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About a half of them are original research letters and the other half are review papers. The AOGS has encouraged the Axford (Society) lectures and Section Distinguished Lectures to submit their lectures as review papers. In particular, newly-established Kamide Early Career Researcher (ECR) Award is selected from those who gave ECR-Distinguished Lecture at the AOGS annual meeting and published a paper in Geoscience Letters.

Geoscience Letters publishes thematic collections. This is similar to the special issues in traditional journals and guest editors are invited. A significant difference is that the accepted papers are first published as regular papers. Once all the papers in the collection are published, they are collected and can be seen from different windows of the website. Three collections are published. They are “History and development of Solar Terrestrial Sciences including auroral sub-storms” (15 papers) in 2015, “Historical and geological studies of earthquakes” (9 papers) in 2016, and “Coupling of magnetosphere-ionosphere system” (5 papers) in 2017.

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