

VIII. Users Societies, Conferences, and Other Activities

Users Society

The **SPring-8 Users Society** was organized in May 1993, when SPring-8 still 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 to the construction of the beamlines and the promotion of 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 at about 1,200, while the number of SPring-8 users reached more than 10,000. This situation necessitated the reconstruction of the SPring-8 Users Society to enable it to organize all users of SPring-8 and continue to contribute to the promotion of the utilization and upgrade of SPring-8 in the mature phase.

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, 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. To kick off SPRUC, the SPring-8 Symposium 2012, with the theme of "Science, Technology and Innovation", was held on August 25 and 26, 2012, at Osaka University. At the symposium, the SPRUC2012 Young Scientist Award was conferred to two young scientists (Dr. Xeniya Kozina of JASRI and Dr. Marcus Kitchen of Monash University.) A Panel discussion session on "Ground design of Synchrotron Radiation Research and the Mission of SPRUC" was organized, in which views on the future of Synchrotron Radiation Research were presented by chairs of principal synchrotron radiation facilities in Japan, and hot discussion followed on the basis of the views presented. The SPring-8 Symposium 2013 is scheduled for September at Kyoto University.



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 first SPring-8 Symposium by SPRUC
August 25–26, 2012 - Osaka University, Suita, Osaka
- The 9th Activities Report Meeting on SPring-8 Industrial Application
September 6–7, 2012 - Aichi Arts Center, Nagoya, Aichi

Conferences and Workshops

The conferences and workshops organized, sponsored, or hosted by RIKEN, JASRI, or both in 2012 are listed below.

- 25th Annual Meeting of Japanese Society for Synchrotron Radiation Research
January 6–9, 2012 - Civic Cultural Hall Tosu, Saga
- The first JASRI CROSS Joint Workshop Industrial Applications of Synchrotron Radiation
January 16, 2012 - KENKYUSHA EIGO CENTRE, Tokyo
- The 3rd SPring-8 DIAMOND Joint Workshop Industrial Applications of Synchrotron Radiation
May 21–23, 2012 - XFEL Experimental Facility, SACLA and Nichii Gakkan Kobe Port Island Center, Kobe
- The 17th Sagamore Conference
July 15–20, 2012 - Daini Meisui Tei, Kitayuzawa, Hokkaido
- The 2st Workshop on the Utilization of SACLA
August 1, 2012 - XFEL Experimental Facility, SACLA
- The 4th Workshop on the Basis of Synchrotron Radiation
August 3–4, 2012 - The University of Tokyo, Tokyo
- The 34th International Free-Electron Laser Conference (FEL2012)
August 26–31, 2012 - Nara Prefectural New Public Hall, Nara
- The 6th International Workshop on Semiconductor Pixel Detectors for Particles and Imaging (PIXEL2012)
September 3–7, 2012 - Hotel Listel Inawashiro, Fukushima
- The Workshop on Science of Cultural Heritage
September 28, 2012 - Kenkyusha Eigo Centre, Tokyo
- The 2st Annual Meeting for Whole-Organism Science Society
Joint Meeting with
The 11th Annual Meeting of Whole Cell Project of *Thermus thermophilus* HB8
September 28–29, 2012 - Public Relations Center, SPring-8 and XFEL Experimental Facility, SACLA
- The first SPring-8 Photon Factory joint Workshop Industrial Applications of Synchrotron Radiation
October 19, 2012 - TKP Tokyo-eki Yaesu Conference Center, Tokyo
- The 5th Workshop on the SPring-8 Budding Researchers Support Program
November 27, 2012 - Campus Innovation Centre, Tokyo
- The 2st SACLA Symposium
December 8, 2012 - Tokyo International Forum, Tokyo
- International Workshop on the Science and Design of Diffraction Limited Storage Rings
December 14–15, 2012 - XFEL Experimental Facility, SACLA

Other Activities

- The 20th SPring-8 Open House
April 30, 2012 - SPring-8, Hyogo
- The 12th SPring-8 Summer School 2012
July 15–18, 2012 - Public Relations Center, SPring-8
- The 6th AOFSTR School - Cheiron School 2012
September 24 – October 3, 2012 - Public Relations Center, SPring-8

