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This newsletter will provide readers with news in the IPBS community. For event announcements and more news, please visit our website (www.stn.osaka-u.ac.jp)

The first Retreat together with our 13 new students: June 25-26, 2014

Our new first-year students have joined the IPBS in April; now, the total number of IPBS students is 41! We held our first 2-day retreat joined by all the students, specially-appointed faculty, Drs. Masayuki Miyasaka, Kiyoshi Takeda and Yasushi Okamura (56 of us all together) at Shirahama-so by the Lake Biwa in Shiga Prefecture.

The second- and third-year students shared their recent research topics in front of a broad audience, to gain some public speaking experience and to receive feedback from the colleagues. During the breaks between the sessions, some of us played badminton, and others played tennis or took a walk around the Lake. On the way back to the University, we made a stop to visit the Hikone Castle, one of only four castles designated as a national treasure and its origin dated back to 1603.



With all the attendees, Shiga 06/26/14



at the Hikone Castle,
Shiga 06/26/14



at the BBQ by the Lake
06/25/14

The 21st International Student Congress of (Bio) Medical Sciences (ISCOMS)

Our second-year students Naoki Inoue and Hitomi Yabe attended the student congress, ISCOMS, held at the University Medical Center Groningen (the Netherlands) from June 3rd-6th, 2014. Naoki presented his research topics in an oral session on June 3rd.

M2 curriculum:

Academic Writing Course

M2 students completed the 2-week academic writing course taught by Piet van der Laan, an instructor from the Language Center, University of Groningen, on April 23rd



MEET THE LEADERS

The IPBS students regularly invite a *leader* of their selection and organize a seminar with him or her to discuss leadership.

Below is a list of their past invited speakers and their affiliation.

1. Professor G. Balakrish Nair; Translational Health Science and Technology Institute, India. (organized by Siddhika Pareek, 1/23/14)
2. Professor Erick Boddeke, Dr. Bart Eggen and Dr. Ody Sibon; The University Medical Center Groningen, the Netherlands (organized by Hiroki Arima and Hirofumi Harada, 3/17/14)
3. Professor Mitsuhiro Yanagida; Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University, Japan (organized by Noriaki Yamada, Ryo Iwamoto, Shin Jihoon, Yuki Imaizumi, Toru Nakanishi, 5/19/14)
4. Takefumi Gemba; Senior Director, Clinical Development, Integrated Development Associates Co., Ltd., Japan (organized by Yoshitaka Kaemitsu, 7/16/14)

Dr. Kohei Takeshita and his collaborators, Prof. Atsushi Nakagawa and Prof. Yasushi Okamura, published their recent research findings in the March 2014 issue of *Nature Structural and Molecular Biology*.