Invitation to the 4<sup>th</sup> Stensen Symposium in Okazaki, Japan

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Dear Colleagues,

We held the third Stensen symposium in Okazaki, Japan, 2006. The symposium was fruitful and

made a chance to plan the international collaboration. Especially the intimate meeting among

young investigators and senior experts gave unexpected experience for all participants.

Since then, we had several international meetings for this field all around the world. However

the Japanese organizers could not overcome against their physical ages and Prof Sugiya and I

will retire at the end of March, 2017. We found there is no chance for us to organize another

meeting.

We would like to invite you to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Stensen Symposium scheduled from 30 November

(Wed) to 2 December (Fri) 2016. If you were possible to come to Okazaki above period, please

let me know.

We asked Prof Kashimata, who is keen to the organ morphogenesis, to join organize the

symposium, and just started to plan it. Recent financial situation of Japanese government is

severe especially for academic events. Then we cannot promise to cover all expenses of the

invited scientists, but we are trying to find the financial resource and will be possible to support

some degree. In addition, the currency exchange to Japanese yen is now much better for you

than 2006 and 2009.

The venue of the symposium: Okazaki Conference Center

Date: 30 November Wed to 2 December Fri

On 4th December, the annual meeting of Japanese Gland Society will be held in Tokyo. I

started to discuss how to co-operate both meetings.

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