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Ten Career-Advancing Ideas for the New Year

Are you taking advantage of all that SSA offers? Here's what you need to know to make 2020 your best professional year yet.

1 Apply for a Global Travel Grant: Now for Early-Career Members Too!

This just in: Global Travel Grants are now available for early-career members as well as students.

Recipients enjoy financial support to attend any meetings and workshops that relate to their study of earthquake science and seismology.

Applications for these grants of \$2,500 or less are accepted every February and July. SSA's latest grant recipients have shared their research and networked in Tehran, Iran; Perth, Australia; Paris, France; Barcelona, Spain; and Santa Marta, Colombia.



Where will an SSA Global Travel Grant take you? Stop dreaming and start drafting that application. Learn more at seismosoc.org/awards/global-travel-grant.

2 Write Your Abstract for the 2020 Annual Meeting

Ready to have your research read and discussed by seismologists and engineers from around the globe?

SSA is now accepting abstracts for its next Annual Meeting (27-30 April 2020 in Albuquerque, New Mexico). The submission deadline is 14 January 2020.

Give your abstract careful thought, advises those who have served on abstract review committees in recent years. “Focus on the science, with a length between 150 and 250 words—not too long, not too short,” says SSA Past-President Peter Shearer. And don’t overlook the title, advises Past-President Andy Michaels in his ["Art of the Abstract,"](#) an inspiring read that may help you craft your best, most attention-grabbing summary yet.

3 Make A Career-Related New Year Resolution

The end of the year is a great time to pause and reflect on your professional goals for the year ahead. What’s most important to you? Publishing? Networking? Landing a new job?

Craft resolutions for the new year that are specific, quantifiable and realistic. Some ideas: *Reach out to five new colleagues after the Annual Meeting. Schedule an informational interview at ____ (your dream workplace). Attend one meeting or talk outside my speciality. Organize my first technical session.*

Telling another SSA member about your resolutions can help keep you accountable.

4 Reflect on Your Best Annual Meeting Moment

If attending the Annual Meeting has helped you advance your research and career, share your story!

SSA wants to hear about the meaningful connections and collaborations that have started at our annual gathering. Share your story on Facebook [@SeismologicalSociety](#) or Twitter [@SeismoSocietyAm](#) today!



5 Thank Your Mentor

Issac Newton said, “If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of giants.”

If another SSA member has helped you see further in your education or early career, don’t forget to say thanks. The holidays are a great time to drop a note of gratitude to a mentor or another colleague who has helped you this year.

6 Make Your Voice Heard

A new SSA membership survey is coming in late January to an email inbox near you.

We want to hear what’s working for you and where we can improve. Whether it’s a need for childcare at our Annual Meeting or a desire for new mentoring opportunities, your ideas and input aid SSA in our continual quest to offer more career-enhancing benefits to our members year after year.

7 Connect a Friend with Free SSA Membership

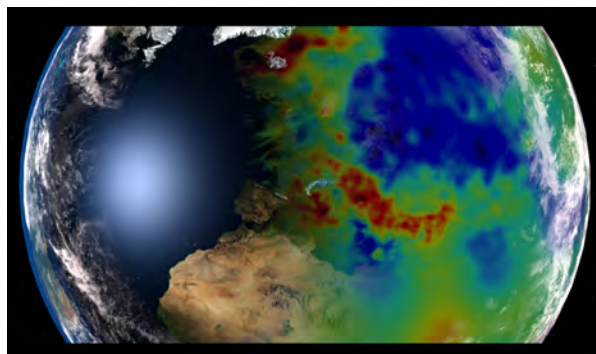
Attending the American Geophysical Union annual meeting on 9-13 December 2019 in San Francisco?

Stop by the SSA booth, # 319, and bring your friends—SSA will be offering free memberships to students!

8 Set Your Wild Ideas Loose

Do you have an ambitious and even wild idea for advancing tomography's reach in the geosciences?

Be ready to share it in April when abstract submissions open for "Seismic Tomography 2020: What Comes Next?" The new SSA meeting (held in Toronto, Ontario, 9–11 October 2020) aims to be a forum for tomography experts and adjacent researchers to present recent findings and evaluate techniques and models.



Co-Chairs Clifford Thurber and Andreas Fichtner are exploring a range of topics to include in the meeting, in part guided by the submissions they receive. Research from the meeting will also be included in a special issue of the *Bulletin of the Seismological Society of America*.

Learn more at seismosoc.org/tomography2020.

9 Vote

Where should SSA place its focus in the new year? Help decide by electing four new members to SSA's Board of Directors. Read [the candidate statements](#) and then vote today. The election closes at 5 p.m. (Pacific) on 3 January 2020.

10 Renew Your Membership

Don't miss out on all that SSA offers.

Members enjoy discounts on Annual Meeting registration, access to one-on-one career counsel and technical training opportunities. If you haven't already done so, be sure to [renew your SSA membership](#) for the year ahead.

Seismo-gram welcomes your feedback at info@seismosoc.org
