23rd Workshop of the International Stroke Genetics Consortium

Hosted by
Kyoto University Graduate School of Medicine
Center for Genomic Medicine

in collaboration
with RIKEN Center for Integrative Medical Sciences

12-13 April 2018
Kyoto, Japan
Dear Colleagues,

It is a great pleasure to invite you all to attend the 23rd Workshop of the International Stroke Genetics Consortium, hosted by Dr. Yoichiro Kamatani (Univ. of Kyoto and Riken Center for Integrative Medical Sciences) with co-hosts Drs. John Cole (Univ. of Maryland) and Paul Nyquist (Johns Hopkins Medical Center) in Kyoto, Japan on April 12-13, 2018. The meeting is organized by Kyoto University Graduate School of Medicine Center for Genomic Medicine in collaboration with RIKEN Center for Integrative Medical Sciences.

Kyoto, once an Imperial capital of Japan, is now the capital of Kyoto Prefecture as well as one of the major cities of the Kansai metropolitan area. It is a particularly appealing city for its traditional environment with countless historic temples, sanctuaries and UNESCO World Heritage monuments that together with its Japanese gardens and the Cherry trees have shaped its architecture as well as its identity. It is host to University of Kyoto, which is known as one of the top Universities in East Asia.

The ISGC is an international collaboration of physicians and scientists who have agreed to pool resources and expertise in an effort to unravel the genetic basis of stroke. It was formed in 2007 by a small group of scientists and has since grown to over 200 members representing over 50 countries in North and South America, Europe, Australia, Asia, and Africa. The success of this initiative stems from the collaboration and engagement of its members, which is best expressed during the workshops where, twice a year, ISGC scientists meet to share their ideas and results.

The workshop will be held over 2 days and will include abstract sessions, working group reports on the progress of the scientific projects and new ideas, as well as invited lectures. The program will include enough time to socialize and explore the city during the social events. The workshop dates fall in the midst of the beautiful cherry blossom season!

So please join us in the beautiful Kyoto, Japan!
Please register for the scientific workshop and social activities at the ISGC website at http://www.strokegenetics.org/user/register. We recommend registering as soon as possible to benefit from early bird discounts!
We look forward to seeing you on April 12-13, 2017!

Yoichiro Kamatani, Paul Nyquist & John Cole

Dr. Yoichiro Kamatani is a geneticist at Kyoto University and RIKEN Center for Integrative Medical Sciences, Japan

Dr. Paul Nyquist is a neurologist at Johns Hopkins Medical Center

Dr. John Cole is a neurologist at University of Maryland
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

Please register at the ISGC website at http://www.strokegenetics.org and then click the ISGC workshop tab and select the ‘Workshop Registration’ button. **TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS by registering early!**

If any issues arise or you would like to pay by wire transfer, please contact the ISGC Convener Katherine Crawford at kcrawford2@partners.org

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LODGING

We have blocked rooms at five hotels with special discount rate for ISGC participants. Please note that the reservations will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis. The number of rooms blocked is limited as Kyoto becomes incredibly popular during cherry blossom season. PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO ALLOW OPTIMAL CHOICES!

Two travel agencies will control the hotel reservations. The reservation deadline and the cancellation policies are different depending on the agencies and the hotels. We are sorry for the inconveniences and we thank you for your kind understanding and cooperation.

For HOTELS & RESERVATION FORMS please see detailed list provided at the end

Other affordable hotels can be found outside Kyoto city. (ex. Otsu city)

**If you wish to stay at Hotel KKR Kuniso, please send your reservation details to Yoichiro Kamatani at kamatani.yoichiro.7s@kyoto-u.ac.jp**
The 23rd Workshop of the International Stroke Genetics Consortium will be held from April 12th-13th, 2018 at the Symposium Hall (5F) of the International Science Innovation Building (Yoshida Honmachi, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto 606-8501) of the University of Kyoto Yoshida Campus.

The campus map and information about how to reach the building is available HERE (Building No. 69 in the map).

Shuttle buses will transport the attendees from some hotels to the conference venue on Thursday and Friday morning.

From Kyoto Station or other main train/metro stations (or from anywhere else in Kyoto city), taxi is the easiest way to get to the venue. It will normally cost around $15 and take around 20 minutes ride, depending on the traffic. Note that the traffic is usually very heavy in April within urban area of Kyoto. Please show the map provided here and point “Kyoto University Yoshida Campus” to the driver.

