

History of the Japanese Society of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition (JSSSPN) (1/5)

Year	Activities
1927	The rules of the Society of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition were created on the 17th June for issuing the Journal. This is the foundation of the society. The 1st Japanese Journal of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition (Volume 1 No. 1, 158 p) was published in October. Delegates were sent to the 1st International Congress of Soil Science (ICSS, Washington , USA).
1930	The Association of Japanese Agricultural Scientific Society (AJASS) was established and the 1st Conference was held. Our society organized the 1st symposium as the 10th division of AJASS. Participated at the 2nd ICSS (Moscow, Leningrad, USSR).
1933	The English name of the society was set as The Society of the Science of Soil and Manure, Japan.
1934	The 4th Journal was published. The English name of the Journal from the 8th issue was set as Journal of the Science of Soil and Manure, Japan,
1935	Participated at the 3rd ICSS (Oxford, England).
1937	The Kanto Branch, Kansai, West-Japan, Korea and Manchuria branches were established, the latter two lasted till the end of the war. The journal was published 6 times a year from Volume 11.
1939	The journal was published monthly from Volume 13.
1944	The annual meeting was held on the 11th December as last one before the end of the war, then the society' activity was suspended.
1948	Due to the loss of documents during the war, the society was restarted. Four branches were re-established; North-Japan, Kanto, Kansai and Wes-Japan. The Journal Volume 19 was published 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. The Journal from the Volume 24 was published bimonthly.
1954	Introduced the Symposium style or system to the annual meeting. Participated at the 5th ICSS (Leopoldville, Belgian Congo).
1955	Changed the board election system. Accounting audit was developed. The Award of the Society of the Science of Soil and Manure, Japan was created and awarded the 1st price. The Journal was published monthly from Volume 26 and the 1st English Journal "Soil and Plant Food (SPF)" was published.
1956	The presentation at the annual meeting was paralleled as divisions. SPF was issued 4 times a year from Volume 2. Participated at the 6th ICSS (Paris, France).
1957	Reconstruction of the branches, which became from 5 to 6 till present. Published the English abstracts of the Japanese Journal in SPF from Volume 3.
1959	The number of the Society member was 1,981, supporting members 61 companies. Published reviews articles in SPF from Volume 5.

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1960	Participated at the 7th ICSS (Madison, USA).
1961	The name of the English Journal SPF became “Soil Science and Plant Nutrition (SSPN)”. Published SSPN bimonthly.
1963	The spring meeting was held in Kyoto, and it was decided that the conference will be held other than Tokyo each 2nd year. The Future Planning Committee addressed the “Problem concerning the education in soil science and plant nutrition”.
1964	Participated at the 8th ICSS (Bucharest, Rumania).
1966	Reforming as 10 divisions with divisions head system.
1968	Celebration of the 40th year anniversary (April, 4). Participated at the 9th ICSS (August 6-16, Adelaide, Australia).
1969	Special issue on the 40th anniversary “Development of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition in Japan” was published. Short communications were included in SSPN.
1971	The 11th division (Environmental protection) was established. The rotation orders of annual meetings were decided.
1972	The council system was established. Student members were included to the membership types. The publication of SSPN was entrusted to Center for Academic Publications Japan.
1973	SSPN was issued 4 times from Volume 19.
1974	Participation at the 10th ICSS (August, 12 – 20, Moscow, USSR). The 11th ICSS was suggested to be held in Japan, but it was turned down, instead an international seminar was proposed.
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 October, 10 -17).
1978	The society became an incorporated association as Japanese Society of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition from 1st April. The articles of the incorporation was set. 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 Volume 49 (1). Participation at the 11th ICSS (June, 19 -27, Edmonton, Canada).Dr. ISHIZUKA Yosiaki was selected as the 1st honorary member of ISSS the first as Japanese.
1981	The English name of the society was decided as “Japanese Society of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition (JSSSPN).
1982	Committee for promoting soil education was founded. The 1st Encouraging Prize of the Society of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition was awarded. Participated at the 12th ICSS (February, 8 -16, New Delhi, India).
1983	“Terms of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition” was publicized.

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1984	Declared to hold the meeting of ICSS in 1990 in Japan, and launched the 14th ICSS preparation committee.
1985	Changed the detail rules and added the right to receive the Society Award to overseas subscription member (individual) as.
1986	Published the “Standard methods for soil analysis and measurement” edited by the society. Participated in the 13th ICSS (August, 13 -20, Hamburg, West Germany).
1987	Exhibited the SSPN to the Frankfurt Book Fair (October, 7-12). Co-organized with the USDA the 9th International soil classification workshop “Characterization, classification and use of volcanic and paddy rice soil” in Japan (July, 20 to August, 1st).
1988	Participation at the 5th International Soil Conservation Conference (Bangkok, Thailand, January, 18-29). Participated at the 1st international Symposium co-organized by ISSS and Paddy Soil Fertility Working Group (Chiang Mai, Thailand, December, 6-13).
1989	Organized “Present and future of fertilizer” as a satellite symposium of the 14th ICSS (September, 25-26).
1990	Published the “Analysis methods of plant nutrition” edited by the society. Organize the 14th ICSS together with the Science Council of Japan in Kyoto (August, 12-18, participants 1,616, among them 761 from 75 countries). Established the preparation committee for East and Southeast Asia Federation of Soil Science Societies (August, 15). Organize an international Symposium “Rhizosphere and Stress” (August, 20).
1991	Adapted the SI units in the Japanese and English Journal, and declared the recommended examples including some non-SI units. Published the “Organic sewage uses at greenland space and farmlands” and “Current situation and measures of Japanese farmland soils” edited by the society. The 1st East and Southeast Asia Federation of Soil Science Societies (ESAFS) workshop “Comparison of farmland soil classifications in East and Southeast Asian countries” was held in Osaka (October, 10-16).
1992	Adapted the SI units in the Japanese Journal from the Volume 63 No. 1. The ESAFS office was moved to Chinese Soil Science Society from August.
1993	Participated in the 2nd ESAFS workshop “Classification and management of desert soils” (Urumqi, China, August, 20- 23).
1994	Committee of the Future Plans of the Society, and Committee of Financial problems were formed. Participated at the 15th ICSS (Acapulco, Mexico, July, 10-16). Participated at the 3rd ESAFS workshop (Malaysia).
1995	Reorganized the society from 11 to 8 divisions and set the subdivision og 24 groups. Start the Soil Science and Plant Nutrition Technology Award. Publish a supplemental book for elementary and junior high school teachers “Stories about soils for teachers”.
1996	Given the 1st Soil Science and Plant Nutrition Technology Award. Committee for the “future of SSPN” was formed.

