

M. Fukuchi doc 26 for agenda item 29 (Biology Symposium)_at SCAR-LSSSG, 5th July 2008

1. Decision of the 10th SCAR Biology Symposium in Japan

Proposal to host the SCAR Biology Symposium was talked at the LSSSG and the formal proposal was made at the XXVII SCAR in Shanghai. After discussion at LSSSG, the 9th SCAR Biology Symposium was hosted by Brazil in 2005. Again, the proposal by Japan was discussed at the XXIX SCAR in Hobart in 2006 and LSSSG agreed to organise the 10th SCAR Biology Symposium in Japan. Japan did host the XXVI SCAR in Tokyo in mid-summer of 2000 and many SCAR colleagues expressed some interests on venue in Japan. Finally, LSSSG agreed with the venue of the Symposium in Sapporo, Hokkaido, which is the northernmost big island of Japan.

2. Symposium venue at Hokkaido University

On September 5-6, 2006, Mitsuo Fukuchi (MF) visited Hokkaido University to investigate some appropriate venue for our symposium. Hokkaido University has "Conference hall". The hall has two big rooms for 310 and 196 persons. In addition, there are six more rooms ranging 196 persons to 10 persons. The whole hall has been booked for July 26 (Sun) - July 31 (Fri), 2009.

Location of the Conference Hall on campus is seen at the site below. Some relevant English sites of Hokkaido University are listed below;

-About Hokkaido University: http://www.hokudai.ac.jp/en/about/introduction_index.html

-About campus: http://www.hokudai.ac.jp/en/documents/map_english.pdf

-About useful link to Sapporo: <http://www.hokudai.ac.jp/en/pickup/usefullinks.html>

3. Accommodation in Sapporo

Followings are useful sites of accommodation in Sapporo.

<http://www.knt.co.jp/ec/2008/ipcc-imrc/>

<https://act.jtbgmt.com/gmt/ssl/APLAS2008.asp>

<http://www.knt.co.jp/ec/2008/comodia/>

<http://www.jtb.co.jp/ripple/convention/81sanei/>

4. Professional congress organiser

On September 5-6, 2006, MF visited a private agent, "Events and Convention Production" Co. Ltd. (ECP) in Sapporo and preliminarily consulted a possibility to work on our symposium, such as registration, accommodation etc. They have many experiences to work on such business at the Conference Hall of Hokkaido University and at others sites. MF visited ECP on June 24, 2008, again and consulted in more details.

Followings are their business and some of them are held at the "Conferece Hall, Hokkaido University", where our symposium will be held too.

<http://www.mpsa2008.jp/index.html>

<http://www.ipccimrc2008.jp/>

<http://www.comodia2008.jp/>

<http://www.eng.hokudai.ac.jp/labo/aplas/>

<http://www.tfec2008.jp/>

5. Activities at the Japanese national SCAR committee

The Japanese national SCAR committee at the Science Council of Japan met two times in 2007-08. The chair of the committee is MF during the current term of 2005-2008 (three years). The first meeting in this term was on August 10, 2007 and the SCAR XXIX in Hobart of 2006 was reported. The next SCAR Biology symposium in Japan of 2009 was reported too. The second meeting was on May 15, 2008 and the Japanese representatives for the SCAR XXX were decided and these representatives including MF as for the LSSSG were reported to the SCAR.

6. Establishment of Local Organising Committee (LOC)

MF and Ad Huiskes, Chair of LSSSG, exchanged e-mail on the preparation of the symposium. And MF is tentatively establishing the LOC, is acting as a chair of LOC now.

7. Draft of first circular

Draft of first circular is tentatively prepared by MF and LOC.

8. Discussion items at the LSSSG on July 5th, 2008

- (1) Approval of local organization committee
- (2) Sponsorship of the Symposium
- (3) Main theme for the symposium and for the plenary session
- (4) Composition of sub-themes
- (5) General program including some business meetings
- (6) Registration fee
- (7) Publication for the symposium
- (8) Road map toward the symposium
- (9) Others