

## Japan Section



A scene from the "Talk Shower" held in Kyushu, September 1, 2014.



A scene from the 2014 Fall Meeting in Hokuriku, held October 17, 2014.



A meeting scene in Tohoku.

The ECS JAPAN SECTION actively participates in international conferences and workshops held in Japan. The 78<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Semiconductors and Integrated Circuits Technology was held on July 17-18, 2014 in Morito Memorial Hall, Tokyo. The symposium was organized by the Electronic Materials Committee of The Electrochemical Society of Japan (ECSJ), and it received financial support from the ECS Japan Section. Seventy-four people participated.

The 43<sup>rd</sup> advanced science seminar, "Recent research progress on rechargeable sodium batteries," was held June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Shibaura Institute of Technology, Tokyo. The seminar was supported by the ECS Japan Section, Kanto branch of The Electrochemical Society of Japan, and co-organized by the Committee of Battery Technology of The Chemical Society of Japan; ninety-four participants including five invited speakers attended this seminar.

The ECSJ Hokkaido Branch, had the "30<sup>th</sup> Lilac Seminar and 20<sup>th</sup> Research Exchange Meeting for Young Researchers" at Okobachi sansou (a mountain retreat), Hokkaido, on June 28-29, 2014. The meeting had 122 participants, three invited lecturers at the Lilac Seminar, and four invited lecturers at the research exchange meeting for young researchers. A poster session at the research exchange meeting was also held for two hours, with 36 posters and a Poster Award of the ECSJ Hokkaido Branch. Three students received this award.

An annual summer seminar for young researchers and students in the field of electrochemistry, traditionally in Japanese called the "Talk Shower in Kyushu," was held at Hotel Hamaso in Miyazaki on September 1-2, 2014. The seminar was supported by the ECS Japan Section, The Electrochemical Society of Japan, and Kyushu branch of The Electrochemical Society of Japan. The seminar drew 86 participants, including five invited speakers.

The 2014 Fall Meeting for Young Researchers was held at the Lifelong Learning and Women's Center in Fukui on October 17, 2014. The Hokuriku Division of The Electrochemical Society of Japan and the ECS Japan Section provided organizational and financial support for the meeting. The number of participants was 49.

The 2014 Second Seminar for Young Electrochemists in Kansai was held at the Katsura Campus of Kyoto University, on October 18, 2014. The number of participants was 117 persons. In this seminar, three lectures were presented, and these topics were discussed actively.

The 27<sup>th</sup> ECSJ Tohoku Branch Young Scientists Meeting was held at Sakunami Onsen on the night of November 28, 2014, following the 45<sup>th</sup> SEMI Conference. The purpose of this meeting was, by tradition, the participation of young scientists and students in the field of electrochemistry, electronic devices, and materials in the Tohoku Region. The participants thoroughly discussed related topics without worrying about the time constraints. The meeting hosted seven speakers from Tohoku University, Tohoku Institute of Technology, and Yamagata University, with more than 60 participants. The topics discussed included cell and tissue engineering, biofuel cells, graphene transistors, lithium ion batteries, and organic photovoltaics. Active discussion on all the topics took place through the night and senior researchers gave useful comments to each speaker. At the end of the meeting, the 28<sup>th</sup> meeting was announced and will be held at Morioka in 2015.

The ECSJ Tokai Branch appreciates the ECS Japan Section for participating in the activities of ECSJ Tokai Branch and subsidizing the Young Researcher Award. This year's award was given to Munegazu Motoyama after careful consideration by the committee of the Tokai Branch. ■