

Dear All JpGU-AGU Joint Meeting 2017 Session Conveners,

Thank you very much for your hard work as a session convener at the first JpGU-AGU Joint Meeting 2017 at Makuhari.

The purpose of our journal [Progress in Earth and Planetary Science \(PEPS\)](#) is to publish both new discoveries in the various fields of geoscience and also papers that present new general ideas or unifying concepts. To date we have published more than 130 articles, and we are pleased that the rate at which our articles are being accessed compares favorably with other top-class international journals.

We would like to ask you as a session convener to indicate one or two presentations from your JpGU-AGU Joint Meeting 2017 session that are of particular scientific merit, and which, as far as you are aware, contain material that has not yet been published or submitted to another journal.

With your permission, the editorial committee would like to contact the presenters you will recommend and to invite them to submit a paper about their presentation to PEPS. Please do not hesitate to recommend material just because you are unsure of its publication status, as we will be sure to check up on this.

Please note that we intend PEPS to be a first rate international journal, and so all manuscripts (including invited papers) will be subject to the usual full peer review process. We will, however, waive the article processing charge for any article based on a session convener's recommendation, and all publication costs for such articles will be borne by PEPS.

We would like to apologize for asking you to undertake this additional work but we would be very grateful to receive your recommendations. It would be very helpful if you could give us at <[peps\\_edit@jgqu.org](mailto:peps_edit@jgqu.org)> your answer, if possible, by the end of June.

This year we had the JpGU-AGU Joint Meeting 2017 successfully. Both unions will keep to have joint sessions in 2018 and after.

Yours sincerely,

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