

Message

Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of the organizing committee of the Okazaki Biology Conference (OBC), hosted by the National Institute for Basic Biology (NIBB), we are pleased to announce that the 7th OBC on “The Evolution of Symbiotic Systems” will be held from January 11 to 14, 2010 at YAMAHA Resort Tsumagoi, Kakegawa, Japan.

The OBC is an international conference dedicated to providing opportunities to create new networks of scientists, and to facilitate the development of future areas of fundamental research in the biological sciences. The past six OBCs have focused on the Biology of Extinction (First - 2004 and Third - 2006), Terra Microbiology (Second - 2004 and Fourth - 2006), Speciation and Adaptation (Fifth), and Marine Biology (Sixth). With the 7th OBC, we will explore a new direction and concentrate on the fundamental, emerging science of “Symbiotic systems”. This meeting will emphasize the enormous variety of symbiotic consortia and the underlying commonalities that relate these systems.

The organizing committee looks forward to welcoming you to Tsumagoi and intends to provide you with an exciting and unforgettable scientific experience.

Best regards,

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