

## CREST-Biodynamics 2<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of CREST-Biodynamics concluded with the enthusiastic atmosphere that took place on the gloriously sunny days of November 25 -26, 2013 at the waterfront area of Tokyo. About 100 people from 11 research teams and the advisory board packed the meeting room. In the opening remarks, research supervisor Prof. Tadashi Yamamoto commented, "I am very pleased to see the research teams comprised of representatives from both the experimental sciences and the theoretical sciences."

The 11 excellent research teams gave a talk on each research plan, progress and future outlook. All the participants must be satisfied with the fruitful discussion throughout and excited to hear the state-of-the-art knowledge or the high-end technological information by the teams as well.

The meeting was extremely enjoyable not only for the research director of the teams but also for the young researchers or students who sustains each projects by giving a poster presentation. 5 out of 37 young researchers won the poster prize by Prof. Yamamoto and 4 Advisors.

In addition to the annual meeting, courtesy of the Computational Biology Research Center (CBRC) as well as the Molecular Profiling Research Center for Drug Discovery (molprof) of the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST), groups enjoyed the labo tour (inculuding watching the demonstration by "Mahoro" the lab android which automates dangerous labo works) and the seminar by the both directors of CBRC and morprof.

As closing remarks, Prof. Yamamoto emphasized to enjoy "CREST research" and to clarify the operating principles of spatiotemporal biological phenomena using experimental and theoretical approaches.

Date: 25-26, Nov. 2013

Venue: National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation (Miraikan) &

Computational Biology Research Center (CBRC), National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST)



Innovation Hall at Miraikan.





Information exchange meeting & Poster session. The meeting hall was filled with feverish excitement. Prof. Tadaomi Takenawa proposed a toast!



Moved to AIST on 26<sup>th</sup> Nov.

AIST seminar held by the directors, Prof. Kiyoshi ASAI and Prof. Tohru Natsume.



Optional seminar entitled "1<sup>st</sup> Theoretical Design Dojo".

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