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Year	Activities
1997	Open the website of the society. Co-organized the 13th International Plant Nutrition with the Science Council of Japan in Tokyo (September, 13-19, Participants 545, among them 171 from foreign countries). Participated at the 4th ESAFS international conference (Cheju Island, Korea, November, 11-14).
1998	Published “Soil and Food – for a healthy future” as the memorial book of 70th anniversary (September, 25). Published “How to teach soil – for a new environmental education material”. Participated at the 16th WCSS (Montpellier, France, August, 20-26), where the honorary member of our society, Dr. 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), a member of ICSU (International Council for Science), the conference name was changed from ICSS to WCSS (World Congress of Soil Science).
1999	Organized a 70th year anniversary symposium “Outlook of soil science and plant nutrition research in sustainable agriculture on regions” (April 3). Open symposium “Soil pollution in Japan and its remediation” (June 4).
2000	Employed representatives system to the first general assembly. First representatives were elected in November. Based on the donation from the member Ms INAMATSU Katsuko and found the “Woman and young member support fund (Inamatsu Found)” was founded. Revised the “Terms of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition (1983)” and published “Terms of Soil Science, Fertilizer and Plant Nutrition”.
2001	General assembly by the first representatives (April, 3). Participation at the 5th ESAFS international conference (Krabi, Thailand, May, 27-31).
2002	Published the “Picture book of Soil; 5 volumes”. Organized the 2nd International Conference on “Silicate and Agriculture” at Tsuruka (August, 22-26). Participated at the 17th WCSS (Bangkok, Thailand, August, 14-20, Participants 2,000, among them 120 Japanese). Honorary member of our society, Dr. TANAKA Akira was elected as honorary member of the ISSS.
2003	Decided to start the Outstanding Paper Award of Journal of Japanese Soil Science and SSPN Award. Received the donation from the Fertilizer Research Institute solvent to establish a fund for Young Researchers to Attend Overseas Conferences. The “Picture book of Soil; 5 volumes” was awarded Sankei Children's Publishing Culture Award (May, 29). Participated at the 6th ESAFS International Conference “Soil Management Technology on Low-productivity and Degraded Soils” (Taipei, Taiwan, November, 24-29).
2004	Co-organized the 12th Symposium “XII International Symposium on Iron Nutrition and Interactions in Plants” in Tokyo (April, 11-15). Organized the 6th International Conference on “PSILPH (Plant • Soil Interaction at Low pH)” in Sendai (August, 1-5). Delegates were sent to the ISSS business meeting (Philadelphia, USA, May or June).

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Year	Activities
2005	Co-organized the 6th International Workshop on “Ion metabolism” in Kisarazu (May, 17-21). Participated at the 7th ESAFS International Conference (Quezon, Philippine, June, 1-5).
2006	The 9th division “Soil Culture and Society” was established. Committee of soil education is awarded by the Minister of Education (for Promotion of understanding). The entrustment of the SSPN was changed from Volume 52 to Blackwell PublCo. and made it online available. Participated at the 18th WCSS (Philadelphia, USA, July, 9-15).
2007	Set the ethical codes of the Japanese Society of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition. Entrusted the publication of the Japanese Journal and the member account to special limited liability company Ares. Conduct the 8th ESAFS International Conference at Tsukuba (October, 22-23). Honorary member Dr. KYUMA Kazutake received 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 Dr. KUMAZAWA Kikuo and Dr. KYUMA Kazutake were elected as honorary members during the IUSS business meeting.
2009	The impact factor of SSPN rise to 1.15 and became internationally recognized. Started poster presentation by high school students at Kyoto Conference. Published “How to teach soil (new) – Environmental teaching material in practice (first and second volume) “edited by the Committee for Soil Education (October, 10). Participation at the 9th ESAFS International Conference (Seoul, Korea, October, 27-30).
2010	Change the entrustment of SSPN from Vol. 57 to Taylor & Francis co. Decide to create the award “Soil Science and Plant Nutrition Contribution Award and “Technical Encouragement Prize”. Co-organized the “Nitrogen 2010” in Inuyama. Participated at the 19th WCSS (Brisbane, Australia, 97 presentation from Japan). SSPN became a cooperating journal of IUSS. Co-organized the 1st International Conference on “Asian Conference on Plant-Microbe Symbiosis and Nitrogen Fixation” in Miyazaki.
2011	Approved to become the general incorporated association, and started the preparation of new articles for the incorporation. Participated at the 10th ESAFS International Conference (Colombo, Sri Lanka, October, 10- 13).