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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we are honored to welcome you to the Third International Workshop on Biomedical Imaging (Fukui-2004), being held in December 12-14, 2004 in Fukui, Japan. This workshop is under the joint auspices of Biomedical Imaging Research Center, University of Fukui, and 21st Century COE "Biomedical Imaging Technology Integration Program (BITIP)" supported by Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), Japan.

Over the past decades we have seen a dramatic growth in two independent disciplines, namely medical imaging and molecular biology, both of which are giving us new insights into the study of human beings. Medical imaging permits us to see the inside of human body non-invasively, and molecular biology to explore the fundamental mechanisms underlying living organisms. Recently, a new research field "Molecular Imaging" attracts our attention as an integration of these two approaches. We have been focusing on this new field for years, and would like to take this opportunity to make lively discussion with distinguished researchers from the world.

Through this workshop, under the support of world leading experts, we would be happy if we can establish a new consortium for molecular imaging research and education in Asian countries.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you in Fukui.

Sincerely,

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