

General Information for OSPOR

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1. Aims and Scope

Okhotsk Sea and Polar Oceans Research (OSPOR) is published by the Okhotsk Sea and Polar Oceans Research Association (OSPORA).

Since 1986, the Okhotsk Sea and Cold Ocean Research Association (OSCORA) has held the International Symposium in Mombetsu, Hokkaido, in Japan, every February and has released its proceedings for over 35 years. In 2017, OSCORA changed its name to OSPORA because the Symposium's scope was broadened to include the polar oceans (the Arctic and Antarctic Oceans), the Arctic passages, global warming, and environmental change in polar regions.

OSPORA started a peer-reviewed paper system from the 2017 Symposium. The papers are refereed by multiple reviewers, published in the proceedings of the Symposium with the titles 'Article' or 'Review', and posted on the OSPORA website.

2. Subjects covered by OSPOR

- 1) Environment of Okhotsk Sea
- 2) Meteorology and oceanography in polar regions
- 3) Cold region engineering
- 4) Arctic sea routes
- 5) Global warming and environment change
- 6) Remote sensing
- 7) Snow, ice and human life
- 8) Other topics about Okhotsk Sea and Polar Oceans

3. Editorial Policy of OSPOR*

We intend to publish two types of papers;

- 1) **Article**, containing original scientific materials and results, not submitted for publication elsewhere.
- 2) **Review**, containing an overview of previous activities, projects, and workshops with an outlook on a specific category.

Each of them will be peer-reviewed.

4. Editorial Board

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