

## **Advanced Notice on 1<sup>st</sup> UGAS, Iwate University International Symposium, 2016**

United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences (UGAS), Iwate University is pleased to announce that the 1<sup>st</sup> UGAS, Iwate University International symposium, 2016 will be held at Iwate University, Morioka from December 17-18, 2016. The theme of the meeting is **“Innovations in Plant and Food Sciences: from Genes to Production”**. Primary focus of this meeting would be to strengthen the relationship between the partner universities of UGAS and provide opportunity to the faculties of UGAS and partner universities to establish research collaborations and student exchange. In this meeting, faculties from four constituent universities of UGAS, University of Saskatchewan and Dhaka University will participate. In addition, faculties from Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University (FAFU) are expected to participate. This meeting also encourages the current graduate students in UGAS and partner universities, and the M.Sc. students in each constituent university of UGAS to present their research work. The organizing committee members at UGAS are very excited to get the opportunity to host this new event and would like to request you to mark your calendar.

The 2-day long meeting will consist of scientific programs that include 3 symposiums covering the wide areas of plant, food and nutritional biology research (two on plant/crop/forest science and one on food and nutritional science), one panel discussion on future educational perspective and collaboration, and poster sessions. Several faculties from UGAS, University of Saskatchewan, Dhaka University and Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University will present their research work in this meeting. The students are encouraged to present their research in the poster sessions. The organizing committee will award three best posters presented in the meeting.

Iwate University is just 30 minutes' walk from the downtown Morioka. The typical temperature of Morioka in December is around 0.5° C with heavy snow fall, and hence the organizing committee requests the participants to take extra caution about the weather. On a sunny day, the participants would be able to enjoy the lovely view of the mount Iwate from the campus. There are many attractions like the ruin of Morioka castle, Hachimangu Shrine, Ho-onji temple, art and science museums located within the walking distance from the downtown Morioka. Shizukuishi, Hachimantai and outskirts of Morioka host a large number of famous natural hot springs. For skiing or snowboarding, there are several ski resorts around Morioka. An additional day after the meeting would be perfect to relax and enjoy the serene beauty of Iwate.

The confirmed speakers list, registration fee, abstract submission deadline and other details will be provided in a following circular by the end of September. The UGAS, Iwate University organizing committee is looking forward to welcoming all the participants at the 1<sup>st</sup> UGAS international Symposium and hoping to make it a successful one.

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