

## The 13th Awaji International Forum on Infection and Immunity

Period: September 23 (Tue.) – 26 (Fri.), 2014

Venue: Nara Prefectural New Public Hall, Japan

Chair: Hitoshi Kikutani (Research Institute for Microbial Diseases, Osaka University)

The 13th Awaji International Forum on Infection and Immunity in Nara was held from September 23 (Tue.) to 26 (Fri.), 2013. It had been held in Awaji annually, but especially in this year, it was held at Nara Prefectural New Public Hall. The forum was concluded with great success with attendance of 203 delegates including 44 from overseas, at the wonderful venue in the middle of the Nara Park.



Research Institute for Microbial Diseases, Osaka University and The Institute of Medical Science, the University of Tokyo had played central roles in the previous forums, and added to which Institute for Virus Research, Kyoto University, Research Center for Zoonosis Control, Hokkaido University and Institute of Tropical Medicine, Nagasaki University formally took part in organizing the forum from the last year. Their participation contributed to make the forum even more fruitful attracting a wide range of attendees and speakers.

During the four days of the forum, we had lectures delivered by 17 international invited speakers and 14 national speakers. Also 11 abstracts selected from free papers were presented in the relevant sessions. We invited five professors as invited speakers and their young colleagues from Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, Australia. In the poster sessions, 117 presentations were made by young researchers from Japan and abroad. Instead of training course, the Review Talks were performed by the five leading scientists. 16 young researchers from 7 countries in Asian and Australia were awarded the travel bursary, which was the largest number in the past. Throughout all the programs the participants had very active discussions and learned each field from basic to the latest research. We also enjoyed discussions with the invited speakers in a relaxed atmosphere at the welcome reception and Banquet.



The 14th forum will be held from September 8 (Tue.) to 11 (Fri.), 2015, chaired by Prof. Yasushi Kawaguchi (The Institute of Medical Science, The University of Tokyo). The venue will be Awaji Yumebutai International Conference Center. We truly appreciate all attendees for their participation at the 13th forum and hope to meet again in the next forum.



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