# The Okazaki Biology Conferences

#### Mission Statement

The Okazaki Biology Conferences are international conferences of the highest quality in the biological sciences and provide a forum for the presentation and discussion of frontier research.

# History

At the National Institute for Basic Biology, the senior faculty initiated a discussion in 2002 about the needs, in Japan, for a series of international conferences, at which leading scientists would come together to discuss the most recent advances in specified fields of research. No such conferences are currently held on a regular basis in Japan and Asia. We decided that the National Institute for Basic Biology should sponsor a series of such conferences. This proposal was forwarded to a number of Japanese societies of biological science, and they strongly supported our suggestion that the National Institute for Basic Biology should organize and host the conferences.

### Term

Three days with morning and afternoon sessions plus one day each for arrival and departure.

## Number of Participants

Approximately 40 internationally known scientists and promising young scientists from Japanese institutions and overseas.

## Registration

The method of registration, including submission of an abstract, is announced for each conference. Participants, with the exception of invited participants, will be requested to pay a registration fee.

## **Funding**

Invited participants will be reimbursed for expenses related to transportation as follows. For overseas participants, air round trip fee of economy class seat and transportation fee within Japan to and from the venue. For Japanese participants, transportation fee to and from the venue. In both cases, transportation fee within Japan is calculated according to the standard method of transportation settled by Japanese government.

# Accommodation

Hotel reservations are arranged through the conference office.

All meals during the conference period will be provided.