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- ・公益社団法人日本繁殖生物学会資料(2ページ~)
- 20^{th} International Congress on Animal Reproduction June 22^{nd} June 26^{th} 0bihiro, Japan $(7 \sim \circlearrowleft \sim)$

以上

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ICAR は非営利の国際組織であり、動物繁殖(家畜、野生動物、伴侶動物、鳥類、魚類など)に関する 60 カ国以上からの参加者 1000 人超の当該分野で最大規模の学術集会を開催しています。1948 年に動物繁殖と人工授精に関する国際会議として設立され、現在の畜産、伴侶動物、野生動物の繁殖技術の進歩に中心的な貢献をしてきました。その中でも特に、ウシの繁殖学と繁殖技術を世界で牽引してきた歴史ある学術集会として広く知られています。本学会は『繁殖学のオリンピック』 と言われており、魚類から野生動物、伴侶動物、そして家畜の繁殖学を網羅します。

ICAR は世界中の国で4年ごとに大規模な国際学術集会を開催していますが(第19回大会はコロナ感染症により2年延期)、アジアでは第20回大会になる帯広開催(2026年6月22~26日)が初めてとなります。気候変動による地球温暖化、コロナ禍や震災、戦禍の勃発など、様々な問題に直面している現在、本国際学会でも、家畜生産、野生動物などの気候や環境汚染による影響、最新生殖技術を用いた絶滅種の復活、宇宙空間での生殖、幹細胞技術による精子と卵子の作出、乳牛生産・繁殖技術の今と今後の方向性など、広範なテーマで5日間に渡り次世代へのメッセージを多く含む講演が続き、一般発表と議論が繰り広げられます。

この度、ICAR 理事長であるルーシー教授を先頭に常務理事会メンバーの視察団 6 名がオリンピック同様、本大会開催の 2 年前の 2024 年 6 月 24 日 (火) ~27 日 (木) に、大会へ向けた準備状況、地元社会の受け入れ体制などを検証するために、帯広市を訪問しました。視察団メンバー(米国、フランス、アイルランド、オーストラリア、イタリア)は 6 月 24 日に帯広入りし、翌 25 日に大会会場である市民文化ホール・十勝プラザ・ホテル日航ノー







スランド・北海道ホテルを視察し、大会準備状況などに関する会議を行いました。また、同日には帯広畜産大学長澤学長を表敬訪問しました。翌26日には帯広市役所を訪れ、米沢市長を表敬訪問したのち、記者会見をおこないました。同日午後には、帯広市近郊でエクスカーションに参加して、北海道十勝の素晴らしい自然、農業、食など理解しながら楽しんでいただく予定です。

視察団は6月27日に帰国の途につきますが、その間、実際の会場等の視察を通して、 十勝・帯広が日本の食糧基地であり、なおかつ酪農と肉用牛生産の中心地であること、また繁殖技術が産業の基盤であることを充分認識いただけたとともに、ICAR2026 帯広開催へ向けた活発な議論を行うことができました。今後、組織委員会は視察団からの指摘等を織り込みつつ、本学会ならびに関連学協会および帯広市、北海道、そして産業界関係者の皆様とともに有意義なものとなるよう本格的な学会開催準備を行います。

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誘致活動にあたり、下記団体から開催提案書に推薦状をお寄せいただきました。

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- ·公益社団法人 日本獣医学会
- ·一般社団法人 日本卵子学会
- · 日本胚移植技術研究会
- · 農林水産省
- ・観光庁
- · 日本政府観光局
- ・北海道
- ・帯広市
- ·国立大学法人 北海道国立大学機構 帯広畜産大学
- · 全国農業協同組合連合会







<開催概要>

1. 学会の名称

和文名:第20回国際動物繁殖学会

英文名: The 20th International Congress on Animal Reproduction (ICAR2026)

2. 開催機関等及び責任者名

主 催:20th International Congress on Animal Reproduction 組織委員会

組織委員長:宮本 明夫 (帯広畜産大学 畜産学部 教授)

後 援:(公社) 日本繁殖生物学会 (SRD, Japan), 日本畜産学会 (JSAS, Japan), 日本獣 医学会 (JSVS, Japan), 日本卵子学会 (JSOR, Japan), 日本胚移植技術研究会 (JETS, Japan), 帯広市, 北海道

3. 会 期:2026年6月22日(月)~2026年6月26日(金)

4. 会 場:

1) 帯広市民文化ホール

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5. 大会の目的

国際動物繁殖学会は,動物繁殖学とその最新技術の最大級の国際学術集会です。アジアでは初の開催となる本大会では,ウシを始めとしたすべての家畜,伴侶動物,野生動物の繁殖,動物の生理・病理学,最新の生殖技術などをテーマとした全体会議,基調講演,シンポジウム,ワークショップ,一般口頭発表・ポスター発表,展示会,関連する







