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The 2nd Japanese-Italian Workshop on Liquid Crystals



*UST Tsu Hall, Tsu City, Mie Prefecture
5-8 September 2004*

Introduction

We are pleased to announce the 2nd Japanese – Italian Workshop on Liquid Crystals will be held in Mie, Japan, from September 5 to 8, 2004. The Workshop will be organized by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) under the auspice of the Japanese Liquid Crystal Society (JLCS), the Italian Liquid Crystal Society (SICL) and Mie Prefecture. The Workshop will provide an opportunity to make presentations and discussions of recent results in the various research field of liquid crystals. It is hoped that the Workshop will facilitate exchange and scientific cooperation between Japan and Italy in the most innovative areas of liquid crystal science and technology. The format of the workshop will be based on a number of keynote talks of leading Japanese and Italian scientists. In addition, there will be the opportunity for other participants to present their latest results as posters.

Organizing Committee

Japan – N. Koide, A. Fukuda, J. Hanna, T. Ikeda, T. Kato, N. Kawatsuki, N. Kimura, S. Kobayashi, K. Moriya, S. Naemura, N. Nakamura, M. Ozaki, T. Seki, Y. Shimizu, A. Sugimura, Y. Takatsu, H. Takezoe, M. Torikai, M. Yamashita, H. Yokoyama
Italy – P. Pasini, G. Abbate, A. d'Alessandro, G. Galli, D. Pucci, F. Simoni, C. Versace, C. A. Veracini, C. Zannoni

Scientific Programs

- Molecular design, synthesis, new materials and phase
- Structures, ordering, and defects
- Simulations and dynamic properties
- Photonic and optoelectronic applications
- Surfaces and confined systems
- Display and other applications
- Colloids, nanostructured systems and selfassembly
- Polymeric and elastomeric liquid crystals
- Biological and lyotropic systems

Venue

The Workshop will be held at the “UST Tsu Hall” in Tsu city, the prefectural capital of Mie prefecture located in the center of Japan. Mie has prospered as a corridor between eastern and western Japan since ancient times. Blessed with a mild climate and spectacular setting between mountains and the sea, Mie features many sites that reflect the rich historical legacy of the region.

Registration

Registration at the meetings includes social dinner, conference proceedings and related materials.

15,000 Yen

Accommodation

Hotel Green Park Tsu
(Next to UST Tsu Hall)
8,069 Yen/night including breakfast

Optional Tour

Excursion 5,000 Yen

Please register by sending the enclosed registration form by e-mail to M. Yamashita (mayam@phen.mie-u.ac.jp)
Deadline for registration is August 15th 2004

Abstract Submission

Abstract should be prepared in electronic format (one A4 page, “Times or Times New Roman 12” font), and sent by e-mail to M. Yamashita (mayam@phen.mie-u.ac.jp) with the enclosed abstract submission form.

Deadline for abstract submission is July 31th 2004

Proceedings

A special issue of Molecular Crystals and Liquid Crystals (MCLC) will be devoted to papers submitted for this Workshop. Camera-ready manuscripts should be prepared according to MCLC standards.