

IMPORTANT

To receive the Symposium information such as 2nd announcement, please complete this form and mail or fax it to the Symposium Secretariats before Feb 28, 2008.

General Information

Conference Venue : The Symposium venue will be "Epochal Tsukuba International Congress Center", a large conventional hall located just 10 minutes walk from Tsukuba city center.

Tsukuba City : Tsukuba Science City is located in the Southern part of Ibaraki prefecture, about 50 km northeast of Tokyo. The city can be accessed through a rapid train called "Tsukuba Express" which connects Akihabara station (Tokyo's electric town) and Tsukuba city center with only 45 minutes (1150 Yen). For the overseas delegates, several airport liner buses (approximately 100 minutes) are available from the Narita Airport (New Tokyo International Airport) (Bus fee of 2540 Yen).

Language : The official language is English. Translation of questions and answers during discussion can be arranged.

Exhibition : A commercial exhibition of NIR instruments and relates will be held in the poster hall. A 9-minute oral presentation of instruments will be given during the Symposium. Companies interested are requested to contact the Symposium's Secretariat Office.

Accommodation : There are two hotels located near the meeting hall: Hotel Grand Shinonome and Okura Frontier Tsukuba Hotel (Main building located near bus center and Epochal building located next to the meeting hall) . Hotel reservation for overseas delegates can be done through the Symposium's Secretariat.

Second announcement : In April, the second announcement and call for papers will be distributed. Request for second announcement can be done by fax (Fax : +81-29-838-7996) or e-mail to Symposium Secretariat (sirinnap@affrc.go.jp).

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First announcement

The First Asian NIR Symposium



NOVEMBER 10-14, 2008
at Epochal, Tsukuba, Japan

Greeting

This is a special invitation for you all to the 1st Symposium of Near Infrared Spectroscopy (NIRS) under Asian Consortium of NIRS that will be held in Japan in November 10-12, 2008.

Almost 40 years has past since Near Infrared Spectroscopy (NIRS) was appeared as a sophisticate technique for nondestructive analytical method for foods and agricultural products. During this period, NIRS made a tremendous progress as an indispensable technique for process control in various industries as well as a spectroscopic technique in the field of basic sciences.

In this regard, Asia consists of the tertiary pole in NIRS community in the world as indicated in the fact that international conferences under International Council of Near Infrared Spectroscopy (ICNIRS) were held in Japan (2nd, 1989) and Korea (10th, 2001) in the past and the 14th conference will be hosted by Thailand in 2009.

Asian Consortium of NIRS was established as a consensus among participants from China, Japan, Korea and Thailand when Japan-Korea Joint Symposium on NIRS was held in Seoul, Korea in June, 2006. One of specific missions of the consortium is to promote transferring of knowledge and know-how on NIRS among Asian countries and arrange the Asian NIRS symposium every two years. Additionally, we decided to call other countries to join the consortium in the future.

We believe that the symposium this time will make a great contribution to strengthen a network for those who are involved in NIRS in the region.

Looking forward to seeing you in Japan in November 10-12, 2008.

Dr. Mutsuo Iwamoto
Chairman,
Asian Consortium of NIR Spectroscopy

Scientific Program

Any topic related with NIR spectroscopy are welcomed. The presentation can be made by both oral and poster. For oral presentation, a period of 15 minutes (including discussion) will be provided. The selection of oral presentations will be based on the interesting of topic. Totally, about thirty oral presentations will be arranged. Poster presentation will be presented in the poster hall on a standard size panel (W90 x H210 cm). Encouragement for the poster presentation will be done thorough the preparation of the best poster award.

Important Dates

Response for first announcement: February 28, 2008
Distribution of second announcement: April 10, 2008
Call for abstract: June 1, 2008
Deadline for abstract submission: July 15, 2008
Notification of acceptance: July 31, 2008
Deadline for full article submission: August 31, 2008
Deadline for early registration: August 31, 2008

Tentative Schedule

Date	Time	Program
Nov 10 (Mon)	AM PM	Short courses (in Japanese) Registration, Opening, Keynote presentations
Nov 11 (Tue)	AM PM	Technical sessions Company presentations, Technical sessions, Banquet
Nov 12 (Wed)	AM PM	Oral presentations Oral presentations, Best poster award, Closing
Nov 13 (Thu) - Nov 14 (Fri)	AM/PM AM	Study tour to an orange packing house equipped with NIR sweetness sorting machine and to some factories utilizing NIR for quality control

Estimated Registration Fee

Rate (Yen)	Early	Late
	(Before Aug 31 st)	(From Sep 1 st)
Symposium-Regular*	25,000	30,000
Symposium-Student*	20,000	25,000
Short course (In Japanese)	3,000	5,000
Study tour (Nov 13-14)**	15,000	20,000

*The registration fees are inclusive of access to the Symposium, Symposium materials, Proceedings, coffee breaks, lunches for Nov 11-12 and Banquet.

**The fee for study tour is inclusive of transportation from and to Tsukuba city, insurance and lunches for Nov 13-14. The accommodation is not included.

Preliminary Registration Form

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Tsukuba, Japan, 10-14 November 2008

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- I plan to attend the Symposium
 I wish to offer a lecture presentation
 I wish to offer a poster presentation
 I am interested in a short course (In Japanese)
 I plan to attend the Symposium's Banquet
 I plan to attend the Study tour

NOTE: THIS IS JUST AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM. THE
REGISTRATION WILL BE DONE VIA THE 2nd ANNOUNCEMENT.