Second Announcement

Place  Makuhari Messe
       International Conference Hall
       Chiba, Japan

Dates  May 21-24, 2008

For further information: http://www.anr2008.com
Contact: anr2008_info@ics-inc.co.jp

http://www.anrmeeting.org/
Greetings

It is our great honor that 'The 13th Advances in Neuroblastoma Research (ANR) 2008' meeting will be held in Makuhari New City, Chiba, Japan, the first time in Asia. I truly wish the conference will be fruitful and create enormous advances in curing patients with neuroblastoma, a still lethal tumor with very poor prognosis. I have learnt that many researchers from all around the world will be gathering in Chiba to give high-level presentations and discussions. All of you are very welcome to our Makuhari New City in Chiba.

Every single person in this world wishes to live in good health and wealth. Medical standards and the examination system of cancer have been improved dramatically throughout the world in recent years. However, there is no doubt that cancer is still the most common cause of death worldwide.

I, as governor of Chiba Prefecture, strongly push for the action to eradicate cancer with the staff of Chiba Cancer Center to promote the health of citizens in Chiba as well as those in the world. Chiba Cancer Center was founded in 1972, and was the third Cancer Center founded in Japan.

Neuroblastoma, a theme of this conference, is the cancer that attacks children with limitless futures and this fact gives us tremendous pain. What we should offer during the time of hardship for those young patients is proper treatment with updated clinical improvements as well as the mental care for them and their family.

Accordingly, I sincerely hope that this conference will be truly successful and play an important role in helping those smiling children hold bright futures in their hands.

Akiko Domoto
Governor of Chiba Prefecture
Japan
Welcome

Dear colleagues:

Advances in Neuroblastoma Research (ANR) was founded in 1975 in Philadelphia by Drs. Audrey E. Evans, Everet Koop and Guilio D’Angio. Subsequent series of ANR conferences were held in Philadelphia, Heidelberg, Bath, Paris and Genova, succeeded by the meeting in Los Angeles in 2006. The aim of this meeting is to find ways in moving forward in treating patients with neuroblastoma through the advancement of laboratory and clinical research.

Now, the ANR conference is rapidly growing in both its scientific levels and the number of attendee. The By-laws of ANR association (ANRA) has been formalized at the ANR 2006 meeting in Los Angeles. ANR is not solely a society but is also linked to the International Neuroblastoma Risk Group (INRG), the International Neuroblastoma Pathology Committee (INPC) and some other related organizations.

The ANR 2008 meeting will be held from May 21 to 24, 2008, at the International Conference Hall in Makuhari New City (Messe), Chiba, Japan, the first time in Asia. Makuhari New City is very close to Tokyo, and it takes only 30 minutes by shuttle bus from Narita International Airport.

The local organizing committee and the international program committee of ANR 2008 conference plan to have attractive programs including workshops, plenary and parallel sessions as well as poster presentations concerning basic, clinical and translational research of neuroblastoma. In addition, the opening, plenary and educational lectures by international experts or ANRA members are being scheduled. All attendance can relax and enjoy at the cocktail party, welcome reception and Gala dinner under friendly circumstances. Furthermore, the Japanese volunteer groups of childhood cancers are planning to have an international open symposium on childhood cancer survivorship in the last day afternoon by linking to ANR2008.

May is really a beautiful season in Japan. Chiba is very convenient place to embark on any sightseeing as many beautiful and exotic places in central Japan are easily accessible. It is also a main gateway of Japan opening to the pan-pacific countries including those in Asia.

I truly hope that all of us will have a wonderful and fruitful time together at the ANR 2008 meeting for the future development of better cures for patients suffering from neuroblastoma.

Best wishes.

