be placed on the mailing list of their monthly newsletter "GSA Today," which discusses current issues of importance in the geological sciences and informs about ongoing and planned events and meetings. The publication, even though not specifically geared toward planetary endeavors, may help you to stay in touch with what is going on in Geology in the United States.

Our Division is happy to cooperate in affairs of common interest. We invite you to attend our meetings and present your research results: let us know if we can offer you assistance if you or your members should come to the U.S. We will be happy to discuss efforts or concerns of mutual interest and to answer questions you may have about the troubles and tribulations of planetary societies.

Thank you for informing us about your new society. We wish you success and hope that you will be able to realize your objectives. Again, let us know if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,
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Dr. Kiyoshi Nakazawa, President
Japanese Society for Planetary Sciences

Dear Dr. Nakazawa:

Fred Dix has passed along your letter of June 12 regarding the formation of the Japanese Society for Planetary Sciences. I am enclosing information about AAPG and some of its activities which I hope you will find of interest. We are always interested in cooperative efforts internationally.

In general, the areas that our organizations might overlap are probably not that numerous, but certainly we have interest in being aware of your activities and publicize those activities to our membership.

Sincerely,
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