

Looking for What AONSA Can Do Better or More

AONSA has been very successful over the last 8 years, providing an excellent platform for discussions and activities for promoting neutron science and technology in the Asia-Oceania region, and working with our counterparts in Europe (ENSA) and North America (NSSA) for worldwide cooperation. We sincerely thank all former Presidents, Prof. M.W. Kim, Prof. J.W. White, Prof. Y. Fujii, and Prof. W.H. Li, and all AONSA colleagues for their great leadership, enthusiastic participations, and devoting contributions to make all these happen.

Recently, AONSA welcomed the Indonesian Neutron Scattering Society as a regular member, making the total number of regular member societies 7, and the China Mianyang Research Reactor as a formal observer. All AONSA colleagues are very much delighted to see this very good sign that the neutron community and facilities in our region is growing very well. AONSA will continue to work on promoting the neutron science and technology in our region and actively outreaching further to include more communities. In the next year, we will have an AONSA Executive Committee (EC) Meeting in Thailand for the first time.

Last May, we had the 16th AONSA EC and the 11th Facility Directors' meetings at the China Spallation Neutron Source, Dongguan, China, during which all participants were impressed by the progress made since AONSA's last visit in 2013. The 8th AONSA Neutron School, which has been one of the key activities from the very beginning of AONSA, is scheduled to be held in October this year at BARC, Mumbai, India. The Selection Committees for the 4th AONSA Prize and the 3rd group of AONSA Young Research Fellows, chaired by Vice-President K. Yamada, are in progress. Next year, the ICNS2017 which is the biggest international event to share recent progress in neutron scattering science and technology will be held in our region, Daejeon, Korea. The 3rd AOCNS, our quadrennial regional conference, is being prepared by TWNSS to be held in Kenting, 2019. We are full of various exciting activities, but still looking for what AONSA can do better or more.

We look forward to working with you all and having your ideas and suggestions for AONSA.

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