

## Association of East Asian Research Universities 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting and 41<sup>st</sup> Board of Directors Meeting

University of Tsukuba  
23-25 September 2017, Tsukuba, Japan

### PROGRAM

	Date	Time	Program	Venue
1	September 23 Saturday		Hotel check-in & Registration	Okura Frontier Hotel Tsukuba (OFHT)
		18:00 - 20:00	Welcome Dinner	Room SUBARU OFHT Annex 1F
2	September 24 Sunday	08:30 - 09:00	Registration	Room JUPITER OFHT 3F
		09:00 - 10:20	41 <sup>st</sup> BOD Meeting	Room JUPITER OFHT 3F
		10:20 - 10:30	Coffee Break	Room JUPITER OFHT 3F
		10:30 - 12:00	23 <sup>rd</sup> AGM I	Room JUPITER OFHT 3F
		12:00 - 13:30	Lunch	Room SUBARU OFHT Annex 1F
		13:30 - 14:50	23 <sup>rd</sup> AGM II	Room JUPITER OFHT 3F
		14:50 - 15:00	Group Photo	Room JUPITER OFHT 3F
		15:00 - 15:15	Coffee Break	Room JUPITER OFHT 3F
		15:30 - 17:00	Lab & Campus Tour 15:30 - 16:15 International Institute for Integrative Sleep Medicine (IIS) 16:25 - 17:00 Empowerment Studio	University of Tsukuba Campus
		17:15 - 18:00	Leave for Edoya Tsukuba-san	
		18:00 - 19:00	Edoya Hot Spring Bath / Tsukuba Shrine or Interacting with University of Tsukuba students	Edoya Tsukuba-san
		19:00 - 21:00	Farewell Dinner	Edoya Tsukuba-san
21:00 - 21:45	Back to Tsukuba	OFHT		
3	September 25 Monday	9:00	Hotel check-out	OFHT
		09:30 - 10:45	2017 Tsukuba Global Science Week (TGSW) Opening Session	Tsukuba International Congress Center
		10:45 - 12:00	Free to attend TGSW sessions	Tsukuba International Congress Center
		12:00 - 13:00	Lunch (vouchers will be in your AEARU bags)	A selection of various restaurants
		13:00 - 17:00	AEARU Poster Session: Explore East Asian Universities and Culture	Room 101 (1F) Tsukuba International Congress Center

## Meetings Overview

The University of Tsukuba is pleased to host the 41<sup>st</sup> BOD meeting and the 23<sup>rd</sup> AGM meeting in Tsukuba.

### Board of Directors Meeting

- Date: September 24, 2017 (9:00 – 10:30)
- Venue: Room Jupiter 3F, Okura Frontier Hotel Tsukuba
- Participants: AEARU Board of Directors Meeting

### Annual General Meeting

- Date: September 24, 2017 (10:45 – 15:00)
- Venue: Room Jupiter 3F, Okura Frontier Hotel Tsukuba
- Participants: AEARU members

### Venue of the BOD & AGM meetings

Okura Frontier Hotel Tsukuba  
1-1364-1 Azuma, Tsukuba, Ibaraki, 305-0031, Japan  
TEL : 81-29-852-1112  
FAX: 81-29-852-5623

## AEARU Poster Session at TGSW 2017

The University of Tsukuba will hold an AEARU poster session wherein every AEARU member university has the opportunity to introduce its own university the day after the AEARU BOD & AGM during Tsukuba Global Science Week (TGSW) 2017. If you wish to have your poster printed by us, please send the data via email by August 31, 2017. More details will follow.

### AEARU Poster Session

- Date: September 25, 2017 (13:00 – 15:00)
- Venue: Tsukuba International Congress Center
- Poster Size: W90 x H210cm

## Opening Session at TGSW 2017

The University of Tsukuba would like to invite you to the opening session of TGSW 2017. This year's theme is on "Social Innovation". TGSW started in 2010 and has been held annually since. Last year, there were 42 sessions in various academic fields and over 1,500 participants attended (about 720 presenters from 113 institutions and 33 countries).

### Tsukuba Global Science Week (TGSW) 2017

- Date: September 25, 2017
- Venue: Tsukuba International Congress Center

### Venue of TGSW 2017

Tsukuba International Congress Center (TGSW)  
2-20-3, Takezono, Tsukuba, Ibaraki, 305-0032, Japan

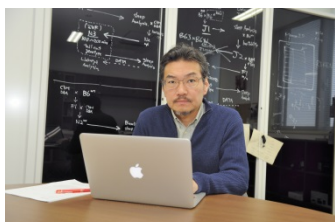
URL: <http://www.kokuren.tsukuba.ac.jp/TGSW2017/index.html>



## Laboratories/Campus Tour

The University of Tsukuba, located in the heart of Tsukuba Science City, hosts cutting-edge research laboratories on campus. After the AGM meeting, we visit two laboratories.