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Akira Nakagawara, MD, PhD
President, ANR 2008
Director, Chiba Cancer Center Research Institute
Chiba, Japan
# Program at a Glance

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## Local Organizing Committee

President: Nakagawara, Akira

### Executive Committee
- Kamijo, Takehiko (Chair)
- Ohira, Miki
- Nakamura, Yohko

### Honorary Advisors
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- Ikeda, Keiichi
- Sawada, Tadashi
- Hata, Jun-ichi
- Sakiyama, Shigeru

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- Mugishima, Hideo (Chair)

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- Hara, Junichiro: Kawakami, Kiyoshi, Okimoto, Yuri
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- Hayama, Masato: Kojima, Seiji, Sasaki, Fumika
- Hayabuchi, Naofumi: Komada, Yoshirio, Taguchi, Tomaoki
- Hayashi, Yutaka: Kosaka, Yoshiyuki, Takamatsu, Hideo
- Hemmi, Hiromichi: Kubota, Masayuki, Tanaka, Takeo
- Hiyama, Eiso: Kurosawa, Hidemitsu, Todo, Satoru
- Horie, Hiroshi: Kusafuka, Takeshi, Tsuchida, Masahiro
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- Inomata, Yukihiro: Mizutani, Shuki, Yokomori, Kinji
- Ishii, Eichi: Monikawa, Yasuhide, Zaizen, Yoshio

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- Arakawa, Hirofumi: Kaneko, Yasuhiko, Taji, Tatsuro
- Hayashi, Yasuhide: Kumagai, Masaaki, Ushijima, Toshikazu
- Hishiki, Tomo: Makimoto, Atsushi
- Ichikawa, Hitoshi: Okita, Hajime
Scientific Program

Scientific Papers (Oral and Poster Presentations)
- Basic Research of Neuroblastoma
- Translational Research of Neuroblastoma
- Clinical Study of Neuroblastoma

Invited Lectures
(1) Opening Lectures
Takashi Sugimura, National Cancer Center, Tokyo, JAPAN
Alfred G. Knudson, Fox Chase Cancer Center, Philadelphia, USA
(2) Plenary Lectures (four authorities from the related fields of neuroblastoma research)
William G. Kaelin, Jr., Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, USA
“Genetics of pheochromocytoma and neuroblastoma (tentative)”
Thomas Look, Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, USA
“Neuroblastoma in Zebrafish (tentative)”
Dale Bredesen, Buck Institute, San Francisco, USA
“Dependence receptors and neuronal cell death (tentative)”
To be announced
(3) Educational Seminars
To be announced

Workshops
(1) Translational OMICS in neuroblastoma
Topics: Novel neuroblastoma suppressor genes and oncogenes
Genomics, epigenetics and proteomics in neuroblastoma
Non-coding RNAs in neuroblastoma
Next generation risk classification of neuroblastoma
(2) Translational stem cells research of neuroblastoma
Topics: Neural crest stem cells and neuroblastoma
Stem cells transplantation in treating high-risk neuroblastomas
Therapies targeting cancer stem cells
(3) Translational targeting therapies against high-risk neuroblastomas
Topics: Experimental therapeutics
New drugs in Phases I, II, III and IV
Reports from the Neuroblastoma Study Groups

Round Table Discussions (tentative)
(1) Surgery
(2) Chemotherapy
(3) Radiation therapy
(4) Pathology
(5) Total care
(6) Other

International Neuroblastoma Risk Group (INRG) (by invitation)

Call for Abstracts

Abstracts related to any aspect of neuroblastoma are cordially welcome. Abstracts will be reviewed by the ANR2008 Steering Committee and International Program Committee. A limited number of abstracts will be selected for oral presentations. Abstracts can be submitted to the congress secretariat via the ANR2008 website only, http://www.anr2008.com.

Important Dates
Opening of On-line Abstract Submission: October 1, 2007
Abstract Submission Deadline: January 5, 2008
*The deadline is strictly observed. Abstracts submitted after this date, but by March 14, 2008 will be evaluated and possibly included in the Program & Abstract Handbook which will be distributed on-site, but not considered for oral or poster presentation.

Presentation Type
All abstracts should be submitted under the “Oral or Poster” options.

Oral Presentation
Selected abstracts for oral presentation will be presented at the congress according to the topic areas.

Poster Presentation
It allows presenters to discuss their research with other colleagues at the site of display. Selected posters will be presented orally (3 slides, max 5 min.) in a relevant category. The poster will be put up for 2 days, May 22 and 23.