複数の国際サテライト学術集会を開催します。本大会には、1000名(海外より700名)を超す参加者が見込まれており、我が国の動物繁殖分野の優れた研究成果を世界に発信するとともに、世界各国の研究者との情報交換や議論を通じて国際的な協力関係の深化、我が国における当該分野の学術振興と技術への貢献・普及を目的としています。さらに、若手研究者による成果発表や研究交流の推進に力をそそぐことで、我が国の畜産を支えてゆく次世代のリーダーの育成を目指します。

6. 開催計画の概要

講演形式: 基調講演、シンポジウム、一般講演(口演・ポスター)、

ワークショップ

使用言語: 英語

参加予定者数: 国外 700 名, 国内 300 名, 合計 1000 名

参加予定国等:日本、豪州、英国、アイルランド、米国、カナダ、中国、フランス、

ドイツ, ベルギー, スイス, スペイン, ポルトガル, オランダ, ハンガリー,

オーストリア、ニュージーランド、ブラジル、アルゼンチン、韓国、タイ、ベトナム、

フィリピン、シンガポール、台湾、エジプトなど

7. 開催実績

第1回開催地・年:イタリア (ミラノ)・1948年

第2回開催地・年:デンマーク (コペンハーゲン)・1952年

第3回開催地・年:イギリス (ケンブリッジ)・1956年

第4回開催地・年:オランダ (ハーグ)・1961年

第5回開催地・年: イタリア (トレント)・1964年

第6回開催地・年:フランス (パリ)・1968年

第7回開催地・年:ドイツ (ミュンヘン)・1972年

第8回開催地・年:ポーランド (クラクフ)・1976年

第9回開催地・年:スペイン (マドリード)・1980年

第 10 回開催地・年:アメリカ (アーバナ・シャンペーン)・1984年

第 11 回開催地・年:アイルランド (ダブリン)・1988 年

第 12 回開催地・年:オランダ (ハーグ)・1992 年

第 13 回開催地・年:オーストラリア (シドニー)・1996 年

第14回開催地・年:スウェーデン (ストックホルム)・2000年

第 15 回開催地・年: ブラジル (ポルト・セグーロ)・2004 年

第 16 回開催地・年:ハンガリー (ブダペスト)・2008 年







第 17 回開催地・年:カナダ (バンクーバー)・2012 年 第 18 回開催地・年:フランス (トゥール)・2016 年 第 19 回開催地・年:イタリア (ボローニャ)・2022 年 第 20 回開催地・年:日本 (帯広)・2026 年 (予定)

8. 大会 HP アドレス

https://icar2026.jp



ICAR 2026

20th International Congress on Animal Reproduction

June 22nd-June 26th Obihiro, Japan





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To Dr. Fulvio Gandolfi, ICAR President
Dr. Matthew Lucy, ICAR Vice President
Dr. Simon de Graaf, ICAR Secretary General



Dear Professor Gandolfi, Professor Lucy, and Professor de Graaf,

On behalf of the Local Organizing Committee, we sincerely welcome the 20th International Congress on Animal Reproduction in June 2026 in Obihiro, which is located in the middle of Hokkaido, Japan.

Surrounded by the beautiful coastline of East Asia, Japan is a charming country that is gentle, safe, delicious and beautiful for visitors, with a good blend of unique culture, art, cuisine and global factors. At the same time, we have created a modern society supported by cutting-edge world-class science and technology. Livestock production is also active, and Japanese beef production, which has gained international acclaim for its high-quality marbled meat Wagyu as well as dairy cows, is booming.

Obihiro City is the center of the Tokachi district in Hokkaido, which is located in the north of Japan, and is one of the largest food production bases in Japan, and is called "Food Valley". In particular, in addition to large-scale upland farming, dairy is the largest producer in Japan. Local cheese, wine and beer production are well known at home and abroad, and "Made in Hokkaido", "Made in Tokachi", is a brand along with agricultural products. Hokkaido is popular with domestic and foreign tourists and is a mecca for outdoor sports in the dynamic wilderness. There are plenty of seafood, agricultural products, meat, wine and beer, and numerous hot springs. ICAR participants will be assured for a very comfortable and relaxing stay after a heated discussion in the academic program.

