

International Cooperation Group

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This group supports NIBB's activities related to international research collaborations, through organizing various types of international scientific meetings and technical courses, exchanging researchers and students between NIBB and oversea institutions including those with which we exchanged cooperative agreements. This group also supports NIBB's interns visiting from foreign countries.

NIBB has a mission to continually explore the leading-edge of biology and form research communities that link Japan to the world. For this purpose, NIBB holds scientific meetings including NIBB conferences and Okazaki Biology Conferences (OBC), and educational programs such as International Practical Courses. Further, NIBB is tightly interacting with the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL, European member states), the Max Planck Institute for Plant Breeding Research (MPIPZ, Germany), and Temasek Life Sciences Laboratory (TLL, Singapore) on the basis of cooperative agreements, through exchanging people and techniques and holding scientific meetings. This group supports and coordinates these international activities of NIBB.

The main activities of the group in 2013

1) Coordination of international conferences

This group coordinated the following international conferences hosted by NIBB:

The 61st NIBB Conference "Cellular Community in Mammalian Embryogenesis" Okazaki, Japan, July 10-12, 2013 (p. 86)

The 10th NIBB-EMBL Joint Symposium "Quantitative Bioimaging" Okazaki, Japan, March 17-19, 2013 (p. 87)

2) Support of dispatching researchers and students to international conferences

This group coordinated sending NIBB researchers to the following events (related to the NIBB-EMBL exchange agreement).

The 15th EMBL PhD Symposium "Competition in Biology: The Race for Survival, from Molecules to Systems", EMBL, Heidelberg, Germany, November 21-23, 2013 (p. 90)

EMBL Workshop "Morphogen Gradients" Oxford, UK, June, 26-29, 2013

NIBB investigators' lab visits to EMBL, Heidelberg

3) Support of education-related programs

This group supported the following student-related activities of NIBB.

NIBB Internship Program 2013 (p. 89)

10th Life Science Retreat, Department of Life Science, SOKENDAI. October 30-31, 2013

Collaborative Research Group

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Specially appointed associate professors of this group also belong to NIBB core research facilities and are responsible in managing collaborative research projects and practical courses using their academic background knowledge and specialties. Based on these experiences, this group explores further promotion of information exchange and collaboration among universities and institutes, both academic and industrial, and supports the development and dissemination of new experimental equipment and methods.

In 2013, this group advised the core research facilities to enhance functionality, and new equipment such as a high-sensitivity EM-DDCP camera system, protein identification software for mass spectrometry, and a spectrophotometer were purchased.

Gender Equality Promotion Group

Group Adviser: TAKADA, Shinji

This group supports the improvement of the research environment for female researchers in both research and livelihood that includes the research support system for the period of childbirth and childcare, etc., aiming at promoting the employment of female researchers.

In 2013, this group assisted in giving publicity to the recruitment of an associate professor from female candidates to NIBB, and contributed to the management of the research support system for the period of childbirth and childcare. This group organized an enlightenment lecture and published a brochure for gender equality promotion in collaboration with other institutes of the NINS.