Abstract Topics
- Basic Research of Neuroblastoma
- Translational Research of Neuroblastoma
- Clinical Study of Neuroblastoma

Guidelines
1. Please refer the following instructions and the sample format. All abstracts must be submitted electronically (online).
2. An acknowledgement of receipt of abstract will be automatically sent to the corresponding author by e-mail upon the on-line submission.
3. The acceptance of abstracts will be notified by e-mail to the presenting author no later than March 15, 2008.
4. Upon acceptance of the abstract, authors are expected to register and to present their abstracts at Oral/Poster Presentations. Abstracts will be published in Program & Abstracts only if at least one of the authors is officially registered with full payment by the end of March 2008.

Instructions
All abstracts should be made using the template (A4 size in MS Word format) which you can find on the website. The abstract should contain the presentation title, names of authors and the abstract text as shown in the Sample below.

1. Title
Initial letters of each word should be capitalized in 12pt bold.

2. Author
Author names should be in 10pt. Full given names should precede the family name. Presenting author must be listed first and should be underlined. The author should commence 1 line below the title.
Participants are asked to apply using the on-line registration through congress website; http://www.anr2008.com.

**Important Dates**

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January 20, 2008

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April 15, 2008

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(*) Young A and Young B rates apply only to participants under 30 years of age or students as of May 21, 2008. Identification (driver’s license, passport or student ID) is required onsite upon registration check-in (if registering online, send it by fax to the ANR2008 Registration Office. Fax: +81-3-3496-1057)

**Registration Fee Entitlements**

- **Senior** and **Young A** registration fee covers: all scientific sessions, workshops + continental breakfast and breaks + lunches + Program & Abstract Handbook + Cocktail party + Welcome Reception + Gala Dinner.
- **Young B** registration fee covers: the same as Young A, excluding Gala Dinner.
- **One day** registration fee covers: scientific sessions, workshops of the day + continental breakfast of the day + break of the day + Program & Abstract Handbook.
- **Accompanying person** registration fee covers: Cocktail party + Welcome Reception + Gala Dinner. Registration fee for Open Symposium is included in each registration fee.

**Payment**

Payment must be made in Japanese yen and can be made in one of the following methods:

- Credit Card (VISA, MasterCard, Diners Club, AMEX or JCB)
- Bank Transfer:
  - Address: The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd.
  - Shin-Marunouchi Branch
  - 1-4-2 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0005 Japan

**Account Name**
ANR2008

**Account Number**
(Ordinary Account) 4903180

**Confirmation**

Upon receiving the registration form and confirming the payment, the Registration Office will send you a confirmation by e-mail, bearing your registration number. Please bring this confirmation with you and present it at the Registration Desk at the Congress site. If you need an invoice for the payment, please contact the Registration Office at anr2008_reg@event-information.jp
Cancellations and Refunds* Policy
Written notification of cancellation and refund request received:

- Until January 20, 2008: Refund amount = 50% of registration fee
- Until April 15, 2008: Refund amount = 25% of registration fee
- After April 15, 2008: No Refund

*All refunds will be made after the congress.

Any inquiries concerning registration should be addressed to:
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**Social Program**

**ANR2008 Cocktail Party**
Date: May 21, 2008
Time: 19:30 ~
Place: APA Hotel & Resort Tokyo Bay Makuhari
(located within walking distance)

**ANR2008 Welcome Reception**
Date: May 22, 2008
Time: 19:30 ~
Place: Hotel New Otani Makuhari
(located within walking distance)

**ANR2008 Gala Dinner**
Date: May 23, 2008
Time: 19:30 ~
Place: Hotel New Otani Makuhari
(located within walking distance)

**Tours**

Guided package tours are available for local sightseeing in major cities. For details and reservation, please refer to:
http://www.jtbgmt.com/sunrisetour/

**Accompanying Program**

For Accompanying person there are some opportunities to experience traditional culture; tea ceremony, walking the Japanese Garden (Mihama-en)
## Accommodation

JTB Global Marketing & Travel Inc. (JTB GMT) has been appointed as the official travel agent for the Congress and will handle hotel accommodation.

JTB Global Marketing & Travel Inc.
Convention Center (CD 100720-284)
2-3-11 Hagihata-Shinagawa, Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo 140-8604 Japan
E-mail: anr2008@jtb.jp

**Hotel Accommodation**

JTB GMT has booked rooms at hotels in Makuhari for the Congress period. Reservations will be processed in order of receipt of application form online. If the hotel of your first choice is fully booked, you will be assigned to a room at a hotel of a same grade.

