Letters to the Editor

The 43rd Annual Meeting of the Japan Society for Analytical Chemistry

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The annual meeting of this society came back again to Fukuoka in 1994. The 43rd Meeting was successfully held at the Hakozaki Campus (the Faculty of Engineering and the Main Auditorium) of Kyushu University from October 13 (Thursday) to 15 (Saturday). The number of registered participants was 1378, which was smaller than in previous years. The decrease was partly due to the current severe recession and partly due to a typhoon on the day before the opening.

All fields of analytical chemistry were discussed in 666 papers, including 514 oral talks and 112 poster presentations. The sessions were divided as follows: atomic absorption spectrometry, atomic emission spectrometry, X-ray spectrometry and electron spectrometry, UV and visible absorption spectrometry and photoacoustic analysis, fluorescence and phosphorescence analysis, laser spectroscopy, IR and Raman spectrometry, chemiluminescence and bioluminescence analysis, the analysis of biomaterials, sensors, electroanalysis, kinetic analysis, organic microanalysis, radiochemical analysis, thermal analysis, NMR and ESR spectroscopy, mass spectrometry, flow injection analysis, gas chromatography, liquid chromatography, electrophoretic analysis, solvent extraction and ion exchange, sampling and sample treatments, data treatment and computer applications, function materials, fundamental theory and

Table 1  Award recipients and award addresses

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<td>a) The Japan Society for Analytical Chemistry Awards</td>
<td>Takahiro Kumamaru (Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science, Hiroshima University) “Development of High Performance Spectrometry Coupled with Selective Chemical Process”&lt;br&gt;Yohichi Goishi (Department of Applied Chemistry, Faculty of Engineering, the University of Tokyo) “Study on Instrumentation Chemistry Based on X-Ray Technoanalysis”&lt;br&gt;Makoto Takagi (Department of Chemical Science and Technology, Faculty of Engineering, Kyushu University) “Molecular Design for Chemical Separation and Sensing”</td>
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<td>c) The Japan Society for Analytical Chemistry Awards for Younger Researchers</td>
<td>Kenji Chayama (Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science, Konan University) “Studies on Highly Selective Polythioether Derivatives for Soft Metal Ions”&lt;br&gt;Kazuaki Akasaka (Faculty of Agriculture, Tohoku University) “Development of Phosphine Reagents for the Determination of Lipid Hydroperoxides”&lt;br&gt;Masahori Fujinami (Advanced Technology Research Laboratories, Nippon Steel Corporation) “A Slow Positron Beam Study of Defects in the Near Surface Region”</td>
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data, environmental and geochemical analysis, analysis of medicines, and analysis of new materials.

Nine recipients of the Awards of this society were honored at the Award Ceremony held at the Main Auditorium of Kyushu University. Their names, affiliations and titles of the award addresses are summarized in Table 1. Medals for Merits of JSAC were presented to 53 technicians.

Award addresses of the three recipients of the JSAC Award were presented after the Award Ceremony, together with a special invited lecture by Dr. Nobukata Shinohara (Mitsubishi Kagaku Institute of Life Science) on the two paths in the injury mechanism of target cells by killer T cells. Invited talks by the recipients of the JSAC Awards for Technical Achievements and for Younger Researchers were presented during the oral sessions. Eleven divisional symposia were organized on the first day of the Meeting.

A mixer party of the Meeting was held at which 242 attendants enjoyed the evening of the first day. A banquet of the Meeting was held at the Hakata Recent Hotel on the second evening, and 336 participants enjoyed a delightful dinner; a special performance by the women cheer leaders of Kyushu University made the banquet very lively.

In addition, a special symposium for the memory of Professor Keihei Ueno was organized by the Kyushu Branch of the Society on the first day of the Meeting. Four invited talks were presented together with a memorial banquet.

The exhibition of this Meeting was very active, because it was held in the same building as that of the poster session, the Main Auditorium. Many participants received new information on instruments, analytical reagents and scientific publications.

The organizing committee of the 43th Annual Meeting comprised analytical chemists from the Kyushu branch of this society, and Prof. Yutaka Osajima served as the chairman. It would be a great pleasure of the organizing committee if all the participants found the Meeting both fruitful and enjoyable.

The next, 44th, meeting will be held on September 28 – 30 in 1995 in Sapporo, Hokkaido.

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