

## VIII. Users Societies and Other Activities

### SPRing-8 Users Community (SPRUC)

SPRing-8 Users Community (SPRUC) is a user society that includes not only all users but also potential users who are interested in using SPRing-8. In addition to these individuals, representing organizations of about 24 institutes (principal universities, national/international research institutes, industries, beamline consortiums), participate in SPRUC to discuss further promotion of the utilization of SPRing-8 from strategic and perspective viewpoints.

As one of the key activities of SPRUC, the SPRing-8 Symposium is held annually at the site of one of the representing organizations jointly with RIKEN and JASRI. The 2014 SPRing-8 Symposium, with the theme "New Dimension of Science and Technology Using SPRing-8," was held at the University of Tokyo on September 13 and 14, 2014. SPRUC provides Young Scientist Award to recognize pioneering achievements in photon science by individual young scientists using SPRing-8. The award ceremony and award lecture were held at the SPRing-8 Symposium. The SPRUC2014 Young Scientist Award was conferred to two young scientists (Dr. Ryuichi Nomura, Tokyo Institute of Technology and Dr. Hiroshi Nishimasu, The University of Tokyo). The 2015 SPRing-8 Symposium is scheduled to be held on September 13 and 14, at Kyushu University.

In accordance with the recommendation by the "WG on Reorganization of SPRUC Research Groups," SPRUC has established "SPRUC multidisciplinary research groups" that work in multidisciplinary research fields in order to promote the use of SPRing-8 in the new areas that will be important for future developments in science and technology. This was one of the main activities of SPRUC in 2014. As the beginning of this activity, four multidisciplinary research fields and four program officers leading each multidisciplinary research group were designated following comprehensive advice from the advisors of the SPRUC research groups. For the constant renewal of the system, each multidisciplinary research group works two years and is then expected to organize a new research group. The first Joint Workshop for the SPRUC Multidisciplinary Research Group was held on February 19, 2015 at the Akihabara Convention Center. The main purpose of the workshop was to exchange information between groups at the forefront of science and the advanced use of SPRing-8, thereby exploring the functions of multidisciplinary research groups in developing new research fields and discovering potential users of their groups. From 2015, the multidisciplinary research groups will undertake an innovative use of SPRing-8 through organic collaboration with JASRI and RIKEN.



*Young Scientist Award  
Prof. A. Takahara, Dr. H. Nishimasu and Prof. J. Mizuki*



## Other Activities

- The 22nd SPring-8 Open House  
April 27, 2014 – SPring-8
- The 14th SPring-8 Summer School 2014  
July 6-9, 2014 – Public Relations Center, SPring-8
- The 8th AOFSSRR School - Cheiron School 2014  
September 23 - October 2, 2014 – Public Relations Center, SPring-8

### Summer School



### SPring-8 Open House



### Cheiron School 2014

