
■ PRESIDENT'S LETTER ■

Invitation

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to the 77th Annual Meeting of the Japan Radiology Society (JRS) in conjunction with the 74th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Radiology Technology (JSRT), the 115th Scientific Meeting of the Japan Society of Medical Physics (JSMP), and the International Exhibitions of Medical Imaging (ITEM 2018) as Japan Radiology Congress (JRC) 2018, which to be held for 4 days on April 12-15, Thursday to Sunday, 2018 at PACIFICO Yokohama in Japan.

As the congress president of JRS, I am very pleased to extend you a warm invitation to these conferences. Radiology is becoming more important field in the world along with rapid development of recent medical technology and diagnostic imaging devices. JRS aims to design and predict the future role of radiology in clinical medicine in the global society. The main theme of the conference of JRS 2018 is “*Innovative Science and Humanism in Radiology*”. JRS will promote the innovative science for the future radiology, while the clinical medicine in radiology should be supported by the hand of humane and sincere person. Even if the scientific technology including an artificial intelligence (AI) will develop, the clinical medicine must be performed by human person. Therefore it is very important to cultivate and educate young radiologists who combine a creative brain and a rich humanity. The program of this scientific assembly is organized along the theme of JRS 2018 and we would like to give all participants a warm welcome.

Each year, more than 5,000 radiologists attend annual JRS meeting. Official languages of the meeting are both English and Japanese, therefore many researchers from overseas not only from Japan will participate in this meeting where high quality discussion to take place. English is basically used for the most of programs including oral presentations and scientific exhibits.

JRS is the scientific meeting covering the entire field of radiology and there are latest research reports, medical education reports and many symposiums on various fields. We have invited Dr. Koichi Tanaka as a special lecturer in opening ceremony, who shared the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2002 for developing a novel method for mass spectrometric analyses of biological macromolecules. JRS this year have recognized three honorary members from overseas and five members from

Japan for their outstanding achievements in developing Radiology. We have also invited many distinguished scientists from all over the world and several keynote lectures are arranged in the top of symposiums and special focus sessions, so that the keynote speakers may join the general discussion in each sessions.

Yokohama is famous as one of the world's most beautiful port cities and the cherry blossoms (Sakura) are in full bloom in spring. We sincerely hope that you will enjoy both the scientific assembly of JRC2018 and the beautiful city, Yokohama.

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