

Introduction to ICANS-XI

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Ladies and Gentleman,

I would like to express our hearty welcome to all the participants at the 11th Meeting of ICANS, in particular to the foreign colleagues who came over to this meeting.

I remember the 4th Meeting of ICANS which was held just ten years ago here in KEK. It was the time just after the KENS facility began to deliver the neutron beam to users. In following ten years, large scale spallation sources were constructed in many ICANS laboratories and are now exploiting new fields of condensed matter and fundamental physics researches. I am convinced that the ICANS meetings have made a great contribution to the successes in those facilities and eventually to the world's neutron society. In the past ICANS meetings, a first topic was historically "target station" and the second topic has alternated between "Instrumentation" and "Accelerator". In recent years, however, we had no Accelerator Workshop. We think it is always important for neutron scientists to call forth great interests of accelerator scientists for intense spallation neutron sources and their utilization. We therefore proposed that in addition to Target and Instrument, Accelerator be the three main topics covered at ICANS-XI. We hope that ICANS-XI could provide a good opportunity for this.

As you will see in the program we have so many contributions, for which the organizing committee is thankful. Since in most ICANS laboratories neutron experiments are in progress, it would be natural to have a large number of contributions in Instrumentation Workshops. The organizing committee put great emphasis on "Total Performance" as the main theme in this ICANS meeting, because the performance of an instrument should be characterized by the total system including accelerator, neutron source, instrument itself, sample environment, data acquisition and analysis, etc. We strongly hope that in all workshop sessions, the presentations and discussion will be done on this base.

We arranged two parties, and a picnic as social program. Friday afternoon Option KEK Tour is arranged.

Finally on behalf of the organizing committee I do hope that you will enjoy the meeting, excited by exchange of information and hot discussions. We also hope that you will have a good time throughout the stay in Tsukuba.

Thank you.