

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

1. Introduction

Single-cell analysis is a rapidly developing field that aims to understand the workings of our body at the level of a single cell; an understanding that will enable us to fight cancer better, and to develop better tools for treating diseases and infections that are currently challenging. On the other hand, breathtaking advances in biomedical technology have contributed immensely to improved quality of life in developed and middle-income countries. For instance, self-use POCT (point-of-care-devices) devices for home-based blood glucose monitoring have heralded a new era of personalized medicine.

Potentially, Africa can also harness the opportunities that biomedical technology presents to combat the problems of diseases and infections. For instance, low cost powerless POCT devices for rapid testing of HIV or malaria in limited capacity areas are promising, and will, with no doubt, impact positively on the provision of affordable healthcare to the poor majority around the globe.

The upcoming meeting will discuss recent advances in single-cell analysis, biotechnology and biomedical approaches with possible applications to detection, therapy and control of diseases and infections. We hope that 3 days of research exchanges and networking will inspire unique solutions to the problems of diseases and infection in Africa and around the globe.

We welcome the participation of researchers from both industry and academia.

2. Conference Objectives

The conference aims to achieve the following objectives.

- Provide an international platform for research exchange on latest advances and application of biotechnology to solving health and environmental challenges, with particular focus on diseases and infections.
- Contribute toward the development of better diagnostic and therapeutic tools for the management of infections and diseases.
- Enhance research capacity building in Africa by enabling international level research collaboration and networking.
- Provide international participants from the industrial sector with an opportunity to gather first-hand information about Africa's technological needs and opportunities.

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3. Schedule/ Important Dates

Activity	Category	Deadline
Abstract submission		Friday, 18 th July, 2014
Notification to Authors		Friday, 25 th July, 2014
Early registration	Student	\$ 150
	General	\$ 300
Monday, 30 th June, 2014		
Normal registration	Student	\$ 200
	General	\$ 400
Monday, 4 th August, 2014		
Late registration or	Student	\$ 250
On-site registration	General	\$ 500
		Tuesday, 9 th September, 2014 or On-site

4. Sponsorship Opportunities

To enable us meet the cost of organizing this important meeting, we humbly request companies, individuals, and organizations for sponsorship. In return, we offer exciting sponsorship benefits aimed at giving our sponsors access to the diverse audience who will attend the meeting. Some of the benefits to be offered include:

- Provision of exhibition booths
- Advert on conference abstract book and other printed materials
- Special recognition during conference occasions such as banquet
- Recognition on conference website
- Complimentary free registration to scientific attendees.
- Complementary invitation to sponsor's reception and conference banquet
- Complementary attendee list (electronic and one-time-use only)
- Inserts for abstract book and conference bags (if provided)
- Website banner with link to sponsor's website
- Logo on poster and exhibit locator sign on-site

Please note that sponsorship benefits will be commensurate with sponsorship level, and that exhibition booths are limited and will be allocated on a first-come-first-serve basis. Please email <okeyo@washizu.t.tokyo.ac.jp> for more information.