Editorial

Journal of Clinical Biochemistry and Nutrition (JCBN), an official journal of the Society for Free Radical Research Japan (SFRR Japan), is an international, interdisciplinary publication encompassing, chemical, biochemical, physiological, pathological, toxicological and medical approaches to research on lipid peroxidation, free radicals, oxidative stress and nutrition. We are very happy to inform you that latest impact factor (2009) of JCBN is 1.672. SFRR Japan was established in 1988 after the success of 4th SFRR International Meeting at Kyoto, as a Japan branch of SFRR International. As shown in Figure 1, the first SFRR Japan meeting was held at Shuzenji, Shizuoka in 1988. Professor Toshikazu Yoshikawa has served as a president of SFRR Japan for a long time from 1988 to 2010, and also served as a president of SFRR Asia (2000–2001) and SFRR International (2005–2006). In 2000, Prof. Toshikazu Yoshikawa organized again 10th SFRR International Meeting at Kyoto.

The special issue of JCBN is dedicated to Professor Yoshikawa, who will retire from his long and wide professorship in Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine in 2011 and also from the President of SFRR Japan in 2010, in acknowledgement of his research and humanity. The purpose of this issue is to reconsolidate most current opinions on medicine considering the importance of free radical reactions. Free radical biology and medicine has made remarkable advancement in recent years with new insights, some of which shift the paradigm of our knowledge. Many researchers are now exploring for further scientific progress. Professor Yoshikawa has always been the pioneer in this field, fueling the field with new possibilities. His spirit has been shared by many researchers, making further advancement in the field.

It is the honor for us that this collection of papers is published on the occasion of International Symposium on Free Radical Research: Contribution to Medicine (FRCM) 2011 at Kyoto, which is to be held in celebration of Professor Toshikazu Yoshikawa's next challenge. They are highlighting the recent progress with updated information and knowledge by internationally leading researchers who are old friends of Professor Yoshikawa.

This special issue could not have been produced without the kind and valuable assistance of the outstanding researchers, who were pleased to contribute to the publication in spite of their extremely busy schedules. We believe that this milestone collection will further contribute to the understanding new and further steps in clinicians and investigators.

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A memorial photo of the First SFRR Japan Meeting at Shezenji in 1988.