

The 12th Awaji International Forum on Infection and Immunity

Period: September 10 (Tue.) – 13 (Fri.), 2013/10/09

Venue: Awaji Yumebutai International Conference Center

Chair: Aikichi Iwamoto (The Institute of Medical Science, The University of Tokyo)

The 12th Awaji International Forum on Infection and Immunity was held from September 10 (Tue.) to 13 (Fri.), 2013 at Awaji Yumebutai International Conference Center. It was concluded with great success with attendance of 195 delegates including 44 from overseas.



The Institute of Medical Science, the University of Tokyo and Research Institute for Microbial Diseases, Osaka University 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 this 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 12 international invited speakers and 16 national speakers. Also 18 abstracts selected from free papers were presented in the relevant sessions. In the poster sessions, 91 presentations were made by young researchers both inside and outside Japan. There were 53 participants in the training course which covered virology, bacteriology, parasitology and immunology. 12 young researchers from 7 countries in Asian and African countries

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 BBQ party.



The 13th forum will be held from September 23 (Tue.) to 26 (Fri.), 2014, chaired by Prof. Hitoshi Kikutani (Research Institute for Microbial Diseases, Osaka University). The venue will be changed to Nara Prefectural New Public Hall. We truly appreciate all attendees for their participation at the 12th forum and hope to meet again in the next forum.

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