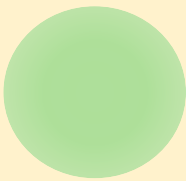


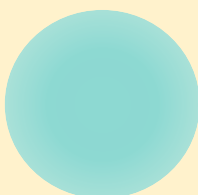
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13:30-13:35 ■ **Opening Remarks**
-Shinji Harada, M.D., D.M.Sc. President of Kumamoto University-
13:35-13:40 ■ **Guest Remarks**
-Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)-
13:40-14:00 ■ **Speech 1**
“Tenure Track System in Kumamoto University and the International Research Organization for Advanced Science and Technology (IROAST)”
-Distinguished Prof. Takashi Hiyama, Director of international Collaborative Group for Science and Technology, Kumamoto University-
14:00-14:30 ■ **Keynote Speech 1**
“Tenure in American Universities: Past, Present, and Future”
-Distinguished Service Prof. Susan E. Conry, Clarkson University-
14:30-15:00 ■ **Keynote Speech 2**
“Career Paths of Ph.D. Researchers in America”
-Prof. Kwang Yun Lee, Chair of Electrical Computer Engineering, Baylor University-

 15:00-15:20 ◆ **Coffee break** ◆

15:20-15:50 ■ **Keynote Speech 3**
“Academic Careers in Germany”
-Prof. Peter Westhoff, Vice-President of Research and Transfer, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf-
15:50-16:20 ■ **Speech 2**
“Tenure Track Researchers in Kumamoto University”
-Assoc. Prof. Douyan Wang and Assis. Prof. Yukihiro Yonemoto-

 16:20-16:30 ◆ **Coffee break** ◆

16:30-17:00 ■ **Panel Discussion**
17:00-17:10 ■ **Closing Remarks**
-Director Yasumichi Matsumoto, Trustee in Charge of Research and Social Contribution, Kumamoto University-
*Presented
 in English
 (with Japanese
 translation)*
*Admission
 Free*


Invited Speakers



Prof. Susan E. Conry

Distinguished Service Professor, Clarkson University, USA
 IEEE Fellow, ABET Fellow, and CSAB Fellow
 IEEE Educational Activities Board Meritorious Service Award in 2005, IEEE William E. Sayle Award in 2011.

◆ *Research Interests* ◆

Distributed artificial intelligence and parallel and distributed systems, with focus on coordination problems in problem-solving environments involving multiple intelligent agents.

Prof. Kwang Yun Lee

Chair of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Baylor University, USA
 IEEE Fellow, Editor of IEEE Transactions on Energy Conversion, Vice-Chairman of Technical Committee on Power Plants and Power Systems, International Federation of Automatic Control



◆ *Research Interests* ◆

- Control, operation, and planning of energy systems
- Computational intelligence, intelligent control and their applications to energy and environmental systems
- Modeling, simulation and control of renewable and distributed energy sources
- Smart grid modeling and control

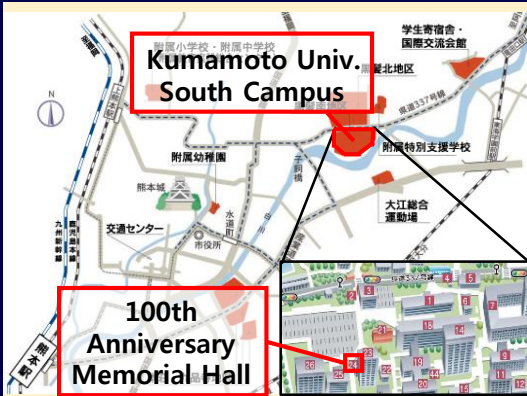


Prof. Peter Westhoff

Vice-President of Research and Transfer, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf, Germany
 Professor and Chair in Plant Molecular Biology
 Member of German National Academy Leopoldia in 2013

◆ *Research Interests* ◆

- Molecular evolution and engineering of C4 photosynthesis
- Genetic analysis of chloroplast biogenesis in the model plant *Arabidopsis thaliana*
- Molecular characterization of agronomically important quantitative trait loci (QTL) in maize



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