The 8th AEARU Joint Workshop on Life Sciences, “Toward the Establishment of New Frontier in Life Sciences”
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We have the 8th AEARU Joint Workshop on Life Sciences, “Toward the Establishment of New Frontier in Life Sciences” in Tsukuba (Tsukuba International Conference Hall), November 4-6, 2006.

Besides regular session (10 speech), in this workshop we have poster session (28 presentations) in collaboration with the Tsukuba Society for Molecular medicine (TSMM) and MEXT program for Junior Samurai Training in University of Tsukuba. We also have the oral session (10 speakers) selected in the poster presentations. Graduate students and postdoctoral fellows at University of Tsukuba presented posters. Two universities (Tsinghua University-Hsinchu, Pohang University of Science and Technology) from outside Japan and 5 universities (Tohoku University, University of Tokyo, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Kyoto University, University of Tsukuba) from Japan of AEARU members participated in the workshop. 153 participants could have animated discussion. We accompanied the pamphlet of abstracts of papers with this report.

We summarized successful and unsuccessful points in this workshop as follows;
1. New plans: Awards for young scientists

We have the workshop with poster session for young scientists, and the additional oral presentations by the young speakers selected in the poster presentation. The other was the award for graduate students selected in the poster presentation. These awards encouraged and activated young scientists.

2. A few AEARU members from outside Japan joined on the workshop

To encourage participation in the workshop from outside Japan, we announced that University of Tsukuba had decided on a new policy to provide overseas speakers with financial support that included the registration fee and the fee for hotel accommodation. With this financial support, overseas speakers have only to pay for their travel expenses to participate in the workshop. However, these supports did not allow participation in the workshop. We regret that.

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