



11th International Symposium on Biological and Environmental Reference Materials (BERM 11)

October 29 to November 2, 2007

Tsukuba International Congress Center (EPOCHAL TSUKUBA)

Tsukuba, Ibaraki, Japan

Scope

The Eleventh International Symposium on Biological and Environmental Reference Materials, BERM 11, will be held in Tsukuba, Ibaraki, Japan, from October 29 to November 2, 2007. This is the first BERM to be held in the Asia-Pacific region as an intermediate one between those held alternately in the European Union and the United States of America since 1983. As a continuation of the symposium series, BERM 11 is intended to be a forum to address issues related to the development of biological and environmental reference materials and their role in the quality assurance of analytical measurements.

Topics

The following session topics are planned:

CRM development

- Recent development of CRM production
- Biological RMs
- Environmental RMs
- RMs for laboratory medicine
- RMs in food and safety
- RMs for RoHS directive
- Greenhouse gas RMs
- Asian collaboration on CRMs

Quality control

- RMs for proficiency testing
- RMs in QA/QC
- RMs in lab accreditation
- Uncertainty evaluation

Analytical techniques

- Analytical techniques for certification
- Application of RMs

Symposium schedule

Oct. 29 (Mon)	On-site registration, Reception
Oct. 30 (Tue) - Nov. 1 (Thu)	Plenary and keynote lectures, Oral and poster sessions, Exhibition Symposium dinner (Oct. 31)
Nov. 2 (Fri)	Lab tour and excursion

Registration fees

Registration ^{*1}	(Before Aug. 31, 2007)	42,000 JPY
	(After Sep. 1, 2007)	50,000 JPY
Accompanying person ^{*2}		5,000 JPY
Symposium dinner		8,000 JPY

^{*1} The registration fees include symposium materials, the book of abstracts, a complimentary copy of both ABC and ACQUAL special BERM 11 issues, the reception, the lab tour and excursion. The symposium dinner and lunch are not included.

^{*2} The accompanying person fee includes the reception, lab tour and excursion.

Call for papers

The Scientific Organizing Committee is soliciting abstracts for both oral and poster presentations. All abstracts are due by June 15, 2007. For abstract submission guidelines, please visit the website.

Important dates

Apr. 15 - Jun. 15, 2007	Submission of abstract
Jul. 31, 2007	Notification of acceptance
Aug. 31, 2007	Deadline of early on-line registration
Oct. 29 - Nov. 2, 2007	Symposium

Further information

Up-to-date information on BERM11 is available on

www.nmij.jp/berm11/

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