

This document summarizes the 2023 Chapter and SIG annual reports
and lists implemented action points.

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Submitted Reports

Chapters: 7 (Nigeria, Taiwan, Japan, Brazil, South African, BeNeLux, Latin American)

SIGs: 8 (Water, Pre-College Education, Asset Dynamics, Environmental, Health Policy, Psychology and Human Behavior, Transportation, Structural Racism)

Membership

Mostly steady.

Exceptions:

- Taiwan Chapter with 50 to 100 new members per year

- Water SIG doubled their members on the mailing list to ~100

- Pre-College SIG with 15 people in their leadership team (from 6 in 2022)

** Frustration with lack of visibility into membership numbers from the Society.

Activities

Mostly webinars, conferences, workshops.

Highlights:

- South African Chapter's learning lab: provide a short yet accelerated learning journey to newcomers in the field of system dynamics globally and at no cost. We aim to disseminate system dynamics in an accessible and interactive approach, while providing a personal platform for feedback.

Coming Year

Engage members and organize activities.

Highlights:

- We intend to sunset the Environmental SIG and subsume the Water, Energy, and Agriculture & Food SIG into the Environmental and Natural Resource Management (ENRM) SIG.

- Health SIG and Nigeria Chapter: change leadership

- Health SIG: host in-progress work presentation meetings three months prior to the conference for SIG members to get feedback on their conference submissions

Pre-College Education SIG: International Pre-College Symposium Feb 2025
Latin American Chapter: journal on System Dynamics in Spanish
Structural Racism SIG: modeling workshops for interested SIG members to codevelop and explore modeling practices
Taiwan Chapter: looking forward to many initiatives with the government's support

Products

Hard to get a grasp on numbers.

Relationships

Ministry of Education, Ministry of Economic Affairs, National Science and Technology Council, Ministry of Interior, ITRI Research Institute.
Transdisciplinary Federation of Science and Technology
The Operations Research Society of South Africa, Graduate School of Technology Management – Pretoria University, Eskom, INCOSE
the International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE), and Climate Interactive (several ambassadors running workshops in Spanish).
WPI System Dynamics, Transboundary Groundwater Resilience Network of Networks, New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute
Universities internationally, Companies, Governmental organisations
Association of European Transport

Financial Reserves

Japan Chapter
South African Chapter

Support needed

Promotion
Recognition of results

Discounted membership for PC members

Funding for in-person events
Sponsoring prizes (Society membership)
Funding to sponsor low socioeconomic participant attendance

Day-to-day activity support (volunteer time)

Improved website system

International event organization support

Registrations and Zoom

Centralized mailing list, Mailchimp (Bring the SDS email system into the modern era. I can't add attachments, photos, embedded links)

Action points

- Proposal of Admin Support in the 2025 Society Budget
- Reminders sent out on the StFF opportunity
- One-on-one follow-up on requests for:
 - Promotion
 - Conference support
 - Member engagement
 - Event support
 - Membership discounts
- Renewed effort in enabling a Mailchimp email solution