Japanese animal reproduction researchers have long been involved in ICAR. In particular, many researchers are now involved in ICAR in a wide range of research and technological development in reproductive science, starting with professor Nishikawa, a pioneer of horse reproductive science and further developed with professor Iritani in in vitro fertilization. During this time, the Society of Reproduction and Development (SRD) has consistently been a driving force in Japanese animal reproduction. However, as you know, ICAR has never been held in Japan and also in Asia, and the time is now ripe. Obihiro City has the Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, which has traditionally produced human resources for cattle reproduction, and many large livestock veterinarians, cattle producers, and researchers in these fields are still growing up. In 2014, the 9th International Ruminant Reproduction Symposium (IRRS) was held in Obihiro City, where many internationally leading researchers from 30 countries gathered and discussed. The upcoming 20th ICAR will be fully supported by Japan Society of Animal Science, The Japanese Society of Veterinary Science, Japan Society of Ova Research, Japan Embryo Technology Society, centered on the host society SRD, with the strong support of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan, Tourism Agency of Japan, National Tourism Organization, Hokkaido Prefecture, Obihiro City, Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine and The National Federation of Agricultural Cooperative Associations (ZEN-NOH).

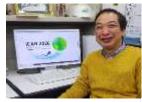
We will work with leading researchers around the world to prepare an inspiring time and offer a rich and hot scientific program in the beautiful, idyllic and relaxing environment of Obihiro, Hokkaido. At the timing of overcoming the global pandemic caused by this severe coronavirus disaster, we will do our best to create a week where we can truly rejoice and meet each other.

We look forward to seeing you in Obihiro!

Local Organizing Committee

Chairperson Professor Akio Miyamoto
Secretary General Dr. Kazuhiro Kikuchi





Local Organizing Committee (LOC)

The ICAR Obihiro will be managed by bringing together all the abilities of SRD members. The core of LOC is the following members, mainly SRD directors. Many of LOC members have experience in running International Ruminant Reproduction Symposium in 2014 or World Congress of Reproductive Biology in 2017 and are fully familiar with the knowhow to hold international scientific conferences.

Akio Miyamoto Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine

(Chairperson)

Kazuhiro Kikuchi The National Agriculture and Food Research Organization (NARO)

(Secretary General)

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Naoko Kimura Yamagata University

Yayoi Obata Tokyo University of Agriculture

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Graça Ferreira-Dias Lisbon (Portugal)

Simon de Graaf Sydney (Australia)

Katsuhiko Hayashi Osaka (Japan)

Hasan Kathib Madison (USA)

Chang-Kyu Lee Seoul (Korea)

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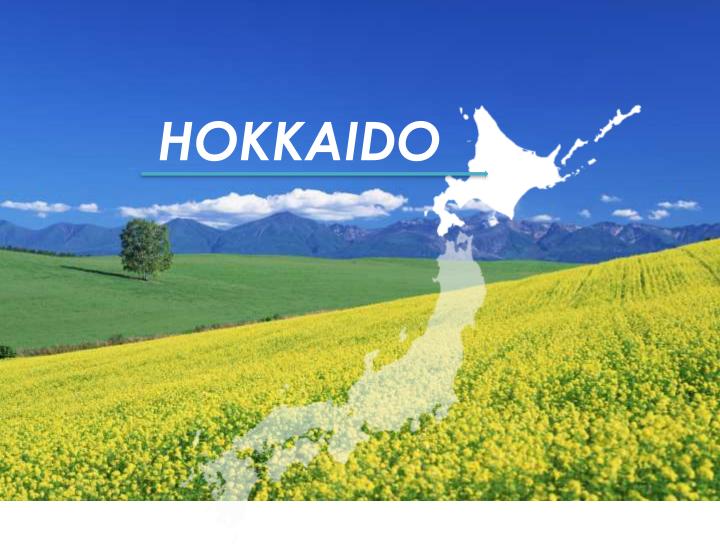
Christiane Pfarrer Hannover (Germany)

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Ann Van Soom Ghent (Belgium)



Hokkaido is home to about 5.3 million people and is the second largest island in Japan with an area of 83,450 km and the 21st one in the world. Located in the northernmost part of Japan, it is a place with world-famous winter sports attractions such as Niseko, where you can spend the summer comfortably and enjoy the high-quality powder snow "JAPOW" (* 1) in the winter. The four seasons are clear due to the distinction in the climate of the year, and you can enjoy the natural scenery of the flowers and autumn leaves in each season, as well as footpath and birdwatching

* 1 "Japow" is a coined word that combines "Japan" and "Powder snow".











Indigenous people "Ainu"

In areas such as the northern region of the Japanese archipelago, particularly Hokkaido, people called "Ainu" who have their own language and culture, are indigenous. In Hokkaido, activities to pass on their traditionalization to the next generation are continuing. In July 2020, the national center "Upopoy", centered on the National Ainu Museum, has opened in Shiraoi Town, and now become a symbol of the reconstruction of Ainu culture.





