

Asia-Oceania Conference on Neutron Scattering 2019

The 3rd Asia-Oceania Conference on Neutron Scattering (AOCSN2019) was held in Kenting National Park, which is situated at the southernmost part of Taiwan, during November 16~21, 2019. (www.aocns2019.org) Gathering of 313 scientists and students from 18 countries contributed around 300 presentations made the conference a perfect platform for exchanging and sharing latest development in scientific research. Comfortable guest rooms and meeting rooms provided a relaxing atmosphere away from busy and intense daily research work and a nursing ground for new idea and fruitful collaborations at the Conference site. The instrument scientist workshop consisted of five parallel

sessions (W1~W5) opened the exciting conference one day before the opening of main AOCNS. AOCNS had six plenary and five neutron science facility talks, six parallel sessions(S1~S7), one poster session and several committee meetings such as Japan-Korea Business Meeting (JKBM), Facility Director Meeting (FDM), AONSA Executive Committee Meeting (AONSA EC), Three Presidents Meeting, and Taiwan and Japan neutron society annual meetings. AONSA gave the most important award—AONSA prize—at the end of the Conference to Professor Kim to honor his vital contribution to Korea neutron science and to establish AONSA



Photo-1: The plenary talks right after Conference opening on Nov. 16



Photo-2: The group photo on Nov. 16. Three presidents of AONSA, NSS and ENSA, and the five former presidents of AONSA and the 2019 AONSA prize winner and many of societies' presidents and delegates are happily gathering to celebrate the successful of the 3rd AOCNS.

By taking the advantage of high speed internet, five web meetings were held during the conference where we connected those who were not available to attend the on-site meeting. This was the first time to have web meeting in the conference with a great effect for broadened participants and opened up opportunities for every person who was interested in contributing their insightful opinions to the conference no matter where they were. Similar group discussions by using the internet cyberspace will certainly become one of important future trend.





Photo-3: The group photo of EC meeting at the Kenting Conference site and at the Beijing and Dongguan sites



Photo-4: The web-conference connecting people from different sites in real time could be the future trend for gathering more delegates from various sites to exchange idea and joint discussions.



Three presidents of AONSA, NSS and ENSA discussed about the administration structures of each regional association, how they conducted cross-country collaborations and promotion of younger generation to involve in neutron application, and types of future challenges that needs everyone's effort to overcome. Even three associations have partial of similarities in

administration structure and goal, some distinct principle on the association operation and the goals are quite different. This strengthens the need of collaborations to integrate the strong part of each association. However, it is also raise a question on how and if it necessary to promote an international neutron association.



Photo-5: Three presidents of AONSA, NSS and ENSA meet at conference.

Enthusiastic discussion during poster session requires unlimited boosters such as good beer and wine. One of success of this conference is providing sufficient but not overload of boosters for attendees, which was obvious from the long queue and unstoppable discussion before every posters.









Photo-6: Great booster excites great interesting and discussion during poster sessions.



AONSA prize of 2019 went to professor Mahn Won Kim to honor his contribution to the neutron application on material in Korea and service as the first president of the Neutron Beam Users Association (KNBUA). During the same period Professor Kim was one of major leaders in setting up the Asia-Oceania neutron scattering community and establishing AONSA as the first president to broaden neutron application. President

Brendan Kennedy on behalf of AONSA awarded Professor Kim the prize certificate, medal and US 5000 prize. We also thank Professor Kim for his generous donation of US2000 to AONSA. Former AONSA presidents Yashuhiko Fujii, Wen-Hsien Li, Cung-Min Choi and the secretary of the 1st AONSA Board member Masatoshi Arai all joined this important event and gave their memorable appreciation to Professor Kim.







Photo-7: President Brendan Kennedy awarded AONSA prize to and accepted from Professor Kim.

Banquet of AONSA was not only food and drink but a reunion for contributors of AONSA and a welcome party for our distinguished guests from Europe and America. The roaring drumming of the native peoples of Taiwan declared the beginning of the ceremony moment and the dancing stirred up the atmosphere to highest point. Celebration and a toast remarked the invisible bonding between neutron guys. Of course, various beers and wine worked as catalysts to boost the reaction among us.









Photo-8: The precious moments of the banquet of 3^{rd} *AOCNS* 2019.



Conference tour was the best ending for this conference. Everyone enjoyed visiting the Eluanbi Lighthouse at the most southern tip of Taiwan that guides the safety of ship cursing around strong ocean current in the old time. Now a day, its light beam keep shining in darkness as a connecting beam that bond the ocean traveler to the

mother land. The magnificent view of the cliff, the Long Pan Park formed by the rising limestone terrace of the Pacific Ocean provides an overlook to the green grass cascading into the deep blue ocean.

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Photo-9: The Conference Tour at the last day of AOCNS2019.