Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Thank you for your willingness to join the Stensen III!

The organizing committee received about 100 mails for agreement to participate the Stensen III. Attached is a tentative list of participants and of their presentations.

We are now starting to construct the program for Stensen III. Basic Idea for program making is according to Dr Bruce Baum’s suggestion. The talks will start from the topics in the Clinical applications, in order to stress the practical importance of salivary research. Thereafter the sessions will shift gradually to the Basic one. The list of topics previously announced has been altered and a new version of the program is presented in the attached file, “Tentative prog.doc”.

Concerning the budget, in addition to the support from JSPS (Japanese Societies for Promotion of Sciences) the Federation of Japanese Pharmaceutical companies (75 companies) will donate. Moreover, to help overseas participants, the committee has contracted other companies in order to get further financial aid. Since, however, the Japanese fiscal year starts in April, we will receive the answers only then.

Other good news is that Okazaki City Council will support the Stensen III not financially but culturally. The Okazaki city will advertise the Stensen III on the city newspaper and invite overseas participants to the Museum where will be held a special exhibition on ancient armours and on the history of the three main generals in Tokugawa Family. There will be also an opening concert of Italian music offered by the Institute for Promotion of Italian Culture (Tokyo) and a special historical lecture: “The work of Fabricius ab Aquapendente (Harvey’s Teacher) in the light of the recently restored Tabulae Pictae: its influence in the development of modern anatomy in Europe and in Japan”. The lecture (free admittance of public) will be held by Prof Alessandro Riva (University of Cagliari, Italy) and simultaneously translated by Prof Konosuke Kumakura (Sophia University, Tokyo).

1. Important Information

3rd International Symposium on Salivary Glands in Honor of Niels Stensen

Date: October 20 (Fri) -24 (Tue), 2006,
Opening (Registration and Forum for Okazaki citizen) on 20 (Fri) Oct,
Scientific Session on 21-23 Oct,
Excursion on 24 (Tue) Oct.

Place: Okazaki Conference Center, NINS, Okazaki, Aichi, Japan

The committee started a Homepage in the website of National Institute for Physiological Sciences (NIPS), http://www.nips.ac.jp/stensen/.

Deadline of registration for your presentation: 20th July 2006 by e-mail to stensen@nips.ac.jp

Deadline of title and abstract: 1st September 2006 (within A4 one page including title, authors’ name and institution) for presentation by e-mail to stensen@nips.ac.jp

The organizing committee is planning a publication of expanded abstracts (each longer than A4 size 4 pages including figures and color panels. The short movies will be allowed.) in form of CD-ROM, after the symposium. The committee will make 500 copies of the CD to circulate principal laboratories in the field of salivary gland. The deadline for this expanded

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2. Registration and Booking the accommodation

To support young scientists and overseas participants, the organizing committee asks the participants the following payment at the reception desk upon your arrival at the symposium. (Attention!! no system for credit card payment, because of reduction of cost. Sorry for inconvenience.)

Registration Fee
- Participants who talk or present a poster: 20000 JYEN each
- Participants who only attend: 30000 JYEN each
- Students who talk or present a poster: 5000 JYEN each
- Students who only attend: 10000 JYEN each

Banquet Fee
- Participants: 10000 JYEN
- Students: 5000 JYEN

In the first circular, the organizing committee asked only Domestic participants (residents inside of Japan), to pay the registration fee. However, for the financial reason and support for more overseas participants, the organizing committee decided to collect above registration fee from overseas participants for 3 dinners, tea/coffee service and entertainment.

Accommodation: If you book the accommodation via the committee, the discount rate for institute is available.

Okazaki New Grand Hotel: single 7245 yen per night w/o breakfast (1260 yen)
(0564-21-5111) 40 rooms were booked

Okazaki Grand Hotel: single 6050-6600 yen per night w/o breakfast (880 yen)
(0564-23-5481) 20 rooms were booked, only Japanese style breakfast (good!)

Central Hotel: single 6090-7455 yen per night w/o breakfast (900 yen)
(0564-51-2830) 30 single rooms will be booked on 20th July

Green Hotel: single 5145-6195 yen per night
(0564-53-3151) 20 rooms were booked, including 4 twin rooms.

Lodge in the Institute from 1000 per night w/o breakfast (own responsibility)
Competition for booking will start at beginning of September.

These accommodations are within walking distance (20-30min), although the other 3 hotels are not so far. The organizing committee will book a block of rooms at above hotels and institutional lodge, from 20th to the night of 25th October 2006. If you decided early, please let us know the dates of arrival and departure, and your choice of hotels (1st, 2nd).

Support for travel and accommodation
A. Full support (surface travel to Okazaki + airfare*), staying support (hotels + meals + excursion = 50,000 JYEN)
B. Staying support (hotels + meals + excursion = 50,000 JYEN)
C. Young support (partial airfare = 60,000, hotels + meals + excursion = 50,000 JYEN)
D. Family support (meals + excursion=20,000 JYEN)
E. No support

A. Full support will be subdivided to

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A1) full support airfare (but most economical fare),
A2) airfare support 100,000 JYEN,
A3) airfare support 70,000 JYEN,
A4) airfare support 40,000 JYEN

When you send me e-mail for accept: please choose above alphabet and number and indicate them.
As soon as the financial basis will be fixed, the committee will try to accord your choice as possible and inform you. The organizing committee can promise to cover the travel cost partially with those who is covered by the other financial sources.

3. Entertainment
The organizing committee has planned followings.
1) We have high possibility to have a concert during the symposium sponsored by Italian Cultural Institute in Tokyo.
2) For Bus tour, Miso factory (Japanese Traditional Biomass production) and Toyota Motor Car Factory (will show not only new car building but also Robot playing a trumpet).
3) Japanese cuisine and tea ceremony.
4) Okazaki Mindscape Museum /Mikawa Samurai Museum

4. Others
When our financial situation will be fixed, the organizing committee will send detailed information.

If you have any question, please send e-mail. (Such as ‘May I present a paper in Japanese?’ Answer: No Official language is English, but you may use Japanese according to TPO.)

If you need a formal invitation letter by separate post (for example, to seek a travel support), please let me know.

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Your suggestion and advises for the STENSEN III are welcomed. Please send me an e-mail.
I am very looking forward to your joining the Stensen Symposium III in Okazaki!

Very best wishes,

Masataka Murakami 31th March 2006