

International Workshop and Field Excursion

EARTH WATCH 2010

(December 4 - 5, 2010)

The "Earth Watch 2010" workshop organized by the Division of Interdisciplinary Sciences, Kochi University is aimed to assemble a group of international experts in Kochi University to deliberate and discuss the state-of-the-art on integrated multidisciplinary topics related to earth and environmental issues, education, science and technology, industry and socio-economics as a prelude to a series of such workshops planned in future. This is the first attempt of its kind in Kochi University to integrate discussion and exchange of ideas, and to initiate collaborative studies in multidisciplinary themes under the leadership of the Division of Interdisciplinary Sciences.

The one day field excursion to Muroto Geopark offers unique insights into geological heritage and diverse cultural history. The Muroto Geopark is located at the tip of the Kochi prefecture in Shikoku Island, about 77km from Kochi city, where one can observe the process of the 'birth of new land' caused by tectonic movements. This region is also famous for subtropical plants, some of which are designated as protected species, the history of human society born from a close relationship with nature and the effects of sea currents and Deep Sea Water on the local fishing industry and other industries.

Schedule

December 4, 2010, Saturday: Workshop deliberations.

Venue: Seminar Hall in Research Laboratory of Hydrothermal Chemistry (2nd Floor).

9:30 Inaugural Address (Senior General Manager of Kochi University in charge of Research, Prof. Kotsuki)
Welcome Speech (Head of the Division of Interdisciplinary Science (Prof. Yanagisawa)
Introduction of the invited distinguished delegates (Prof. M. Santosh)

10:00-10:45 Talk by Prof. Inna Safonova (Russia)

10:45-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-11:45 Talk by Dr. T. R. K. Chetty (India)

11:45-13:30 Lunch break

13:30-14:15 Talk by Prof. Timothy M. Kusky (USA)

14:15-15:00 Talk by Prof. Ian Isemonger (South Africa)

15:00-15:15 Coffee break

15:15-15:45 Talk by Prof. A. Usui (Kochi University)

15:45-16:15 Talk by Prof. M. Hojo (Kochi University)

16:15-16:45 Talk by Y. Hashimoto (Kochi University)

16:45-17:30 Plenary Session (Chaired by Prof. M. Santosh)

19:00- Convivial party with invited delegates (**Pre-registration required**)

Venue: Hideya (address: South 1F Metropolitan-building, 4-9 Nijudai-machi, Kochi, Tel: 088-871-2877)

Fee: 4,500 yen

December 5, 2010, Sunday: Field excursion in Muroto Geopark (Pre-registration required).

Excursion leader Dr. Y. Hashimoto

Depart from Asakura campus at 9:00 am. Return back to Kochi by 5:30 pm.

Fee: Free (The lunch fee is separately necessary.)

**If you would like to participate in the convivial party and/or field excursion, please contact Kenji Matsumoto (Faculty of Science) via the following e-mail address: matsuken@kochi-u.ac.jp.
(Closing date for subscription: November 19, 2010)**