*Photo is for image only.

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Hokkaido's food and sightseeing

The agricultural and livestock industry, which has a large area of land, is thriving. The amount of cultivated land is 1/4 of the total amount of Japanese land, and the amount of milk produced is more than 50% of the total amount of Japanese food. Names of Hokkaido's places such as "HOKKAIDO" and "TOKACHI region" become safe and secure food brands. Dairy product brands with these names are getting more popular not only in Japan but also in Asia. Surrounded by the sea, Hokkaido is blessed with marine products, and many tourists visit Hokkaido for the purpose of diverse tourism. With its natural, idyllic rural scenery and hot springs, the number of tourists visiting from overseas reaches 3.2 million annually.



Sake in Hokkaido

The alcoholic drinks that you can enjoy with the food are also a great attraction of "Hokkaido". With a climate suitable for large-scale cultivation of barley and beer brewing, Hokkaido has a Japanese beer industry as a large beer producing area. Japan's unique sake or rice wine is also brewed in various areas, and the sake that has been elaborated by each brewery has fruitful compatibility with Japanese food, which is registered as an intangible world heritage site.

In addition, the cultivation volume of grapes for winemaking is the largest in Japan, and there are 35 wineries in Hokkaido, and "Hokkaido wine" is now attracts people. Altogether, Hokkaido's beer, sake and wine are becoming a nice culture with local foods.





Outdoor Experience in Hokkaido

Hokkaido is rich in nature, and you can enjoy various outdoor sports and activities throughout the year. There are variety of outdoor menu. You can fully enjoy the vast and beautiful nature by camping, trekking, or hiking. You may want to enjoy canoeing, kayaking, or fishing in the river or lake. You can also enjoy viewing the landscape from a hot-air balloon or paraglider. In winter, winter sports with Hokkaido's high quality powder snow is very popular. Many skiers and snowboarders come to Hokkaido from in and out of Japan for its extra dry powder snow. It is one of the biggest charms of Hokkaido that you can experience very different activities in nature in summer and winter.





Obihiro City, which is located in the center of Hokkaido, is the core city of Tokachi region consisting of 1 city and 18 towns or villages. About 165,000 people are living mainly based on agriculture as their core industry. The fertility is very high, and it is positioned as a Japanese food base, and four crops, potato, sugar beet, wheat, and beans, are cultivated as typical crops. Many of Japanese confectionery stores that represent Japan and also Kyoto's specialty product stores in Kyoto, etc. use raw materials from Tokachi, Hokkaido. Although the core industry is agriculture, we are also working on the new technology for environment. Since 2008, the city has been selected as an environmental model city with 23 designated locations nationwide, and research on hydrogen energy etc. is now being conducted. In recent years, space development focusing on rockets and the spaceport concept have been promoted, and various efforts from agriculture to space development are being carried out, making it a region unlike any other in Japan.









Various types of food

As well as agricultural products such as wheat, Obihiro City is a region where dairy farming is thriving. So, livestock products such as cheese and other dairy products and sausages show high-productivity. Among all, confectionery attracts attention and the city is so called "sweets kingdom". From large Hokkaido's leading confectionery makers to small confectionery stores, many sweets stores offer sweets with high quality. What is characteristic is that a large proportion of all use "local products". This is the real power of Obihiro and Tokachi.







Mall hot spring

It is an alkaline hot spring containing humic acid derived from peat (lignite), and is expected to have an effect similar to that of European moor baths. This Moor hot spring, which originated from ancient plants, was selected as a Hokkaido heritage site in 2004.



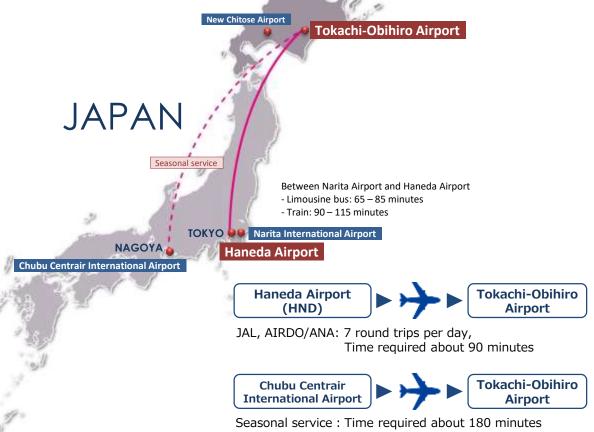
Heavily-built horse race "Banei" competition

As a tourist center, there is only one "Heavily-built horse race" competition in the world, and it has been selected as a Hokkaido heritage site. It was originated as a race using farming horses, but it continues its history until now even after agriculture has been mechanized.



