

## Regarding the ISPC-25 being held in Kyoto

I am very pleased that the 25th International Symposium on Plasma Chemistry (ISPC-25) will be held in Kyoto. The technical sessions and poster sessions will be held at Miyako Messe in Kyoto, and the Welcome Reception will be held at Nijo Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage Site on May 22. Thanks to the cooperation of Kyoto City and everyone involved, ISPC-25 will be held in Kyoto. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all those involved.

The ISPC-1 was held in Kiel, Germany, in 1973. It was at this conference that I first heard the term "Plasma Chemistry". At that time, many predecessors worked hard to establish ISPC, and I would like to mention them below.

The first person to be mentioned is Dr. John R. Hollahan, who was then working at NASA Ames Research Center. He served on the ISPC-1 Program Committee with Prof. Dr. Harald Suhr of the Universitat Tubingen and Dr. David E. Jensen of the UK Ministry of Defence. Along with them, Prof. Alexis T. Bell of UC Berkley, who published the book "Techniques and Applications of Plasma Chemistry" with Dr. John R. Hollahan in 1974, must also be remembered. Thanks to their efforts, the term "Plasma Chemistry" has been widely recognized in the scientific community. I also worked with Dr. John R. Hollahan at NASA Ames Research Center for a period of time.

The ISPC-2 was organized by Prof. Alexis T. Bell and held in Rome, Italy in 1975. It was held every two years in France, Switzerland, Scotland, Canada, and the Netherlands, the first ISPC-8 in Japan was held at the University of Tokyo in 1987. The realization of this event was essential to the contributions of Professors Kazuo Akashi, Akira Kinbara, and Toyonobu Yoshida of the University of Tokyo.

After that, ISPC has been held every other year mainly in Europe. In 2007, ISPC-18 was organized for the second time in Japan, here in Kyoto. The conference was chaired by Prof. Kunihide Tachibana of Kyoto University and was held at Yoshida and Katsura campuses of Kyoto University.

I am deeply touched by the decision to hold ISPC-25 for the second time in Kyoto and the third time in Japan. It is a great honor to work with Kyoto City Mayor Daisaku Kadokawa, Prof. Takayuki Watanabe of Kyushu University and Prof. Satoshi Hamaguchi of Osaka University as ISPC-25 co-chairs, and the members of the organizing committee. I look forward to meeting all the attendees.

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