

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

The NIBB sponsors two graduate programs.

1. Graduate University for Advanced Studies

NIBB constitutes the Department of Basic Biology in the School of Life Science of the Graduate University for Advanced Studies. The University provides a five-year Doctoral course as well as a three-year senior Doctoral course for those students who have completed a master's course (or equivalent) at any university. The Department consists of 30 Research Units (listed on page 3).

2. Graduate Student Training Program

Graduate students enrolled in other universities and institutions are eligible to conduct research for fixed periods of time under the supervision of NIBB professors.



At the Joint Seminar of the School of Life Science in October 2006.

COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROGRAM

The NIBB has a cooperative research program for researchers throughout Japan. Two main programs are available. The first provides laboratory space and facilities at NIBB while the second assists small groups

holding research meetings at NIBB. The visiting researcher and research meeting plans are approved by the NIBB Advisory Committee.

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

The NIBB hosts two international conferences, the NIBB Conference and the Okazaki Biology Conference (OBC). The NIBB Conference has been held every year since the opening of the Institute in 1977. The purpose of the NIBB Conference is to provide a limited number of active researchers with the opportunity to freely discuss current issues in various areas of biological research. The topic chosen for the 52nd NIBB Conference was "Reproductive Strategies" and for the 53rd was "Dynamic Organelles in Plants" (see pages 84, 85). The OBC, initiated in 2003, has as its long-term objective the establishment of interdisciplinary networks in pursuit of the solution of major biological problems (see pages 82, 83).

The NIBB plays a key role in the academic exchange programs between the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) and National Institutes of Natural Sciences (NINS). Efforts were made to promote intellectual, educational and technological exchange in the fields of biology and molecular biology. Academic cooperation between NIBB and EMBL includes (1) Promotion of joint research activities; (2) Invitation for faculty members and researchers to lectures, workshops, conferences, symposia, and other academic activities; (3) Exchange of graduate students for conferences and training courses; and (4) Exchange of information and academic publications.



At the 4th Okazaki Biology Conference: "Terra Microbiology 2" in September 2006.



At the excursion of the 2nd NIBB-EMBL symposium on "Frontiers of Bioimaging".