Access for Hokkaido

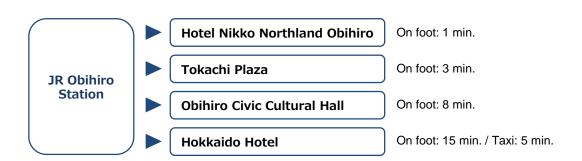


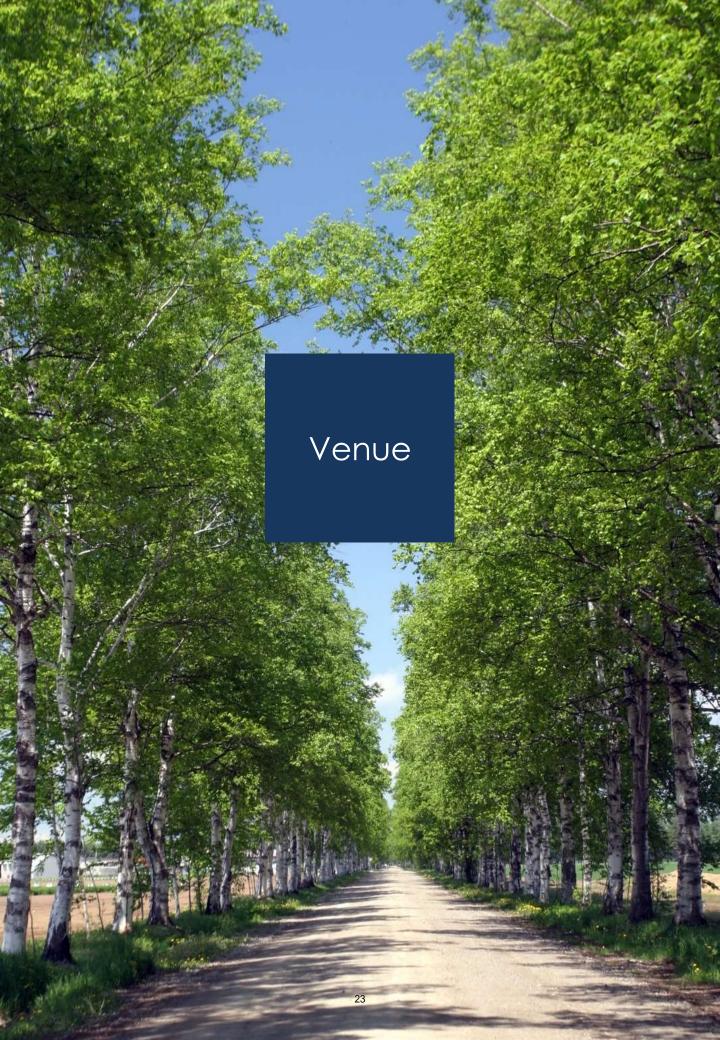


Access for Obihiro









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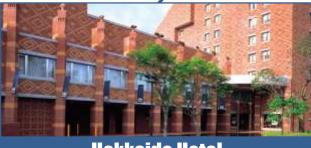


Large Hall: Plenary Session / Opening Ceremony

Tokachi Plaza

Large Conference Room: Poster session / exhibition booths Rainbow Hall: Closing Ceremony / Symposium/Workshop/ Poster session / exhibition booths





Hokkaido Hotel

Daisetsu: Gala Dinner



Hotel Nikko Northland Obihiro

NORTHLAND HALL: Symposium/ Workshop Welcome Cocktail

Obihiro Civic Cultural Hall (Plenary Session / Opening Ceremony)



ACCESS

* 5-minute walk from South Exit of JR Obihiro Station

There are two multipurpose halls: a large hall with 1,540 seats and a small hall with 560 seats equipped with parent-child rooms (large hall) and wheel chair spaces.

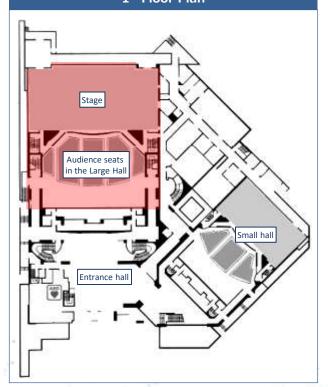
Facility

- ·Large Hall with 1,540 fixed seats / 2 parent-child rooms / Space for 14 wheel chairs
- ·Small Hall with 560 fixed seats (including 28 parent-child seats)

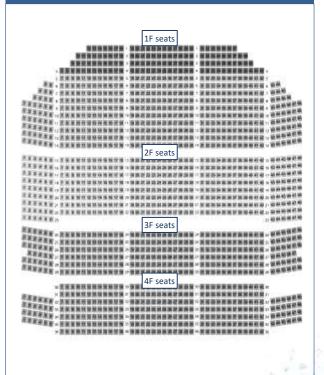




1st Floor Plan



Large Hall: maximum capacity of 1,546 seats



Tokachi Plaza (Closing Ceremony/Symposium/Workshop etc.)

