## Invitation to The Third International Workshop on Biomedical Imaging (Fukui-2004)

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The Third International Workshop on Biomedical Imaging will be held from December 12 to 14, 2004, at Yours Hotel Fukui in Fukui, Japan. Fukui University Biomedical Imaging Research Center, hosting the Workshop, has come through a rather trembling time of Fukui Medical University joining Fukui University and the new united university being corporationized, but it has firmly stepped into the second decade advancing toward the future. One of the demonstrations that our center is getting recognition is that Biomedical Imaging Technology Integration Program (BITIP), of which our center is forming the core, was selected for the prestigious 21<sup>st</sup> century COE by Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

Feeling the strong current toward molecular imaging and the explosion of medical imaging researches, including PET study, in Asian countries, we decided to take this opportunity of the Third International Workshop on Biomedical Imaging to invite world leaders and front runners in Asian countries in biomedical imaging research and discuss the prospect of "Molecular Imaging Research Consortium in Asian Countries".

As to the scientific papers, we are having poster sessions. Taking advantage of rather small and intimate setting of this Workshop, we are designing the sessions to formulate lively discussions with the world leading researchers. We would like to encourage young researchers to join us. Society of Radiopharmaceutical Sciences will kindly support several young students/researchers for attending this Workshop (100,000 JPY/person). If you are interested, please apply for the Award using the poster submission form.

As this Workshop is partly supported by the 21<sup>st</sup> century COE, there is no charge for the registration to this meeting. Because of the limited sat availability, please make your pre-registration early to make sure you can join us. Registration form and poster submission form are in the following pages. They are also available at:

http://wwwbirc.fukui-med.ac.jp.

We are looking forward to seeing you at Fukui-2004.

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