

## VIII. Users Societies, Conferences and Other Activities

### Users Society

The **SPring-8 Users Society** was organized in May 1993, when SPring-8 did not exist, to discuss the construction of and the scientific research studies at SPring-8. During the construction and development phases of SPring-8, the SPring-8 Users Society made enormous contributions in helping construct the beamlines and promoting the utilization of SPring-8 through discussions among users and between users and facility staff. However, the number of members of the SPring-8 Users Society remained to be about 1,200, while the number of SPring-8 users reached 9,000 at present. This situation necessitates the SPring-8 Users Society to be reformed so that it could organize all users of SPring-8 and could continue to make contribution in the promotion of the utilization and upgrade of SPring-8 at a mature phase of SPring-8.

In April of 2012, a new organization, SPring-8 Users Community (SPRUC), was formed; it includes not only all users but also potential users who are interested in using SPring-8. In terms of its organization, SPRUC has a remarkable feature, that is, the representatives of about thirty institutes (principal universities and national research institutes), to which quite a few users belong, participate in SPRUC to discuss further promotion of the utilization of SPring-8 from strategic and bird's-eye viewpoints. As a kick-off of SPRUC, SPRUC will organize a SPring-8 users symposium in August 2012 at Osaka University.

The **Industrial Users Society of SPring-8** was established by the members of various companies in September 1990 to promote the use of SPring-8 and develop the SPring-8 user program. Several research groups focused on various fields of applications have been organized; at present, eight are active. The main purpose of the society is not only to provide information on the trends of the synchrotron radiation facilities in Japan and abroad, and their latest research achievements, but also to enhance communication among the industrial sector, JASRI, and MEXT. As a result, the percentage of industrial applications has increased to 20% in terms of the number of proposals approved. The society consists of 78 companies and one organization as of December 31, 2011.

### Users Meeting

The meeting for users jointly organized by the SPring-8 Users Society and/or the Industrial User Society of SPring-8, and JASRI and RIKEN is listed below.

- The 8th Report Meeting on SPring-8 Industrial Application  
September 8–9, 2011 - Translational Research Informatics Centre, Kobe

## Conferences and Workshops

The conferences and workshops organized, sponsored, or hosted by RIKEN, JASRI, or both in 2011 are listed below.

- 24th Annual Meeting of Japanese Society for Synchrotron Radiation Research  
January 7–10, 2011 - Tsukuba International Congress Centre, Ibaraki
- 6th Workshop on Speciation, Techniques, and Facilities for Radioactive Materials at Synchrotron Light Sources and Other Quantum Beam Sources  
March 2–4, 2011 - Public Relations Center and "Houkou-kan", SPring-8
- The Report Meeting of SPring-8 Industrial Application Proposals in FY2010  
March 2, 2011 - Convention Room AP Shinagawa, Tokyo
- The Symposium on X-ray Free Electron Laser  
April 21, 2011 - PACIFICO Yokohama
- The Workshop on SPring-8 Upgrade Plan  
April 25–26, 2011 - Public Relations Center, SPring-8
- The 1st Annual Meeting for Whole-Organism Science Society / Joint Meeting with  
The 10th Annual Meeting of Whole Cell Project of *Thermus thermophilus* HB8  
August 19–21, 2011 - Public Relations Center, SPring-8
- The 3rd Workshop on the Basis of Synchrotron Radiation  
September 6–7, 2011 - Kwansei Gakuin University, Osaka
- The 4th Workshop on the SPring-8 Budding Researchers Support Program  
October 12, 2011 - Campus Innovation Centre, Tokyo
- The FEL 3-site Meeting  
October 31–November 3, 2011 - RIKEN SPring-8 Center and Hotel Wakamizu, Takarazuka, Hyogo
- SPring-8 Conference  
November 1–2, 2011 - Tokyo Station Conference, Tokyo
- The 1st Activity Report Meeting of Advanced Softmaterial Beamline Consortium  
November 8, 2011 - Osaka International Convention Centre, Osaka
- The Workshop on Phase-Change Materials and Disordered Materials-Towards New Functional Materials  
November 11–12, 2011 - Osaka Science & Technology Center, Osaka
- The 1st Workshop on the Utilization of SACLA  
November 24, 2011 - XFEL Experimental Facility, SACLA, SPring-8
- The 1st SACLA Symposium  
December 3, 2011 - Marunouchi MY PLAZA Hall, Tokyo
- The Annual Meeting of SPring-8 Priority Nanotechnology Support Program FY2010/2011  
December 20, 2011 - Shinagawa Hotel U-Port, Tokyo



## Other Activities

- The 2nd Open Lecture for Citizens  
March 26, 2011 - Himeji City Cultural Center, Hyogo
- The 19th SPring-8 Open House  
April 30, 2011
- The 11th SPring-8 Summer School 2011  
July 10–13, 2011 - Public Relations Center, SPring-8
- The 5th AOFSSR School - Cheiron School 2011  
September 26–October 5, 2011 - Public Relations Center, SPring-8