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<td>JPY 28,875 JPY 32,340</td>
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<td>JPY 17,850 JPY 27,300</td>
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<td>Hotel Springs Makuhari**</td>
<td>JPY 10,500 JPY 18,900</td>
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<td>1-23-3 Makuhahongo, Hanamigawa-ku, Chiba +81-43-271-5555 7 min. walk from Makuhahongo Sta. 10 min by taxi from Kahin-makuhari Sta. and the site</td>
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- **Airport Limousine Bus stops No.1~6 hotels.
- In addition to above hotels, economy hotel (from JPY 5,000) is available.
- Room rates include service charge and a 5% consumption tax.
- Room rates include no meals.
- * indicates single occupancy of a twin or double room.
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### Application and Payment for Hotel

Participants wishing to reserve hotel accommodation should apply online to reach JTB GMT no later than April 30, 2008. (Confirmation sheet will be sent by JTB GMT.) Application should be accompanied by a remittance covering the hotel deposit (one night room charge) plus the handling charge of JPY525 due JTB GMT. (The hotel deposit will be credited to your bill. All hotel expenses deducting the deposit should be paid directly to the hotel.)

No reservation will be confirmed in the absence of this payment. All payment must be in Japanese yen. If the remitter’s name is different from the participant’s name or the remittance covers more than one person, please clarify the name of each participant.

Payment should be in the form of:
- One of the following credit cards: 1. VISA 2. MasterCard 3. Diners Club 4. AMEX 5. JCB
- A bank transfer to JTB Global Marketing & Travel Inc. (Message: CD100720-284)

Account at The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd. Shin-Marunouchi Branch (swift code: BOTKJPJT)
1-4-2 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0005 Japan (Account number: 4760343)

### Cancellation

In the event of cancellation, written notification should be sent to JTB GMT. The following cancellation fees will be deducted before any refund is made.

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Additional Accommodation

- Hotels: APA HOTEL & RESORT (Tokyo Bay Makuhari)
- No reservation will be confirmed in the absence of this payment. All payment must be in Japanese yen.
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**Venue & Access**

**Venue:** Makuhari Messe, Chiba, Japan  
Nakase 2-1, Mihama-ku, Chiba City, 261-0023 Japan  
Tel: +81-43-296-0001  Fax: +81-43-296-0529  
URL: http://www.m-messe.co.jp/index_e.html

**Climate**

The average temperature in Chiba and Tokyo during the period of the Congress will be around 16°C-23°C.

**Passports and Visa Requirement**

Every foreign visitor entering Japan must have a valid passport. Visitors from countries whose citizens must have visas should apply to Japanese consular office of diplomatic mission in their respective country. Please refer to the ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan website at http://www.mofa.go.jp/infovisit/visa/index.html for more details. If you should require any assistance in preparing documents for visa application, please contact Secretariat of ANR2008 (anr2008_info@ics-inc.co.jp).

**Currency**

Only Japanese yen is acceptable at regular stores and restaurants. Certain foreign currencies may be accepted at a limited number of hotels, restaurants and souvenir shops. You can buy yen at foreign exchange banks and other authorized money exchangers on presentation of your passport.

**Traveler's Checks and Credit Cards**

Traveler’s checks are accepted only by leading banks and major hotels in principal cities, and the use of traveler’s checks in Japan is not as popular as in some other countries. VISA, MasterCard, Diners Club, and American Express are widely accepted at hotels, department stores, shops, restaurants and nightclubs.

**Electricity**

Electric current is uniformly 100 volts, AC, throughout Japan, but with two different cycles: 50 in eastern Japan including Tokyo and 60 in western Japan including Kyoto and Osaka. Leading hotels in major cities have two outlets of 100 and 220 volts but their sockets usually accept a two-leg plug only.

**Tourist Information**

Tourist information is available on the internet at http://www.tourism.metro.tokyo.jp/english/. This is a multi-lingual site provides maps and information regarding sightseeing, transportation, tradition etc.

**Tipping**

In Japan, tips are not necessary anywhere, even at hotels and restaurants.

**Shopping**

Shops and other sales outlets in Japan are generally open on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays as well as weekdays from 10:00 to 20:00. Department stores, however, are closed during one weekday, differing by store, and certain specialty shops may not open on Sundays and national holidays. You may enjoy the latest shopping areas in Tokyo.

