

First circular of the Xth SCAR Biology Symposium

The Xth INTERNATIONAL ANTARCTIC BIOLOGY SYMPOSIUM.

This is the first announcement of the most important event for the Antarctic Biologists: The SCAR Biology Symposium. The symposium is held every four years and the next one will be the Xth symposium, which will be held in Japan. This is the first time in the Asian countries. The symposium aims to bring together the Antarctic Biologists, from senior to junior scientists including students. In particular, new findings from the IPY 2007-2008 are most encouraged to be presented. Bipolar aspects from the IPY stand point are also welcome.

The symposium theme:

**Antarctic Biology in the 21st century
----Advances in and beyond IPY ---**

The dates:

The symposium will be held from 27 to 31 July 2009.

The venue:

Conference Hall, Hokkaido University
Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan

Roadmap:

End of July 2008: First circular

1st October 2008: Second circular, registration and abstract submission open

9th January 2009: Submission of abstracts closes

31st March 2009: Early bird registration closes

1st June 2009: Registration closes

Sub-themes & Workshops

The Local Organizing Committee is developing sub-themes.

The LOC invites suggestion for workshops associated with the symposium.

Events:

Symposium

---Opening with local authorities

---Invited keynote speakers

---Oral presentations

---Poster presentations and displays



Social event

- Icebreaker party
- Symposium dinner

The International Steering Committee:

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