

Regulations of the NF-POGO Alumni Network for Oceans (NANO)

The Nippon Foundation (NF) and the Partnership for Observation of the Global Oceans (POGO) believe that the understanding of the ocean and coastal environment relies on an integrated observing system around the world maintained by qualified decision-makers, researchers and service providers. Since 2004, the NF-POGO partnership has supported a number of programs to build capacity and provide training in oceanography around the world.

The NF-POGO Alumni Network for Oceans (NANO) is a global network of past and present NF-POGO scholars held together by a common interest in, and commitment to, ocean sciences, and by the common will to communicate the results of their work to the general public, so that they can be applied for the benefit of society at large.

As a member you will be able to benefit from the NANO alumni network, which can provide you with important connections to help you to further your career. Secondly, you can use NANO communication platforms as a forum to pose and exchange views on science-related questions, and to share your own research or outreach activities.

NANO aims to create a community consisting of past and present NF-POGO scholars, contributors of NANO initiatives, distinguished ocean scientists, known as NANO friends, and the organisation team. All past and present NF-POGO scholars who successfully completed their training are invited to be a part of NANO.

Structure

The general management of NANO is overseen by the POGO Secretariat, which maintains the website and social media platforms, and is responsible for communication with members and with potential funding bodies.

NANO initiatives such as research projects, newsletter editorial work, and outreach activities are led and assisted by NANO members and/or associates as volunteers or, in some cases, as fellowship holders.

Goals

The goals of the network are to:

- (1) Maximize the benefits to the alumni from the training they have received;
- (2) Facilitate active contacts among the alumni and with the training faculty;
- (3) Promote joint research activities that build on the training.

Membership

NANO recognizes two categories of membership, according to the following criteria:

- (1) Full membership:

NANO Alumni: Past or present scholars of trainings delivered under the NF-POGO Partnership;

- (2) Associate membership:

NANO Friends: Senior ocean scientists who provide advice and/or contribute to NANO initiatives;

NANO Collaborators: Young researchers who provide assistance with NANO initiatives.

Rights of Members

- (1) All members are invited to participate in NANO initiatives;
- (2) Travel grants and other financial support are primarily for full members (NANO alumni), although in some cases may be used to support associate members where their contribution is necessary to meet NANO objectives;
- (3) All members may actively participate in NANO activities and promote the expansion of the research and outreach actions;
- (4) All members are invited to subscribe to the mailing list (<https://mailchi.mp/e948a630243b/rlbz1erzsf>) which regularly informs them of POGO and NANO activities and other subjects of interest;
- (5) Alumni and associate members are invited to register at the NANO website (<https://nf-pogo-alumni.org>) in order to have full access to its content. NANO urges registered members to keep their profiles updated, as general information is used to compute statistics as well as to plan actions designed to meet the interests of the majority of members.

How NANO members' personal information is used

- (1) E-mail: NANO will continue to send notifications, via the mailing list you subscribe to, and will use this to contact you about POGO and NANO activities and other subjects of interest. You can opt out of receiving e-mails at any time by clicking on the “unsubscribe from this list” link at the bottom of every message;
- (2) Website: Personal profiles are visible exclusively to registered members. Details on the profile can be kept hidden from registered members by checking the option “Hide from Public” under the item you wish to keep private. Go to the profile page (<https://nf-pogo-alumni.org/profile/>) to choose which information you share with others on the website.
- (3) We will not share your contact details or personal information with anyone without your consent. Other users can contact you via the platform without access to your private contact details. The details you have provided via your on-line profile will only be used anonymously, and for statistical purposes.

Termination of Membership

- (1) If a member wishes to terminate his/her membership, a written notification is necessary. The membership ends on the day the letter is received by the POGO Secretariat;
- (2) Membership expires upon deceasing;
- (3) NANO reserves the right to expel members whose behaviour is not in accordance with the standards of POGO, NF, NANO or its capacity building programs. Members whose actions harm the reputation and interests of the network can be ejected from the association by an administrative resolution. Examples include, but are not limited to, scientific misconduct and other types of conduct that have resulted or may result in disciplinary action, and criminal offences. The affected member has the right to present his/her case to the POGO Secretariat and to know the decision in his/her case.

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