

### Chronicle Table of the Japanese Society of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition (1/6)

Year	Activity
1927	Creation of the rules of the Society of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition on the 17 <sup>th</sup> June for issuing the Journal. This is the foundation of the society. The 1 <sup>st</sup> Japanese Journal of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition (Volume 1 No. 1, 158 p) was issued in October. Delegates were send to the 1 <sup>st</sup> International Congress of Soil Science (ICSS, USA, Washington).
1930	The Association of Japanese Agricultural Scientific Society was established and the 1st Conference was held. The JSSSN organized the 1st symposium as the 10th division. Participation at the 2nd ICSS (USSR, Moscow, Leningrad).
1934	Issue the 4th Journal. The English name of the Journal from the 8th issue was set as Journal of the Science of Soil and Manure, Japan, the name of the society was set as The Society of the Science of Soil and Manure, Japan.
1935	Participation at the 3rd ICSS (England, Oxford).
1937	Establishment of the Kanto Branch, then Kansai, West-Japan, Korea and 満州 branches were established, which lasted till the end of the war. The journal was issued 6 times per year from Volume 11.
1939	The journal was issued 12 times per year from Volume 13.
1944	After the last society before the end of the war on the 11th December, the society was suspended.
1948	Due to the lost of documents during the war, the society started new again. Four branches were established; North-Japan, Kanto, Kansai and Wes-Japan. The Journal Volume 19 was published again, with 5 issues per year.
1949	The North-Japan branch was divided into Hokkaido and Tohoku branches, and the number of branches became 5. The Journal was issued 4 times per year
1953	Supporting membership was settled. Bimonthly publication of the Journal from the Volume 24.
1954	Introduced the Symposium method to the annual meeting. Participation at the 5th ICSS (Belgian Congo, Leopoldville).
1955	Change of the board election method. Setting of accounting audit. Created the award Soil Science and Plant Nutrition Society and awarded the 1st price. Issue the Journal monthly from Volume 26. 1st Publication of the English Journal "Soil and Plant Food".
1956	The presentation at the annual meeting was separated into divisions. The English Journal was issued 4 times a year from Volume 2. Participation at the 6th ICSS (France, Paris).
1957	Reconstruction of the branches, which became from 5 to 6 till present. Publish the abstracts of the Japanese Journal in the English Journal from Volume 3.
1959	The number of the Society was 1,981, supporting member 61 companies. Publish reviews in the English Journal from Volume 5.
1960	Participation at the 7th ICSS (USA, Madison).

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Year	Activity
1961	Publish the English Journal bimonthly. The name of the Journal became “Soil Science and Plant Nutrition”.
1963	The spring meeting was held in Kyoto, and it was decided that the conference is held outside Tokyo each 2nd year. The Future Plan Committee addressed the “Problem concerning the education in soil science and plant nutrition”.
1964	Participation at the 8th ICSS (Rumania, Bucharest).
1966	Establishment of 10 division and division head system.
1968	Celebration of the 40th year anniversary (4th April). Participation at the 9th ICSS (Australia, Adelaide, 6th-16th August).
1969	Special issue on the 40th anniversary “Development of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition in Japan” was published. Short Communication was included in English Journal SSPN.
1971	The 11th division (Environmental protection) was established. The turn of annual meeting was decided.
1972	Establishment of council system. Student member was included to the membership types. The publication of the English Journal was entrusted to Center for Academic Publications Japan.
1973	The English Journal was issued 4 times from Volume 19.
1974	Participation at the 10th ICSS (USSR, Moscow, 12th – 20th August. The 11th ICSS was suggested to be in Japan, but it was turned down, and a international seminar was suggested.
1977	“International Seminar on Soil Environment and Fertility Management in Intensive Agriculture”(SEFMIA) by the ISSS was held. (Oversee participant 80, Japanese participant 230, Tokyo 10th -17th October).
1978	The society became an incorporated association Japanese Society of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition from 1st April. Issue the articles of incorporation. Celebration of the 50th year anniversary was conducted. The society became organized by board members. The office moved to Bunkyo-ku, Hongo 6-26-10-202 in May. Bimonthly publication of the Journal from Volueme 49 (1). Participation at the 11th ICSS (Canada, Edmonton, 19th -27th June). ISHIZUKA Yosiro was selected as the 1st honorary member of ISSS.
1981	The English name of the society was decided as “Japanese Society of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition (abbreviation JSSSPN).
1982	Committee to promote soil education was founded. The 1st Encouraging Prize of the Society of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition was awarded. Participation at the 12th ICSS (India, New Delhi, 8th 16th February).
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1983	Publication of Society of “Terms of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition”.