TOKACHI PLAZA

ACCESS

^k 2-minute walk from South Exit of JR Obihiro Station

Tokachi Plaza is the largest facility in Obihiro City located near Obihiro Station where concerts, academic and other conferences, seminars, trainings, exhibitions are held. It has music rooms and gyms used by many citizens.

There are various facilities including the atrium with 6 floors and glasses on 3 sides where you can enjoy open atmosphere with plenty of sunlight. Other facilities include the Rainbow Hall which is best for live performances and easily accessible training rooms. Tokachi Plaza is conveniently located right in front of the South Exit of Obihiro Station, and is used for many exhibitions, events, concerts, and other events.



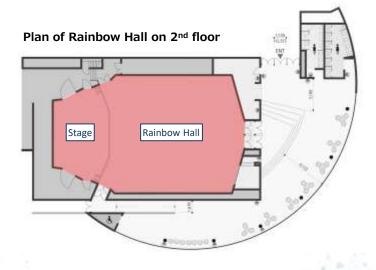
2nd Floor Rainbow Hall





It is one of the leading music halls in Hokkaido created with a concept "the hall itself is one of musical instruments" carefully considering the sound. This hall with 350 seats can be used not only for concerts, lectures but for concert rehearsals, practicing the piano, recording and so on.

Capacity	350 people (with space for 4 wheel chairs)
Area	1,079.9 m ²
Facility	Stage / Lights / Acoustic system / Projection devices / 3 pianos / Cembalo / 4 wheel chair seats / Cloak room / Parent-child room



Tokachi Plaza (Poster session and exhibition booths)

Poster session

This room is used for academic conferences, lectures, and citizens' presentations on their voluntary activities. It can be divided into two depending on the purposes of use, and there are acoustic equipment including microphones.

Capacity	192 seats (school style arrangement) – 280 seats (only chairs)
Area	259.2 m ²
Facility	Projector / PA system / VTR equipment / Stage / Electric screen / Microphones





1st Floor Plan





Atrium (Exhibition booths)

The space with plenty of sunlight through glasses on 3 sides has open atmosphere and is used for sales events, exhibitions, festivals, and other events. It is also a place for social gathering that can be freely used to meet and talk with people.

Area	418.6 m ²
Facility	PA system / Exhibition Panels / Partition stands (common for all rooms)

Hotel Nikko Northland Obihiro (Symposium/Workshop/Welcome Cocktail)



ACCESS

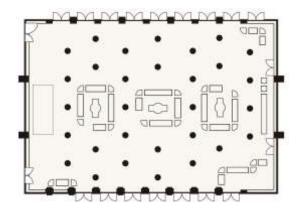
* 1-minute walk from South Exit of JR Obihiro Station

Located next to JR Obihiro Station that functions as a gateway to Tokachi Area, it is a hotel used as a base for business, sightseeing and cultural exchanges.

171 guest rooms based on the theme "Scandinavian residence" are featured with light color wood furniture and textiles in vivid colors that relieve your weariness of the travel.



NORTHLAND HALL





	Ceiling		Area	Ban	quet	Confe	rence
Location	tion (m) Partial use	(m ²)	Seated	Standing	School type	Theater type	
2F	7	0	974	700	1200	600	1080

Hokkaido Hotel (Gala Dinner)



SPA RESORT IN THE FOREST
HOKKAIDO
HOTEL

ACCESS

- * 15-minute walk from South Exit of JR Obihiro Station
- * 5-minute drive from JR Obihiro Station (South Exit)

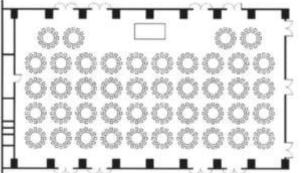
Hotel Concept: Dedication to embodying Hokkaido as a hotel in the Tokachi region.

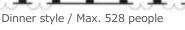
Our team of customer service professionals includes top-rated sommeliers and leading Hokkaido chefs specializing in Japanese and Western cuisine to provide guests with a truly relaxing and pleasant stay. Tokachi's status as a major agricultural region supports our efforts to create new dishes made with local produce, which in turn contributes to local development.

