The First SPring-8 Symposium

The first SPring-8 symposium was held in CAST (Center for Advanced Science and Technology) from March 17 - 19, 1998. We had already organized a symposium with the same name in October 1996. At that time, however, SPring-8 was still in it's construction phase; the linac had succeeded in operation, the accumulator synchrotron had just been commissioned, and the operation of the storage ring was anticipated the following March. Therefore, the program was composed mainly of the introduction of SPring-8 and projects submitted by subgroups of users.

The situation has completely changed in the 1.5 years since that time. The synchrotron beam has already been opened to users, and many interesting scientific results are constantly appearing. Considering the current circumstances, we have decided to give the symposium the same name as the first one.

A steering committee was organized with several members from the community of users and from SPring-8, and the committee decided on the following structure for the program.

March 17 (Present status of SPring-8)

Opening remarks S. Kikuta Overview H. Ohno

Accelerator H. Ohkuma, H. Tanaka

Beamlines O. Shimomura, T. Tanaka, Y.

Yoneda, M. Yabashi

Security J. Tada

Party

March 18 (Report of users)

BL01B1 S. Emura

BL02B1 Y. Noda, H. Toraya, K. Ohshima,

Y. Ozawa

BL04B1 K. Urakawa, K. Tamura

BL08W N. Hiraoka BL09XU Y. Yoda, M. Seto

Lunch

BL10XU H. Oyanagi, N. Hamaya
BL39XU H. Maruyama, S. Hayakawa
BL41XU N. Kamiya, K. Miki, T. Yamane
BL45XU M. Yamamoto, T. Fujisawa

BL47XU Y. Kohmura

Dinner

BL23SU T. Shimada
BL25SU Y. Saito
BL14B1 K. Konishi
BL44B2 S. Adachi

March 19 (Planned beamlines)

High brilliance (SAS) beamline N. Yagi High resolution (Inelastic Scattering) beamline

Y. Tanaka

Medical application beamline N. Yagi, Y.

Suzuki

Report of the beamline committee O. Shimomura

(Proposal review and users assistance)

Proposal review T. Ueki Users assistance T. Takeda

Discussions

Closing remarks H. Kamitsubo

The number of participants at this symposium was over 230. The presentations on the beamlines and the reports on various experiments were all very impressive. All of the participants were confident that SPring-8 had been commissioned on schedule, and promises a very bright future in the newly opened field of science.

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