### [Tour 1]



**International Institute for Integrative Sleep Medicine (IIIS)**, a research center focused on searching for and explaining the fundamental mechanism of sleep and wakefulness, was selected in 2012 as one of the World Premier International Research Center Initiative (WPI) Projects of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT). WPI was established to attract top-notch researchers from all over the world and to further improve the quality of science and technology.

URL: <http://wpi-iis.tsukuba.ac.jp/>

### [Tour 2]

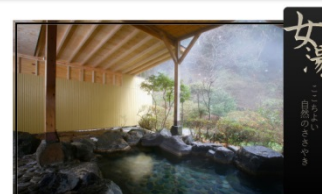
**Empowerment Studio** was built for the Empowerment Informatics program, adopted as one of the Programs for Leading Graduate School of MEXT in 2014. Empowerment Informatics is a new branch of informatics that aims to supplement and extend human functions and enable technology to work in harmony with people, since future societies are expected to demand engineering systems capable of improving quality of life in terms of safety, convenience, a sense of fulfillment, etc. These engineering systems are being developed and experimented in the studio.



URL: [http://www.emp.tsukuba.ac.jp/english/pdf/studioleaflet\\_20151005.pdf](http://www.emp.tsukuba.ac.jp/english/pdf/studioleaflet_20151005.pdf)

## Mt. Tsukuba Hot Spring & Farewell Dinner

A farewell dinner will be hosted at Edoya Tsukuba-san (Edoya) where you can choose to enjoy a hot spring bath (温泉), or engage with our students in conversation at the hotel lobby. The Mt. Tsukuba shrine visit will largely depend on conditions on that day.



Edoya was founded over 300 years ago, well known as a historical and traditional Japanese-style hotel. It is situated on Mt. Tsukuba.



In the old days, people used to say “Mt. Fuji in the west, Mt. Tsukuba in the east”. Mt. Tsukuba is 877 meters high with two peaks associated with the god Izanagi and goddess Izanami of Japanese mythology, protectors of the people from evil and illness. Mt. Tsukuba has been a sacred mountain that people worship.

Mt. Tsukuba shrine was founded in the 7th century. During the Edo Period (1603-1868), the shrine was seen as a guard to protect Edo (present Tokyo) because of its location.

### Edoya Tsukuba-san

728 Tsukuba, Tsukuba, Ibaraki 300-4352  
Tel: 029-866-0321

### International Week Event during BOD & AGM

For the past three years, the University of Tsukuba has been hosting an international cultural festival focusing on a partner country we have strong ties with. This year, it will be “Brazilian Week” scheduled from 22-25 September (in parallel with AEARU BOD & AGM). You may enjoy experiencing Brazilian culture through food, talks, dance, etc. During lunch on 24 September, the Samba parade will be in the vicinity.

### Ongoing Local Event

**Tsukuba Challenge 2017**, an experimental showcase of autonomous running mobile robots, will be held on September 23, 2017. This event has been held since 2007 and over 500 research teams from the University of Tsukuba, research institutes and businesses in Tsukuba Science City join the event.

URL: <http://www.tsukubachallenge.jp/> (available in Japanese only)

### Hotel Information

The University of Tsukuba will provide accommodations for two persons (one representative and one accompanying delegate) from each of the AEARU member universities during the 41<sup>st</sup> BOD meeting and 23<sup>rd</sup> AGM meeting. If you have more than two delegates, we can make hotel reservations for them. Please note that any extra charges, including laundry, mini-bar, telephone etc., will be the responsibility of the guests.

Hotel Information:

Okura Frontier Hotel Tsukuba  
1-1364-1 Azuma, Tsukuba, Ibaraki, 305-0031, Japan  
TEL : 81-29-852-1112  
FAX: 81-29-852-5623  
URL: <http://www.okura-tsukuba.co.jp/eng/>



- Breakfast is included
- Free Wi-Fi
- Check in 2:00pm / Check out 11:00am
- Two-minute walk from Tsukuba station

### Visa Information

If you need any supporting documents for visa application procedures, please fill in the registration form and return it to us at your earliest convenience.

### Airport Transfers & Local Transportation Service

**Pick-Up:** Airport transportation service has been arranged for you in accordance with your flight schedule. A welcoming staff will be waiting at the Arrival Gate of Narita/Haneda Airport with a sign that says “AEARU-Association of East Asian Research Universities”. If you are unable to locate the pick-up sign, please contact Ms. Chiho Kabeya at +81-(0)29-853-2945.

Pick-up sign



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**Departure:** Tsukuba has arranged a send-off service to the airport. We will notify you of Tsukuba when you arrive and check in at the hotel. If you prefer to change your departure time, please contact Ms. Chiho Kabeya at +81-(0)29-853-2945.

Estimated transportation time (depending on road conditions)

- 1) From Narita Airport to Tsukuba: approx. 1hr 10min
- 2) From Haneda Airport to Tsukuba: approx. 1hr40min-2hrs
- 3) From Tokyo Station to Tsukuba: approx. 1hr30min-1hr45min

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