By bus, there are several options, so please choose carefully. Each bus has its line number, like “17” or “206”. Not only one bus line will take you to the same place. Google map has already been finely tuned to Kyoto city, and could efficiently indicate the appropriate one. Detailed bus information is available also at the link above.

You may also wish to take a nice walk to the conference venue!
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

To purchase tickets to the social activities, first register on the ISGC website at [http://www.strokegenetics.org](http://www.strokegenetics.org) and then click the ISGC workshop tab and select the ‘Workshop Registration’ button. If any issues arise please contact the ISGC Convener Katherine Crawford at kcrawford2@partners.org.

THURSDAY April 12th
- Yoshida Temple visit/free of charge
- Dinner at Fortune Garden Kyoto/$75.00

The building of the Fortune Garden Kyoto is a former headquarters of Shimadzu Corporation, a leading company in analytical and measuring instruments in Japan, which was built in 1927 by Goichi Takeda, a master of modern Japanese architecture. A course dish made from seasonal ingredients harvested in Kyoto will be served in a warm atmosphere.

FRIDAY April 13th
- Nanzenji Temple walking tour/free of charge
- Dinner at The Westin Miyako Hotel Kyoto/$65.00

This legendary room of the Westin Miyako Hotel Kyoto, decorated with stained glass panels depicting the three most renowned festivals in Kyoto, is a registered cultural property of the City of Kyoto. You can enjoy serene vistas of the Higashiyama Hills and a marvelous walk-through garden, a classical Japanese style garden that has a path around a central pond. We will offer a traditional Japanese cuisine “Tempura” and “Sushi”, and a variety of food.

A great variety of touristic experiences in Kyoto are available [HERE](http://www.strokegenetics.org) with booking at your own convenience.
## HOW TO REACH KYOTO FROM THE AIRPORT

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a) JR Narita Express: 60 min to Tokyo Station (3,020JPY for one-way)  
b) Keisei Skyliner: 40min to Nippori Station (2,470JPY for one-way), then take Yamate Line to Tokyo Station by 10 min (160JPY for one-way)  
  a) Nozomi Shinkansen fast train from Tokyo to Kyoto Station (2h 15 min) (13,910JPY for one-way) | https://www.japan-guide.com/e/e2027.html  
https://www.japan-guide.com/e/e2018_tokaido.html                                                                 |                                                                                                                                 |
| Tokyo-Haneda International Airport (HND) | Best to travel by train to Shinagawa Station (a)  
And from Shinagawa to Kyoto Station (b)  
a) Keikyu Railways: 15 min to Shinagawa Station (3,100JPY for one-way)  
a) Nozomi Shinkansen fast train from Shinagawa Station to Kyoto Station (2h 5 min) (13,910JPY for one-way) | https://www.japan-guide.com/e/e2430.html  
https://www.japan-guide.com/e/e2018_tokaido.html                                                                 |                                                                                                                                 |
| Osaka-Kansai International Airport (KIX) | Several options possible  
OPT 1. Airport Express train “HARUKA”: 75 minutes from KIX to Kyoto Station (3,180JPY for one-way)  
OPT 2. Osaka Airport Limousine Bus: 90 minutes from KIX to Kyoto Station (2,550JPY for one-way)  
OPT 3. MK Skygateshuttle (a shared taxi): 120-150 minutes from KIX to the hotel. Advance reservation is required through the website (4,200JPY for one-way) | http://www.westjr.co.jp/global/en/travel-information/pass/icoca-haruka/  
http://www.mktaxi-japan.com/kyotoshuttle                                                                 |                                                                                                                                 |
| Osaka-Itami Airport (ITM)              | Several options possible  
OPT 1. Osaka Airport Limousine Bus: 55 minutes from ITM to Kyoto Station (1,310JPY for one-way)  
OPT 2. MK Skygateshuttle (a shared taxi): 90-120 minutes from ITM to the hotel. Advance reservation is required through the website (2,900JPY for one-way) | http://www.okkbus.co.jp/en/timetable/itm/t_kyt.html  
http://www.mktaxi-japan.com/kyotoshuttle                                                                 |                                                                                                                                 |
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| Travel Lab, Partners | Hotel Tokyu Stay | Twin (23m²) | 5 to 15 | 19250 | 170 | 145 | • [http://www.tokyustay.co.jp/e/hotel/KR/](http://www.tokyustay.co.jp/e/hotel/KR/)  
• Newly opened hotel (Nov., 2017).  
• Located in the city center. 5 minute walking from the bus stop “Karasuma Oike” of the Airport Limousine Bus from/to Kansai Int’l Airport.  
• 2 minute walking from “Oike” Station of Subway Karasuma Line which is convenient for moving to/from Kyoto Station.  
• Each room has a laundry machine and a microwave.  
• Including breakfast and taxes.  
• A shuttle will be provided from this hotel to the conference venue.  
• The rooms are blocked from April 9 to 15 at the discounted rate. If you would like to stay before/after the indicated dates, please consult with Travel Lab. Partners. |
| | | Double (18m²) | 15 to 32 | 19250 | 170 | 145 |
| JTB (Japan Travel Bureau) Attn: Mr. Shinji Mori | Hotel Gran MS Kyoto | Semi-double (14m²) | 20 to 35 | 19 800 | 175 | 149 | • [http://granms.jp/en/](http://granms.jp/en/)  
• Located in the city center. 5 minute walking from the bus stop “Kyoto City Hall” of the Airport Limousine Bus from/to Kansai Int’l Airport.  
• Breakfast will not be offered but you can find many nice cafes and restaurants nearby.  
• A shuttle will be provided from this hotel to the conference venue.  
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• Located in the city center. 1 minute walking from the bus stop “Karasuma Oike” of the Airport Limousine Bus from/to Kansai Int’l Airport.  
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• Including breakfast and taxes.  
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| | Karasuma Kyoto Hotel | Single (16m²) | 5 | 15 296 | 135 | 115 | • [http://karasuma.kyotohotel.co.jp/english/](http://karasuma.kyotohotel.co.jp/english/)  
• Located in the city center. 5 minute walking from the bus stop “Shijo Karasuma” of the Airport Limousine Bus from/to Kansai Int’l Airport.  
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• Including breakfast and taxes.  
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| kamatani.yoichiro@gmail.com | Hotel Kuniso | Single (15m²) | 7 | 12 300 | 109 | 92 | • A bit far away from the city center but located at only 15 minutes walking distance to the conference venue.  
• Free shuttle service is available between Kyoto Station and this hotel once a day.  
• Including breakfast and taxes.  
• This hotel has a hot-spring bath.  
• If you would like to stay at this hotel, please contact Yoichiro Kamatani.  
• The rooms are blocked from April 9 to 14 at the discounted rate. If you would like to stay before/after the indicated dates, please consult with Dr. Kamatani. |
ISGC Kyoto
HOTEL RESERVATION FORM 1
(For Hotel Tokyu Stay & Hotel Gran Ms Kyoto)

