
■ PRESIDENT'S LETTER ■

Welcome to JRS 2016

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is my pleasure and honor to welcome you to the 75th Annual Meeting of the Japan Radiological Society (JRS) in Yokohama, Japan, held from 14 to 17 April 2016. As the President of the JRS 2016, I am very pleased to extend a warm invitation to you to this conference in Japan. The primary objective of the JRS scientific assembly is to promote high quality radiological practice in science and education. This will be the anniversary meeting in the platinum jubilee year of JRS. We will focus on the recent advances in radiology in Japan and predictions for future progress of radiology in the next quarter of the century.

The main theme of the conference in JRS 2016 is “Instructive, Innovative, and Integrative Radiology.” We have continuously focused on education (instruction) for young radiologists at this meeting. In addition, we have included many new and “innovative” technology programs in the scientific session in our meeting in order to expand these new techniques for clinical practice. We also believe that “integration” with other related groups will promote radiology in the future. Many symposiums are organized to discuss our collaborative fields, such as imaging diagnosis in treatment, image-based intervention, and molecular imaging in targeted therapy. We believe such integrative radiology will make better understanding in various fields, create new innovations, and promote clinical radiology.

In each year, more than 5,000 radiologists attend our annual meeting. Official languages of our meeting are both English and Japanese, and therefore, you see guidance in English everywhere in the venue. The number of attendance has been increasing in recent times, particularly from Asian countries. We have had technical exhibit and luncheon seminar from China for the first time. Such international cooperation will further promote international attendance.

We have invited 38 overseas scientists, including 25 distinguished overseas lectures. In addition, seven keynote overseas lectures are presented just before the symposium, so that the keynote speakers may join the general discussion in each symposium. The program includes English sessions in many places for 4 days.

One special session is focused on “Quantitative Imaging Biomarker Alliance (QIBA). The QIBA chairperson from RSNA is invited to discuss CT, MRI, echo, and nuclear medicine with Japanese specialists in this session. Such imaging biomarker concept will surely enhance imaging value and help globalization in medical science.

Yokohama is one of the world’s most famous port cities. The conference will take place at the Pacifico Yokohama Convention Center, which is within walking distance of hundreds of restaurants and a wide range of hotels.

Mid-April is the most beautiful season in Japan when the cherry blossoms (sakura) are in full bloom. We sincerely hope that you will enjoy both the science meeting and beauty of Japan during your stay.

We look forward to welcoming a large number of participants from all over the world.