



17th International Symposium on
LASER-AIDED PLASMA DIAGNOSTICS
Gateaux Kingdom Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan, September 27 – October 1, 2015



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Dear Colleagues:

With this announcement we acknowledge receipt of your intention to participate in the 17th International Symposium on Laser-Aided Plasma Diagnostics (LAPD17). The scientific sessions of this symposium will take place from Monday morning, 28 September, to Thursday noon, 1 October. There will be an evening reception on Sunday, 27 September to welcome all participants to Sapporo. The Symposium program is posted on the LAPD17 website (<http://lapd17.qe.eng.hokudai.ac.jp/>). Information about manuscript submission, presentations, registration, accommodation, social events, and important dates is listed below. The Local Organizing Committee welcomes questions at lapd17@qe.eng.hokudai.ac.jp.

Manuscript submission

The proceedings of the LAPD17 Symposium will be published in a special issue of the Journal of Instrumentation (JINST). All invited speakers and accepted presenters (both oral and poster) are encouraged to submit their original papers to this special issue. The publication is free of charge. All submissions to the proceedings will undergo the normal peer-review process in accordance with the rules of the journal. *The deadline for manuscript submission is 18 September 2015.* Please respect this deadline, as meeting it will allow the review process to start during the symposium. Full information on the manuscript submission process has been sent to abstract authors by email, and is also available on the LAPD17 website.

Presentation instructions

Poster presentations: your poster must fit within a 210 cm (H) x 90 cm (W) rectangle space. Note that the poster boards are tall and not very wide. All poster presenters should prepare one introductory slide for a 2 minute oral introduction which will be given during the Poster Introduction sessions. This slide must be a landscape format PDF file, and should be sent to lapd17@qe.eng.hokudai.ac.jp by 25 September 2015. Slides received by this date will be compiled into a single file for presentation at the scheduled Poster Introductions sessions.

Oral presentations by the invited and the contributed speakers: standard audiovisual facilities will be available. You may use either the provided computer or your own computer for your presentation. Please respect the following time limits:

Lecture type	Presentation (min)	Questions (min)	Total (min)
Akazaki	45	5	50
Special	25	5	30
General	35	5	40
Topical	20	5	25
Contributed	12	3	15

Registration

The registration desk will open at 17:30 on Sunday, 27 September. The registration fee covers attendance at all sessions, symposium materials including an abstract book, welcome reception, banquet dinner, coffee breaks, and excursion.

Accommodation

Rooms have been reserved at the symposium site, Gateaux Kingdom Sapporo, to meet the requirements you indicated on the registration form. The room rates are JPY8,500 for single occupancy, and JPY6,000 per person for twin occupancy (i.e. JPY12,000 for a room occupied by two persons). Breakfast is included in the room rates. Please pay the total amount of your accommodation expenses on arrival at the hotel reception.

Social events

Reception

The welcome reception will be held from 19:00, 27 September. Light food and beverages will be served.

Excursion

A half-day excursion is scheduled to the Shakotan Peninsula and the Nikka Yoichi whisky distillery on the afternoon of 30 September. This area is known for scenic headlands and inlets surrounded by a stunning azure sea. The Yoichi distillery was founded in 1934 by Masataka Taketsuru, who studied the art of whisky-making in Scotland. Nikka produces fine malt whisky and was crowned “The Worlds’ Best Single Malt” in 2008. The excursion includes a 40-minute cruise along the coastline of the Shakotan Peninsula on a ship with an underwater viewing gallery.

Symposium dinner

The banquet dinner will take place at 19:00 on 30 September. The winner of the poster presentation award will be announced during this dinner.

Transportation

Detailed travel information to New Chitose (or Shin Chitose) Airport (CTS), to Sapporo and to Gateaux Kingdom Sapporo was provided in the second announcement and is also available at the LAPD17 website. Participants who reserved a seat for the courtesy bus service from the airport to Gateaux Kingdom Sapporo will receive an email giving the meeting time and place. Participants who will travel individually to the conference location should consult the website for travel details.

Important dates

- Manuscript submission for JINST: 18 September 2015
- Introductory slide submission for poster presentation: 25 September 2015
- LAPD symposium: 27 September (evening) – 1 October 2015

We look forward to welcoming you in Sapporo.

Koichi Sasaki, Hokkaido University
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