

A Brief Report on the 19th International Conference on Flow Injection Analysis

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The 19th International Conference on Flow Injection Analysis (ICFIA) was held in Fukuoka from 30th November to 5th December, 2014. This 19th edition of the ICFIA that also commemorated the 30th anniversary of the Japanese Association for Flow Injection Analysis (JAFIA) was organized by Prof. Toshihiko Imato and his research group of Kyushu University. There were participants from many countries, especially a big representation from Thailand that almost matched the number of local participants.

The first day was the registration and the welcome reception. We had the chance to meet the participants meanwhile we were enjoying some traditional Japanese food and beverages before starting the conference.



The second day, after the opening remarks by Prof. Imato, Prof. Gary Christian, Prof. Marek Trojanowicz, Prof. Spas Kolev and Prof. Antonio Rangel gave the first lectures as well interesting oral presentations, poster presentations and special session for young scientists were held.

The third day was the turn for the lectures of Prof. Victor Cerda, Prof. Kate Grudpan, Prof. Jianhua Wang, Prof. Manuel Miro, Prof. Kazuhisa Yoshimura and Prof. Jin-Ming Lin; more works were introduced through the oral presentations, poster presentations and special session for young scientists was



performed.

The fourth day, the excursion to Hita and Beppu took place; interesting and beautiful landmarks of Kyushu region. I helped a little as a guide during the journey; I appreciate the given opportunity to do a fair try of translation among Japanese and

English languages (with my poor Japanese language).

After the day off, the conference re-started activities with the lectures given by Prof. Purnendu Dasgupta, Prof. Pawel Koscielniak, Prof. Petr Solich and Prof. Orawon Chailapakul and a series of oral presentations among the last poster presentations and the last special session for young scientists as well.

In the evening of the fifth day of the conference, the banquet was celebrated and the awards ceremony was held. This year, the JAFIA awards were given to Prof. Jianhua Wang, Prof. Aristidis Anthemidis, Dr. Andrey Bulatov, Dr. Nuanlaor Ratanawimarnwong, Dr. Akhmad Sabarudin, Dr. Burkhard Horstkotte, Dr. Petr Chocholous, Dr. Weena Siangproh and Prof. Don Olson (in representation of Global FIA) for their outstanding contributions to the flow analysis research field. Furthermore, special awards were given to Prof. Tadao Sakai, Prof. Shoji Motomizu, Prof. Koichi Oguma, Prof. Marek



Trojanowicz, Mrs. Sue Christian and Prof. Gary Christian for their remarkable careers, contributions and support to the JAFIA.

Traditional Japanese dances were performed too; impressing all the attendants. Also, bingo lottery and a special quiz contest were played giving a lot of fun and the chance to get different presents to the participants; thanks to the great comedy skills of Prof. Keiro Higuchi, the masters of ceremony Prof.



Hiroyuki Ukeda and Prof. Hideyuki Itabashi with collaboration of Prof. Norio Teshima, Prof. Hitoshi Mizuguchi and Prof. Ryoichi Ishimatsu; we had a good time at the banquet.

Also, the 20th ICFIA was introduced by Prof. Victor Cerda, the next edition of the ICFIA is going to take place in Palma de Mallorca, Spain.

The last day of the conference continued with the last series of oral presentations; after that an awards ceremony was held recognizing the best oral and best poster presentations. The awards for the best poster presentations went to: Hirochika Kojima, Marta Fiedoruk, Nathawut Choengchan, Waleed Al-Ahmad, Jessica Avivar, Kanchana Uraisin, Hiroyuki Nakata, Yukihide Nakamura, Oxana Zahalkova, Michal Michalec, Thapanee Prueksatrakul, Yaowalak Khanhuathon, Shuai Guo, Pakorn Varanuspakul, Piyawan Phansi, Raquel Mesquita, Takamasa Kinoshita, Ines Ramos, Napaporn Youngvises and Andrey Shishov.



The awards for the best oral presentation went to: Warunya Boonjob, Fernando Maya, Wasin Wongwilai, Temsiri Songjaroen, Raquel Mesquita, Kamila Kolacinska, Sofia Rodrigues, Kamil Strzelak, Yuki Shiraishi and myself. The closing remarks were given by Prof. Toshihiko Imato, declaring the 19th ICFIA satisfactorily ended.



Finally, I would like to congratulate all the honored participants in this conference. I hope our contributions can become an example and encourage more people to introduce their research works in the future conferences (especially students, as I am). Also, I have to give my regards to Prof. Toshihiko Imato and his staff for organizing such awesome

conference; the Professors that cooperated as judges, evaluating contents and performances in the presentations performed in the special sessions for young scientists. It was a great opportunity of improvement for all of us.

I feel glad I had the chance to introduce my research results during the conference; the best oral presentation award for young researcher encourages me to keep improving, not only in my performance in the presentation of results, but in my research experiments as well. My special thanks to Prof. Tadao Sakai and Prof. Norio Teshima for the opportunity of getting into the Ph.D. studies and because without their guidance in my research, this would not be possible. Of course, it was a pleasure to greet old friends; many things to talk about after one year since the previous ICFIA celebrated in Porto,



Portugal. Also, it was really pleasant to meet more enthusiastic researchers that attended for very first time this conference. I hope, the number of participants becomes bigger for the next conferences. I would be glad to participate and to greet all of you in the future meetings whether it is possible.