Announcement for and Invitation to the 16th Annual Meeting of Japanese Society of Vaccinology (JSV)

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The 16th Annual Meeting of Japanese Society of Vaccinology will be held at PACIFIKO YOKOHAMA on Nov. 17-18th, 2012. Since 1997, the Japanese Society of Vaccinology (JSV) has been one of leading national scientific organizations based on the solid basic research, state-of-the-art production technology, unique research and development (R&D) environment, regulatory science and excellent clinical studies related to vaccine. JSV has been a driving force for the creation of “Vaccinology” in Japan through a series of scientific meetings and domestic scientific activities. In this year’s upcoming meeting, we aim to share and exchange our latest knowledge in Vaccinology with the rest of world. Although it is our annual national meeting, we share the value of global scientific interaction and collaboration for advancement of Vaccinology. Therefore, the slogan of this year’s JSV annual meeting is “Voyage and Challenge in Vaccine Development from Japan to the World”. In order to accomplish the object, “English” is now introduced as an additional official language in addition to “Japanese” for the upcoming JSV meeting. Your abstract can also be submitted in English for the annual meeting. Further, plenary lecture and a part of symposia will be in English. We encourage you to prepare your abstract, slide and poster in English and hope you will be a center of international flavor of the JSV annual meeting in Yokohama.

In order to reflect our theme of this year’s JSV annual meeting, we will have a joint symposium with International Society of Vaccine (ISV), “Vaccine Development beyond the Future” on afternoon of the first day (Nov. 17). As you may know, our original plan was to organize JSV-ISV joint annual meeting here in Japan, however, the plan was cancelled due to the unfortunate 3.11 earthquake and tsunami in east Japan with subsequent nuclear accident in Fukushima. Thus, the session will be not only international symposium, but also the symposium with a sympathetic tone for the victims and supporting their recovery. Just before the joint symposium on Nov. 17, an international plenary lecture on the recent research of H5N1 Influenza Virus will be delivered by Professor Yoshihiro Kawaoka who is one of the world leading virologists.
We also introduce at first in the history of JSV annual meeting, a format of the poster session with wine and cheese after the JSV and ISV joint international symposium. During the poster session, you will have also chance to experience displays of modern scientific information and technology related to Vaccinology.

The two-day morning sessions consist of vaccines for “Respiratory Infection”, “Tropical Virus Infection”, “Digestive Infection”, “Sexually Transmitted Diseases”, “Recombinant Vector-typed Vaccine” and “Adjuvant and Drug Delivery System”. In addition to these conventional and important sessions for Vaccine, this year’s program offers new sessions focused on vaccines for “Veterinarian” and “Non-infectious Diseases” including lifestyle-related diseases as well as a new “Act on Special Measures for Preparedness and Response against Pandemic Influenza and New Infectious Diseases”. A series of oral presentation installed into the two-day morning sessions will be selected from all of submitted abstracts for the poster session by the program committee of 16th JSV Annual Meeting of JSV in addition to invited speakers. After the two-day morning sessions, we will also have six academic luncheon seminars sponsored by leading vaccine companies.

Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare of Japan have decided to introduce injectable inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) instead of currently used oral polio vaccine (OPV) in September, 2012. In this regards, JSV will have a four-hour scientific seminar named “Induction of IPV and Future Aspects in Japan” on Nov.18th afternoon. The session is consisted of (1) basic aspect of poliomyelitis and polio vaccine, (2) clinical view for poliomyelitis and polio vaccine, (3) production and regulation aspects of IPV. Here, we will have an opportunity to objectively discuss past, present and future of polio vaccine in Japan with authorities from basic and clinical science, industry, and medicine and regulation body. For your information, we have attached the time table of the program.

Before and after the JSV annual meeting, we are planning to have two satellite symposiums. A pre-JSV international seminar on “Modern Genome based Vaccine Design” is being planned by Dr. Annie De Groot on Nov. 16th at Pacificko Yokohama. As a post-JSV national meeting entitled “Development of New Generation Vaccine against Infectious Diseases” is being organized by Dr. Koichi Yamanishi, Director of National Institute of Biomedical Innovation, which will be held at Tokyo Conference Center Shinagawa on Nov. 19th., 2012.

On behalf of JSV, we are looking forward to having a successful annual meeting with
many of national and international participants, having excited presentation, fruitful discussion, and sharing advanced information. See you in Yokohama, a beautiful and sensible port city, a gateway for around the world!

Finally, we invite you to visit JSV web page below for more information about JSV and annual meeting.

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