Please fill out this form and send to Travel Lab Partners by January 10, 2018.
E-MAIL: registration@travel-lab21.com
Attn: Ms. Rika Ishikura

Family name: __________________________ First name: __________________________
Contact e-mail address: ______________________________
Emergency contact phone number: _______________________

HOTEL RESERVATION REQUEST (Please check in the box □)
1st choice:
□ Hotel Tokyu Stay
  - Twin room: 19,250JPY including breakfast & taxes
  - Double room: 19,250JPY including breakfast & taxes
□ Hotel Gran Ms Kyoto
  - Semi-double room: 19,800JPY including taxes (no breakfast)

2nd choice:
□ Hotel Tokyu Stay
  - Twin room
  - Double room
□ Hotel Gran Ms Kyoto
  - Semi-double room

DATES:
Check-in: April ________, 2018  Check-out: April ________, 2018

REMARKS: ________________________________________________________________

PLEASE NOTE:
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E-MAIL TO: a_mori@387@west.itb.jp

ISGC Kyoto
HOTEL RESERVATION FORM 2
(For Hearoton Hotel Kyoto & Karasuma Kyoto Hotel)

Please fill out this form and send to JTB (Japan Travel Bureau).
E-MAIL: y_mori@387@west.itb.jp
Attn: Mr. Shoji Mori

Family name: __________________________ First name: __________________________
Contact e-mail address: ______________________________
Emergency contact phone number: _______________________

HOTEL RESERVATION REQUEST (Please check in the box □)
1st choice:
□ Hearoton Hotel Kyoto
  - Double room: 16,936JPY including breakfast & taxes, 19,076JPY for Set., April 14
  (This is the price for the single use. For double use, please ask JTB.)
□ Karasuma Kyoto Hotel
  - Single room: 15,256JPY including breakfast & taxes, 15,944JPY for Set., April 14

2nd choice:
□ Hearoton Hotel Kyoto
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Hotel Gran Ms Kyoto to International Science Innovation Building, Kyoto University
MAP-3
Hearton Hotel Kyoto to International Science Innovation Building, Kyoto University
MAP-5
KKR Hotel Kuniso to International Science Innovation Building, Kyoto University