

The two primary goals of the conference are to promote a mutual understanding of both communities and to highlight the international nature of modern astronomy.

## Other goals are to:

- Better understand the Subaru and Gemini instruments and science programs;
- Foster scientific collaborations;
- Define key areas of "niche science" for both observatories;
   Initiate scientific collaboration for, and with respect to,
   the International Year of Astronomy in 2009.

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