**Duty Free Import**

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**Recommend Route**

Keisei Limousine Bus for Makuhari Shintoshin  
Fare: Makuhari Area Hotels JPY1,100 / approx 30 min.  
Kaihin-makuhari Station JPY1,150 / approx 45 min.  
Departure time: 07:15 - 21:40 (every 60 min.)

For more information; http://www.keiseibus.co.jp/pc/foreigners/english.html

**Bus Stop**

- Hotel Springs Makuhari
- Kaihin-Makuhari Sta.
- Hotel New Otani Makuhari
- Hotel Francis
- Hotel The Manhattan
- Hotel Green Tower Makuhari
- APA Hotel & Resort Tokyo Bay Makuhari

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**General Information**

**Climate**

The average temperature in Chiba and Tokyo during the period of the Congress will be around 16°C-23°C.

**Passports and Visa Requirement**

Every foreign visitor entering Japan must have a valid passport. Visitors from countries whose citizens must have visas should apply to Japanese consular office of diplomatic mission in their respective country. Please refer to the ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan website at http://www.mofa.go.jp/infovisit/visa/index.html for more details. If you should require any assistance in preparing documents for visa application, please contact Secretariat of ANR2008 (anr2008_info@ics-inc.co.jp).

**Currency**

Only Japanese yen is acceptable at regular stores and restaurants. Certain foreign currencies may be accepted at a limited number of hotels, restaurants and souvenir shops. You can buy yen at foreign exchange banks and other authorized money exchangers on presentation of your passport.

**Traveler’s Checks and Credit Cards**

Traveler’s checks are accepted only by leading banks and major hotels in principal cities, and the use of traveler’s checks in Japan is not as popular as in some other countries. VISA, MasterCard, Diners Club, and American Express are widely accepted at hotels, department stores, shops, restaurants and nightclubs.

**Electricity**

Electric current is uniformly 100 volts, AC, throughout Japan, but with two different cycles: 50 in eastern Japan including Tokyo and 60 in western Japan including Kyoto and Osaka. Leading hotels in major cities have two outlets of 100 and 220 volts but their sockets usually accept a two-leg plug only.

**Tourist Information**

Tourist information is available on the internet at http://www.tourism.metro.tokyo.jp/english/. This is a multi-lingual site provides maps and information regarding sightseeing, transportation, tradition etc.

**Tipping**

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Asian Children’s Care League (ACCL), a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting children with cancer in Asia, will award international travel grants to support attendance to ANR2008.

Applications from medical professionals and researchers who are active in pediatric oncology in economically less privileged countries in Asia with insufficient resources to participate will be considered. Preference will be given according to the criteria listed in the guidelines. Those who wish to apply for this grant should send their application form along with the necessary documents.

Detailed information including the guidelines and application form are available on the ACCL website (http://www.accl.jp/anr2008grant).

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2008 International Open Symposium on Childhood Cancer Survivorship

Date: May 24, 2008 1:30pm - 4:30pm
Place: Makuhari Messe International Conference Hall – 2F Convention Hall

Care and Cure for All Children and Survivors of Childhood Cancer around the World

Cancer Treatment and Care: Now and Future Circumstances in Developing Countries
Survivors’ Activities in Various Countries

2008 International Open Symposium Organizing Committee is pleased to announce the symposium, May 24th, 2008, in Makuhari Messe, Chiba, Japan.

In this symposium, we will hear reports from oncologists about cancer treatments and follow-up care as well as the situation in developing countries. And with the participation of childhood cancer survivors, we will hear survivors’ activity reports and discuss the circumstances of patients / survivors’ families. There will also be a charity sale, a display of books and organizations related to childhood cancer.

It will be a golden opportunity to get together and work toward cure and care for children and survivors around the world and to unite supporting groups into a worldwide network. Attendance is open to all interested individuals.

We look forward to your participation!

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Important Dates

- Opening of On-line Abstract submission and Registration: October 1, 2007
- Abstract Submission Deadline: January 5, 2008
- Early Bird Registration Deadline: January 20, 2008
- Notification of Abstracts: March 15, 2008
- Pre-Registration Deadline: April 15, 2008
- ANR2008: May 21 to 24, 2008

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