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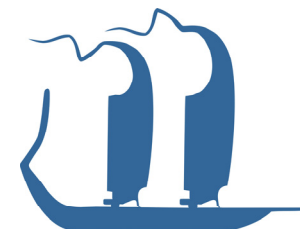
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## Pacific Science Council

The Council is the governing body of PSA, and meets at Pacific Science Congresses and Inter-Congresses to elect the Executive Board and ratify Board decisions. The Pacific Science Council is composed of representatives from each Adhering Organization.

## PSA Secretariat

Based at the Bishop Museum in Honolulu, Hawai'i  
**Executive Secretary:** John Burke Burnett



## Pacific Science Association

*Facilitating scientific research for society and the environment in the Asia-Pacific region*

Founded in 1920, PSA is a regional, nongovernmental, scholarly organization that seeks to advance science and technology in and of the Asia-Pacific region, by fostering interdisciplinary and international research and collaboration.

PSA focuses on key issues in the region in order to engage science in the service of human needs and improve both the environment and quality of life of the region's peoples. PSA serves as a catalyst for scientific and scholarly collaborations; promotes scientific capacity-building; fosters effective communication among scientists, policy makers, and the public; actively links the Pacific Island states to regional and international scientific activities; and promotes the "Science of the Pacific".



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## Strategic Plan

The PSA adopted a new Strategic Plan at the 19th Pacific Science Congress in Sydney in July 1999. The main scientific objectives of the Plan are:

- To increase **collaboration** and **communication** in science and technology by holding **interdisciplinary**, thematically focused meetings, through revitalized scientific working groups, and by forming effective partnerships with other organizations;
- To contribute to the **capacity building** in science and technology by developing leadership opportunities for women, younger scientists and other underrepresented groups; increasing communication for isolated scientists and scientific groups; and strengthening education and mentoring activities;
- To actively engage **science for public policy** and the common good by addressing the Association's role in shaping public policy;
- To promote **"Science of the Pacific"** by invoking Pacific Island scientists in regional and international scientific activities and by promoting Pacific research initiatives.



## Facilitating Science

PSA facilitates research initiatives on critical emerging issues for the region, in which science can provide crucial information required by both society and policymakers to make sound and informed decisions. The Association promotes interdisciplinary, international scientific research and collaboration and provides a regional platform for scientists to discuss and review common concerns and priorities in the Asia-Pacific Rim and Basin.

PSA links scientists from developed countries with those from developing countries, including the archipelagic and more remote states of the Pacific. PSA facilitates research initiatives on critical emerging issues for the region, such as ocean acidification, biodiversity loss, climate change, infectious diseases, and the implications of globalization.

## Publications

The official journal of the PSA is **Pacific Science**, a quarterly journal published by the University of Hawaii Press, devoted to the biological, physical, and social sciences of the Pacific Region.



## Activities

Through quadrennial **Pacific Science Congress and Inter-Congress** meetings, PSA provides a unique platform for scientists in the Asia-Pacific region to discuss and review critical issues and common concerns, and to assess research priorities in the region.



PSA also provides a platform for ongoing scientific **Working Groups**, as multidisciplinary venues for scientific investigation and consensus-building.

## PSA Scientific Working Groups

### Task Forces:

Ocean Acidification • Globalization & Human Dynamics  
• Climate Change & Atmospheric Sciences • Human Resources for the Future • Natural Disaster Reduction  
• Biodiversity • Energy

### Scientific Committees:

Freshwater Sciences • Meteorology • Communicating Science & Science Education • Public Health & Medical Sciences • Solid Earth Sciences • Coral Reefs

## Pacific Science Congresses and Inter-Congresses

Twenty **Pacific Science Congresses** have been held since the first meeting in Honolulu in 1920. Held every four years in venues throughout the Asia-Pacific region such as Bangkok, Sydney, Beijing, Tokyo, Vancouver, Khabarovsk, Seoul, and San Francisco, these meetings are both an important vehicle for dissemination of research but also a critical venue for multidisciplinary information exchange and collaboration. Two awards are given during every Congress, the Herbert E. Gregory Medal and the Shinkishi Hatai Medal.

**Inter-Congresses** are held at four year intervals between Congresses. Ten have been held since the first Inter-Congress in 1969. PSA also co-sponsors independent meetings, such as the 7th, 9th, and 10th International Coral Reef Symposia in Guam (1992), Indonesia (2000), and Okinawa (2004).

## 21st Pacific Science Congress 13-17 June 2007, Okinawa, Japan Diversity and Change: Challenges and Opportunities for Managing Natural and Social Systems in the Asia-Pacific

Planned symposia themes include: **Islands in Development** (Globalization; Health and Development; Agriculture; Tourism; and Building Sustainable Communities); **Maintaining Nature's Diversity** (Biodiversity; Coral Reefs; Natural Resource Management & Protection; Ecosystem Services; Ethnobotany; Invasive Species; Fisheries); **Science and Society** (Science Education; Telecommunications; Media and Science; Science for Policy); **Technology and Sustainable Society** (Energy; Biotechnology; Hazardous Waste); **Sustaining Human Diversity** (Indigenous Knowledge; Gender and Science; Human Diversity; and Origins and Heritage of Pacific Peoples; Globalization); **Challenges and Opportunities in Change** (Global Warming; Marine Acidification; Newly Emerging Infectious Diseases; Assessing Risk and Vulnerability in Natural Hazards; and Water Resource Management)