

## VIII. Users Societies, Conferences, and Other Activities

### SPring-8 Users Community (SPRUC)

The **SPring-8 Users Society** was organized in May 1993, before SPring-8 existed, to discuss the construction of and the scientific research studies at SPring-8. During the construction and development phases, the SPring-8 Users Society made enormous contributions in constructing the beamlines and promoting the utilization of SPring-8 through discussions among users and between users and facility staff. The number of members in the SPring-8 Users Society has been constant around 1,200, but the number of SPring-8 users has exceeded 10,000. Consequently, the SPring-8 Users Society had to be reformed to represent all SPring-8 users and to continue to contribute to the promotion, utilization, and upgrades of SPring-8 as it evolves.

In April 2012, a new organization, SPring-8 Users Community (SPRUC), was formed; it includes not only all users but also potential users interested in SPring-8. In terms of its organization, SPRUC has a remarkable feature. About 30 institutes (principal universities and national research institutes), where many users belong, participate in SPRUC to discuss the promotion and utilization of SPring-8 from strategic and perspective viewpoints.

One of the key activities of SPRUC is to host an annual SPring-8 symposium at a site of one of its members in conjunction with RIKEN and JASRI. The SPring-8 symposium 2013 which had a theme of "Innovative Science & Technology for the Next Generation," was held at Kyoto University on 7 and 8 September 2013. In addition, SPRUC provides a Young Scientist Award to recognize pioneering achievements in photon science by individual young scientists using SPring-8. The award ceremony and winning lecture are held at the SPring-8 Symposium. SPRUC2013 Scientist Young Award was conferred to two young scientists (Dr. Alexander Gray, SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory and Mr. Keita Ito, University of Tsukuba). The SPring-8 Symposium 2014 is scheduled for September at The University of Tokyo.

SPRUC established a Project Committee in March of 2013. A working group (WG), which is comprised of subject-matter experts working together to achieve specific goals, is formed under the Project Committee. In March 2013, the "WG on Future vision of SR source" was organized to promote discussions about the grand design of domestic light source projects. In June 2013, the "WG on Reorganization of SPRUC Research Groups" was established to solve the current problems in the organization of SPRUC Research Groups and to improve their activities. In December 2013, the "WG on Graduate Programs" was organized to discuss an effective on-site education for young scientists.

**SPring-8 Symposium 2013**  
Innovative Science & Technology for the Next Generation



### Users Meeting

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

- The 10th Report Meeting on SPring-8 Industrial Application  
September 5-6, 2013 – Hyogo Prefecture Citizens' Hall, Kobe, Hyogo
- SPring-8 Symposium 2013  
September 7-8, 2013 – Kyoto University, Uji, Kyoto

## Conferences and Workshops

The conferences and workshops organized, sponsored, or hosted by RIKEN, JASRI, or both in 2013 are listed below.

- The 2nd Workshop Frontier Softmaterial Beamline (BL03XU), SPring-8  
January 9, 2013 – Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Fukuoka
- The 26th Annual Meeting of Japanese Society for Synchrotron Radiation Research  
January 11-14, 2013 – Nagoya University, Nagoya, Aichi
- 4th International Symposium on Diffraction Structural Biology 2013  
May 26-29, 2013 – Nagoya City Hall to promote small to medium enterprises, Nagoya, Aichi
- The 31st Seminar on Interface Science in Kansai, Japan  
"Surface and Interface World by Synchrotron Radiation"  
August 2-3, 2013 – SPring-8, Sayo, Hyogo
- The 5th Workshop on the Basis of Synchrotron Radiation  
August 2-3, 2013 - The University of Tokyo, Komaba, Tokyo
- Light and Particle Beams in Materials Science 2013  
August 28-31, 2013 – EPOCHAL TSUKUBA, Tsukuba, Ibaraki
- The 7th Asia Oceania Forum for Synchrotron Radiation Research  
September 21-24, 2013 - Egret Himeji, Himeji, Hyogo
- The 6th Workshop on the SPring-8 Budding Researchers Support Program  
December 6, 2013 - Campus Innovation Center, Shibaura, Tokyo
- Neutron Industrial Use Seminar  
December 13, 2013 – Plaza for Citizens of Chiba Prefecture, Kashiwa, Chiba



## Other Activities

- The 21th SPring-8 Open House  
April 27, 2013 – SPring-8, Sayo, Hyogo
- The 13th SPring-8 Summer School 2013  
June 30 - July 3, 2013 – SPring-8, Sayo, Hyogo
- The 7th AOFSSRR School - Cheiron School 2013  
September 24 - October 3, 2013 – SPring-8, Sayo, Hyogo