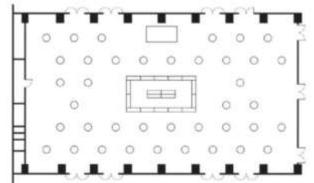
The hotel's sense of warmth comes from the extensive use of locally sourced building materials, including Japanese oak and bricks, as well as its moor hot spring baths – a facility found in few other places worldwide. As a hotel embodying Hokkaido both in name and in nature, we are committed to providing only the very best service.











Buffet style / Max. 630 people

Name of Deam	Variation	Area (m²)	Length x Width (m)	Ceiling Height (m)	Capacity	
Name of Room					With seats	Stand-up dinner
Daisetsu	Whole room	760	21×36	6	528	630
Daisetsu (A&B)	3/4	570	21×27	6	384	475
Shinsetsu, Sinryoku	1/2	380	21×18	6	264	315
Daisetsu (B/C)	1/4	190	21×9	6	108	158

Purposes of use of each facility/room

Name of Facility	Name of Room	Purpose of Use	Dinner Venue
Obihiro Civic Cultural Hall	Large Hall	Plenary Session Opening Ceremony	
	Large Conference Room	Poster session	
Tokachi Plaza	Atrium	Exhibition booths	
	Rainbow Hall	Symposium/Workshop/Closing Ceremony	
Hotel Nikko Northland Obihiro	Northland Hall	Symposium/Workshop	Welcome Cocktail
Forest Spa Resort Hokkaido Hotel	Daisetsu		Gala Dinner
Otofuke		Petite Excursion "Tasting Hokkaido foods, wine and beer!"	



Being located 15 km north from the center of Obihiro, we will offer a Petite Excursion for delicious food and drink by a charter bus taking only 20 min in an evening of Tokachi.

In the special product center of "Otofuke" on the first floor, it sells main local products of Tokachi area and Hokkaido, and also the product of Otofuke Town such as dairy products, meats, beans and jam, as well as many sweets. You can enjoy fresh local food with wine, beer and sake.













Accommodation

2026 ICAR List of hotels around Obihiro and rooms

*As of March 23, 2020

4-Star Hotels	Accomm	odation price	Time from venue	
4-Star Hotels	¥	\$	€	Time from vende
Hotel Nikko Northland Obihiro	32000	278.08	246.08	1 min. on foot
Hokkaido Hotel	32000	278.08	246.08	13 min. on foot 5 min. by car
Premier Hotel Cabin Obihiro	26000	225.94	199.94	3 min. on foot
Richmond Hotel Obihiro Ekimae	30000	260.70	230.70	2 min. on foot
Tokachigawa Onsen Daiichi Hotel (Hot Spring Inn/Japanese-style room)	44000	382.36	338.36	20 min. by car
Kangetsuen (Hot Spring Inn/Japanese-style room)	42000	364.98	322.98	20 min. by car

*As of March 23, 2020

3-Star Hotels	Accomm	odation price	Time from venue	
5 Star Froteis	¥	\$	€	
Hotel Grand Terrace Obihiro	18000	156.42	138.42	4 min. on foot
Hotel Route Inn Obihiro Ekimae	16000	139.04	123.04	2 min. on foot
Tokachi Gardens Hotel	17000	147.73	130.73	2 min. on foot
APA Hotel Obihiro Ekimae	16000	139.04	123.04	3 min. on foot
Fukui Hotel	18000	156.42	138.42	2 min. on foot
Comfort Hotel Obihiro	14000	121.66	107.66	4 min. on foot
Dormy Inn Obihiro	16000	139.04	123.04	4 min. on foot







Scientific program at a glance

Time	Monday June 22	Tuesday June 23	Wednesday June 24	Thursday June 25	Friday June26
08:00		Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
08:30					
09:00 09:30		Opening Ceremony &	Plenary 2	Plenary 3	Plenary 4
10:00		Plenary 1	Fielial y 2	Fieldly 5	Fictially 4
10:30					
11:00		Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break
11:30		Posters 1 & Exhibition	Posters 2 & Exhibition	Posters 3 & Exhibition	Plenary 5 &
12:00 12:30					Closing Ceremony
13:00		Lunch & Exhibition	Lunch & Exhibition	Lunch & Exhibition	,
13:30		EXITION	Exmoteron	Exmoteton	
14:00		Symposia	Symposia	Symposia	
14:30		1-4	5-8	9-12	
15:00					
15:30		Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	
16:00		Symposia 1-4 (cont.)	Symposia 5-8 (cont.)	Symposia 13-16	
16:30		(cont.)	(cont.)	15-10	
17:00	Registration	Workshops	Workshops	Workshops	
17:30		1-6	7-12	13-16	
18:00					
18:30	Welcome	Dotito			
19:00	Cocktail	Petite Excursion			
19:30		"Tasting	(Exploration of		
20:00		Hokkaido foods, wine	Obihiro night)	Gala Dinner	
20:30		and beer!"			
21:00					
21:30					