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Year	Activity
1984	Declaring to hold the ICSS in 1990 in Japan, and started the 14 <sup>th</sup> ICSS preparation committee.
1985	Change the detail rules and added the right to receive the Society Award to overseas subscription member (individual) as.
1986	Publish the “Standard methods for soil analysis and measurement” edited by the society. Participation at the 13 <sup>th</sup> ICSS (West Germany, Hamburg, 13 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> August).
1987	Exhibit the English Journal SSPN to the Frankfurt Book Fair (7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> October). Co organize with the USDA the 9 <sup>th</sup> International soil classification workshop “Characterization, classification and use of volcanic and paddy rice soil” in Japan (20 <sup>th</sup> July to 1 <sup>st</sup> August).
1988	Participation at the 5 <sup>th</sup> International Soil Conservation Conference (Thailand, Bangkok, 18 <sup>th</sup> 29 <sup>th</sup> January). Participation at the 1 <sup>st</sup> international Symposium coorganised by ISSS and Paddy Soil Fertility Working Group (Thailand, Chiang Mai), 6 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> December).
1989	Organize “Present and future of fertilizer” as a satellite symposium of the 14 <sup>th</sup> ICSS (25 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> September).
1990	Publish the “Analysis methods of plant nutrition” edited by the society. Organize the 14 <sup>th</sup> ICSS together with the Science Council of Japan in Kyoto (12 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> August, participants 1,616, among them 761 foreigner from 75 countries). Establishment of preparation committee of East and Southeast Asia Federation of Soil Science Societies (15 <sup>th</sup> August). Organize an international Symposium “Rhizosphere and stress” (20 <sup>th</sup> August).
1991	Adapt the SI unit to the Japanese and English Journal, and declared the recommended examples including some non-SI units. Publish the “Organic savage use at green an farmlands” and “Current situation and measures of Japanese farmland soils” edited by the society. 1 <sup>st</sup> East and Southeast Asia Federation of Soil Science Societies (ESAFS) workshop “Comparison of farmland soil classifications in East and Southeast Asian countries” in Osaka (10 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> October).
1992	Adapt SI unit in the Japanese Journal from the Volume 63 No. 1. ESAFS office moved to Chinese Soil Science Society from August.
1993	Participation at the 2 <sup>nd</sup> ESAFS workshop “Classification and management of desert soils” (China, Urumqi, 20 <sup>th</sup> - 23 <sup>th</sup> August).
1994	Committee of the Future Panning of the Society, and Committee of Financial problems were formed. Participation at the 15 <sup>th</sup> ICSS (Mexico, Acapulco, 10 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> July). Participation at the 3 <sup>rd</sup> ESAFS workshop (Malaysia).
1995	Reorganize the society from 11 to 8 divisions and set the research unit to 24 groups. Start the Soil Science and Plant Nutrition Technology Award. Publish a supplemental book for elementary and junior highs school teacher “Tales about soil for teachers”.
1996	Award the 1st Soil Science and Plant Nutrition Technology Award. Committee to deal with the English Journal was formed.

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Year	Activity
1997	Open the website of the society. Coorganize the 13th International Plant Nutrition with the Science Council of Japan in Tokyo (13th-19th September, Participants 545, among them 171 foreigner). Participation at the 4th ESAFS international conference (Korea, Cheju Island, 11th-14th November).
1998	Publish "Soil and Food – for a healthy future" as the anniversary of 70th anniversary (25th September). Publish "How to teach soil – a new environmental education material". Participation at the 16th WCSS (France, Montpellier, 20th-26th August), where the honorary member of our society WADA Koji was elected as honorary member of the ISSS. Due to the change from ISSS (International Society of Soil Science) to IUSS (International Union of Soil Sciences) that is a member of ICSU (International Council for Science), the conference name was changed from ICSS to WCSS (World Congress of Soil Science).
1999	Organize a 70th year anniversary symposium "Outlook of soil science and plant nutrition research in sustainable agriculture based on region" (3rd April). Open symposium "Soil pollution in Japan and its remediation" (4th June).
2000	Employ delegates system to the first general assembly. First delegate election in November. Donation from the member INAMATSU Katsuko and found the "Woman and young member support fund (Inamatsu Found)". Reedited the "Terms of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition (1983)" and publish "Terms of Soil Science, Fertilizer and Plant Nutrition".
2001	General assembly by the first delegates (3rd April). Participation at the 5th ESAFS international conference (Thailand, Krabi, 27th-31st May).
2002	Publish the "Picture book of Soil; 5 volumes". Organize the 2nd International Conference on "Silicate and Agriculture" in Tsuruoka (22nd-26th August). Participation at the 17th WCSS (Thailand, Bangkok, 14th-20th August, Participants 2,000, among them 120 Japanese). Honorary member of our society TANAKA Akira was elected as honorary member of the ISSS.
2003	Decide to start the Outstanding Paper Award of Journal of Japanese Soil Science and English Journal Plant Nutrition and SSPN Award. Receive the donation due to the dispersion of the incorporated foundation Fertilizer Research Institute and use the fund the Young Researcher Travel Award to Overseas Conference. The "Picture book of Soil; 5 volumes" was awarded Sankei Children's Publishing Culture Award (29th May). Participation at the 6th ESAFS International Conference "Soil Management Technology on Low-productivity and Degraded Soils" (Taiwan, Taipei, 24th-29th).
2004	Coorganize the 12th Symposium "XIV International Symposium on Iron Nutrition and Interactions in Plants" in Tokyo (11th-15th April). Organize the 6th International Conference on "PSILPH (Plant·Soil Interaction at Low pH)" in Sendai (1st-5th August).
2005	Coorganize the 6th International Workshop on "Ion metabolism" in Kisarazu (17th-21st May). Participation at the 7th ESAFS International Conference (Philippine, Quezon, 1st-5th June).

