Santosh Nigam Memorial “Outstanding Young Scientist” Award

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“The awardee of Santosh Nigam Memorial Outstanding Young Scientist Award is Dr. Min Liu from Juntendo University, Tokyo!” This announcement reached our ears at the party on the Danube River, Hungary. Min Liu, who was sitting next to me, was almost crying upon hearing this announcement. Probably she was remembering the long tough days we spent preparing to publish our exciting data in a Journal¹⁾.

This international conference on lipid mediators is held every two years at various locations in the world, and this year we had the 14th conference with more than 300 researchers at Budapest, Hungary. Professor Shuh Narumiya of Kyoto University received a Lifetime Achievement Award and Professor Timothy Hla of Weill Cornell Medical College received an Outstanding Achievement Award, both of which had been announced earlier on the web page. The Santosh Nigam Memorial “Outstanding Young Scientist” Award is to recognize the great contribution of the Late Professor Santosh Nigam from Berlin to this series of conferences, and awarded only to one presentation of a total 220 presentations. Dr. Min Liu, a former research associate of the Department of Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry, Juntendo University Graduate School of Medicine, successfully received this award on her excellent presentation entitled “Crucial role of the 12-HHT receptor BLT2 in epidermal wound healing”. At the party on the ferry boat on the Danube River, Mrs. Nigam honored Min Liu for her finding on the roles of lipid mediators in skin wound healing processes. We are now working to generate a new drug for skin ulcers based on Min Liu's findings²⁾.

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Lab members on a Danube River cruise. Professor Yokomizo (center) and Min Liu (right)

Mrs. Nigam (right) is celebrating Min Liu (left) in the Award ceremony at the party

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