

The mission of SSJ is:

To promote studies of earthquakes and the interior of the Earth,

To share and disseminate the results,

To contribute to earthquake disaster mitigation.

SSJ holds annual fall meetings, which cover many disciplines related to earthquakes and the interior of the Earth. Other symposiums, some of which are arranged in cooperation with other organizations, are held to accommodate specified topic and purposes. SSJ is a member of the Japan Geoscience Union (JPGU), which annually holds a large combined meeting in the spring.

Publications sponsored by SSJ currently include 'Zisin' (a peer reviewed research journal in Japanese), the 'Newsletter' (a bi-monthly compilation of news for members), 'Naifuru' (a quarterly collection of earthquake topics targeted mainly for the public), and abstract compilations of the annual meetings. Beside these publications in Japanese, SSJ co-sponsors the international peer reviewed research journal "[Earth, Planets and Space \(EPS\)](http://www.earth-planets-space.com/)" published cooperatively with other related geophysical societies in Japan. The former journal "Journal of Physics of the Earth (JPE)", which was merged into EPS in 1997, was also a publication of SSJ.

Those who agree with the mission of SSJ and wish to become part of SSJ can apply for membership by submitting application forms to the administrative office. The forms are distributed from the SSJ office. Decisions on membership approval are made by the SSJ Council, which has responsibilities for the general activities of SSJ. Approved members receive Zisin and the Newsletter, and are allowed to give presentations at the annual meetings. Discounted membership is available for students.

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