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2006	Establish the 9th division "Soil Culture and Society". Committee of soil education is awarded by the Minister of Education (Promotion of understanding). Change the entrustment of the English Journal from Volume 52 to Blackwell and made it online available. Participation at the 18th WCSS (USA, Philadelphia, 9th-15th July).
2007	Set the ethical code of the Japanese Society of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition. Entrust the publication of the Japanese Journal and the member account to special limited liability company Ares. Conduct the 8th ESAFS International Conference at Tsukuba (22nd-23rd October). Honorary member KYUMA Kazutake was awarded the 1st ESAFS Award.
2008	Publish "Let's use wisely the fertilizer – for a rich and safe food production" edited by the Public Relations Committee. Honorary member of our society KUMAZAWA Kikuo and KYUMA Kazutake was elected as honorary member of the IUSS.
2009	The impact factor of the English Journal SSPN rise to 1.15 and became internationally recognized. Start poster presentation by high school students from Kyoto Conference. Publish "How to teach soil (new) – Environmental teaching material in practice (first and second volume)" edited by the Committee for Soil Education (10th October). Participation at the 9th ESAFS International Conference (Korea, Seoul, 27th-30th October).
2010	Change the entrustment of English Journal SSPN from Vol. 57 to Taylor & Francis co. Decide to create the award "Soil Science and Plant Nutrition Contribution Award and "Technical Encouragement Prize". Coorganize the "Nitrogen 2010" in Inuyama. Participation at the 19th WCSS (Australia, Brisbane, presentation from Japan 97). The English Journal SSPN became a 協力誌 of IUSS. Coorganize the 1st International Conference on "Asian Conference on Plant-Microbe Symbiosis and Nitrogen Fixation" in Miyazaki.
2011	Approve to become the general incorporated association, its start of application and changes in articles of incorporation. Participation at the 10th ESAFS International Conference (Sri Lanka, Colombo, 10th- 13th October).
2012	Incorporated as the general incorporated association. Started to award "Soil Science and Plant Nutrition Contribution Award" and "Technical Encouragement Prize". Participated at the IUSS International Conference (Jeju, Korea, June 3-8).
2013	Co-organized the International Workshop on Plant Membrane Biology XVI (Kurashiki, March, 6-9) and the 18th International Congress on Nitrogen Fixation (Miyazaki, October, 14-18). Participated at the 2013 European Geosciences Union Meeting (Vienna, April, 7-12), the IUSS Global Soil Carbon Conference (Wisconsin, June, 3-6), and the 11 <sup>th</sup> ESAFS International Conference (Bogor, Indonesia, October 21-24).

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Year	Activity
2014	Moved the office into Tamura building at Hongo 5-23-13, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo. Registered as a partner of Global Soil Partnership (GSP). Co-organized the 20th World Congress of Soil Science (WCSS) pre-congress Japan Volcanic Soil Tour. Participated at the WCSS (Jeju, Korea, June 8-13). Invited Dr. Rainer Horn (President of IUSS) to the annual meeting in Tokyo. Co-organized the JIRCAS International Symposium "Soil Environment and Crop Production: Toward Stable Crop Production in Developing Regions".
2015	International Year of Soils 2015. Organized a photo contest, an soil exhibition tour in museums and the Celebration Symposium of International Year of Soils 2015 (Tokyo, December 5). Sold specially cultivated rice and sake. Published supplemental issue of SSPN Vol.61 "Soils of anthropized environments". Participated at the Asian Soil Partnership Consultation Workshop (Bangkok, Thailand, May 13-15), the 12 <sup>th</sup> ESAFS international conference (Nanjing, China, September 18-21), the Symposium (Kiel, Germany, September 19-21), and the Celebration of International Year of Soils 2015 (Vienna, Austria, December 7-8). Co-organized the 13 <sup>th</sup> ICOBTE (Fukuoka, July 12-16). Invited Dr. Rattan Lal (IUSS Next President) to the annual meeting in Kyoto.
2016	Co-organized the 18 <sup>th</sup> International Conference of International Humic Substances Society (Kanazawa, September 11-16). Dr. KOSAKI Takashi was elected to be next IUSS president. Participated at the IUSS International Conference ( <i>Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, November 19-25</i> ).
2017	Participated at the European Geosciences Union (EGU) General Assembly (Vienna, Austria, April 23-28), the Global Soil Partnership (GSP) Plenary Assembly (Rome, Italy, June 20-22), the 14 <sup>th</sup> ICOBTE (Zurich, Switzerland, July 16-22), the International Council for Science (ICSU, Taipei, Taiwan, October 19-27), and the 13 <sup>th</sup> ESAFS (Pattaya, Thailand, December 12-15). Invited Dr. Flavil A. O. Camargo (IUSS vice-president) to the annual meeting in Sendai.