VIIth International Symposium on Familial Amyloidotic Polyneuropathy
Organized by Japan Intractable Diseases Research Foundation

Honorary Prof. Shukuro Araki (Kumamoto University)
President Prof. Yukio Ando (Department of Diagnostic Medicine, Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Kumamoto University)

Date November 20 (Sun) – 22 (Tue), 2011
Venue The Kumamoto City Medical Association Hall 3-3-3 Honjo Kumamoto 860-0811, Japan

Call for Abstract June 20 (Mon), 2011 ~

[ Joint Hosting ]

VIIth International Symposium on Liver Transplantation in Familial Amyloidotic Polyneuropathy
President Prof. Yukihiro Inomata (Department of Pediatric Surgery and Transplantation, Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Kumamoto University)
Date November 22 (Tue) Morning, 2011

27th International Kumamoto Medical Bioscience Symposium
“IInd International Symposium on Transthyretin”
President Prof. Yukio Ando (Department of Diagnostic Medicine, Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Kumamoto University)
Date November 23 (Wed), 2011

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On behalf of the organizing committee, I extend my warmest welcome to VIIIth International Symposium on Familial Amyloidotic Polyneuropathy and VIIth International Symposium on Liver Transplantation in Familial Amyloidotic Polyneuropathy held in Kumamoto, November 20 to 22, 2011. The Symposiums will focus on recent news of amyloidogenesis of precursor proteins of FAP, pathogenesis of organ disorders in FAP, managements of FAP patients, and novel therapeutic approaches for FAP.

As well as enjoining the scientific sessions, please make the most of the opportunity to meet with colleagues and share issues of interest. In addition, Kumamoto is noted for its beautiful sceneries in the mountainside and seaside. Sightseeing is recommended before, during and after the Meeting. An active volcano, Mt. Aso, and the beautiful seaside, Amakusa are the best places to call on. We plan the city tour on November 22, including the Kumamoto Castle. You may feel SAMURAI spirits while walking in the castle and Japanese gardens.

November 23, the next day of the Symposiums, IIInd International Symposium on Transthyretin will be held in Kumamoto. Please enjoy the marvelous Congress. We are looking forward to seeing you in Kumamoto this autumn.

Yours sincerely

Yukio Ando
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**Call for Abstracts**  
*Guidelines for submission of Abstracts*

**Abstract Submission Period (Schedule) *Tentative***  
The start date for submissions: Monday, June 20, 2011  
The end date for submissions (General Oral Sessions): Monday, September 5, 2011  
The end date for submissions (Symposium): Monday, September 12, 2011

Abstracts will be reviewed and assigned to appropriate sessions. Authors will be notified regarding abstract acceptance.

Abstracts will be selected for Poster Presentation and a limited number of abstracts will be scheduled for Oral Presentation. Authors will be notified of the method of presentation. The first author is expected to attend the Symposium and present the poster or oral presentation.

The presenting author is required to ensure that all co-authors are aware of the content of the abstract before submission.

All abstracts must be submitted and presented in clear English with accurate grammar and spelling of a quality suitable for publication. If you need help, please arrange for the review of your abstract by a colleague who is a native English speaker, by a university scientific publications office (or other similar facility) or by a copy editor, prior to submission.

The abstract should be as informative as possible:
- state specific object of study  
- state method used, if pertinent  
- summarise results obtained  
- state conclusions reached  
- Standard abbreviations may be used.  
- Inclusion in the Scientific Program, Abstract is dependent upon payment of registration fees.  
- Abstracts should be submitted in good English.  
- Abstract length is about 400 words.

**Young Investigator Award**

Young investigator award will be offered Travel Grant up to 2,000 U.S. dollars to Young scientists under the age of 35 who wish to attend the symposium. Applicants who have submitted an abstract to the Symposium will be given preference.

Applicants who have been granted a bursary will be informed before the early registration deadline (September 12, 2011).

Please refer to the symposium website for more information and the abstract submission form.  
[http://www2.convention.co.jp/fapmeeting2011/](http://www2.convention.co.jp/fapmeeting2011/)
General Information

Venue
The Kumamoto City Medical Association Hall
(Next to Kumamoto University Hospital)
3-3-3 Honjo Kumamoto-shi Kumamoto
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City Accessibility
Kumamoto is located in Kyushu Island, the most southern island of Japan, and is geographically more than 1,000 km distant from the Tohoku district. This symposium venue Kumamoto and its surrounding area have no harm from the earthquake.
In the city, it is recommended to use Taxi Services. However, we provide the coach service between the major hotels and the Kumamoto City medical Association Hall in limited area during the symposium.

- From Kumamoto JR (Japan Railway) station
  10 minutes via taxi
- From Aso Kumamoto airport
  45 minutes via a car
  45 minutes via airport limousine bus by getting off at the Kumamoto Kotsu Center and 10 minutes via taxi
- From Fukuoka airport
  2 hours by highway bus to Kumamoto Kotsu Center
- From Kumamoto Kotsu Center (Bus center)
  10 minutes via taxi

Climate
The average temperature in November ranges from 7.6°C to 18.3°C.

Language
The official language of the Symposium is English.

Insurance
The organizer cannot accept responsibility for accidents that might occur. Delegates are encouraged to purchase travel insurance before leaving their home county. Insurance plans typically cover accidental loss of belongings, medical costs in case of injury or illness, and other possible risks of international travel.

Visa Requirements for Japan
To visit Japan, you must have a valid passport. A visa is required for citizens of countries that do not have visa-exempt agreements with Japan. Please contact the nearest Japanese Embassy or Consulate for visa requirements.
Currency Exchange
Only Japanese yen (JPY) is acceptable at regular stores and restaurants. Certain foreign currencies may be accepted at a limited number of hotels, restaurants and souvenir shops. You can buy yen at foreign exchange banks and other authorized money exchangers on presentation of your passport.

Traveler's Checks and Credit Cards
Traveler's checks are accepted only by leading banks and major hotels in principal cities, and the use of traveler's checks in Japan is not as popular as in some other countries. VISA, MasterCard, Diners Club, and American Express are widely accepted at hotels, department stores, shops, restaurants and nightclubs.

Electricity
Electric current is uniformly 100 volts, AC, throughout Japan. Leading hotels in major cities have two outlets of 100 and 220 volts but their sockets usually accept a two-leg plug only.

Banquet & City Tour
For social program, Banquet and City Tour are organized during the Symposium. Enjoy the Japanese cuisine and the exciting City Tour “SAMURAI Tour Walk in Kumamoto Castel”. Kumamoto Castle was celebrated 400 years anniversary recently. New palace was restored and opened for public. You may surprise the SAMURAI life. This city tour will be held on 22 November afternoon including lunch. Please sign in the city tour through our symposium website http://www2.convention.co.jp/fapmeeting2011/
Registration
Registration Period (Schedule) *Tentative
The start date for early registration: Monday, June 20, 2011
The start date for late registration: Monday, September 12, 2011
The end date for late registration: Tuesday, October 18, 2011
*On-site registration is available after October 18, 2011

Payment Policies
Registration payment in advance is accepted by Credit Cards (VISA, MASTERCARD, JCB, AMEX, DINERS)

Registration fees and Cancellation Policy are available in the website.
Please refer to the symposium website for more information.
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Accommodation
As the official Symposium Organizer, we have selected a range of accommodation options in Kumamoto, with specially reduced rates for the benefit of the participants.
For information please check our website at
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