ICAR Board Meetings

June 22 Monday, 2026	17:00 -	Executive Committee
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June 23 Tuesday, 2026 12:00 -13:30 Standing Committee

June 24 Wednesday, 2026 12:00 -13:30 Standing Committee

June 26 Friday, 2026 13:00 - Executive Committee

Topics

Plenary session: 4-5 sessions

- A strategy for global sustainable livestock production
- Reproductive physiology updates: New discovery and immutable facts
- Semen biology and genomics
- New technologies in animal reproduction
- Animal reproduction for medical technology development

Symposia: 16 sessions

- Epigenetics in pathophysiology and disease
- Management and reproduction in wild animals
- Reproductive immunology: physiology and pathophysiology
- Sexual stimulation on animal production: Neural and hormonal regulation
- Reproduction in aquaculture
- Reproduction and nutrition for "Wagyu" production: Pitfalls and solutions
- A crosstalk between sperm/embryo and maternal immunity toward pregnancy
- Risk assessment for animal reproduction and production
- Extracellular visicles in physiology and diagnosis in reproduction
- Nano technology in reproduction
- Bioinformatics in reproduction
- Immune tolerance and rejection for pregnancy
- Future of global food animal supply
- Microbiota and reproduction
- Cryobiology for developing reproductive efficiency
- Artificial intelligence for reproduction control

Workshops: 16 sessions

- Diversity of domestic animals
- Pig reproduction
- Horse reproduction
- Dog/cat reproduction
- Buffalo reproduction
- Sheep/goat reproduction
- Wild life reproduction
- Marsupial reproduction
- Marine mammals reproduction
- Feeding for improving reproduction
- Economical impact of reproductive efficiency
- Visualization in reproduction
- Corpus luteum
- Genome editing
- New biomolecules for reproduction
- Reproductive technology for domestic animal industry

Abstracts

About 700 abstracts expected

About 150 abstracts from keynote lectures and oral presentations

About 550 posters to be displayed on a 3-day rotation from Tuesday to Thursday



	Early ¥	Regular ¥	On site ¥
Delegate	50,000	65,000	80,000
Student	20,000	25,000	30,000
Accompanying	20,000	25,000	30,000

Delegate and Student can participate in all sessions, welcome cocktail, coffee breakes, program book, congress kit (bag, pen, note-pad, and USB with Abstracts), and coupon for exploration of Obihiro night (Please note that the fee does not include Gala Dinner).

Accompanying person can participate in all sessions, welcome cocktail, coffee breaks, coupon for exploration of Obihiro night, and the special program for accompanying persons (Please note that the fee does not include program book, congress kit and Gala Dinner).

Sponsor and Exhibitor can access in all sessions, welcome cocktail, coffee breaks and program book (Please note that the fee does not include congress kit, coupon for exploration of Obihiro night, and Gala Dinner). Based on the sponsorship category, the number of persons for free registration will be fixed. For an additional registration(s) will require the payment (same price as Student category). The details will be informed later.

Tentative Timeline for ICAR 2026 in Obihiro

Website online (Only general information)	October 2022
Website online (Fixed program and other fundamental information)	January 2025
Call for abstracts	May 2025
Early registration opens	September 2025
Deadline for abstract submission	November 2025
Acceptance of abstracts	Janualry 2026
Early registration deadline	March 2026
Regular registration deadline	April 2026

Provisional Expenses

1 Graphic Design and Advertising

	Unit	Quantity	Total ¥	Total \$	Total €
Logo and video			250,000	2,174	1,923
Bid book preparation			1,200,000	10,435	9,231
Advertising and communication			750,000	6,522	5,769
Sub-total			2,200,000	19,130	16,923

2 Printed Matters

	Unit	Quantity	Total ¥	Total \$	Total €
Program	1,500	800	1,200,000	10,435	9,231
Name tags	500	800	400,000	3,478	3,077
Pocket guide	600	800	480,000	4,174	3,692
Tickets	500	800	400,000	3,478	3,077
Certificate of attendance	300	800	240,000	2,087	1,846
Sub-total	3,400	4,000	2,720,000	23,652	20,923

3 Web Site and Congress Promotion

	Unit	Quantity	Total ¥	Total \$	Total €
Web site management			5,000,000	43,478	38,462
Online system for hotel booking			1,200,000	10,435	9,231
Sub-total			6,200,000	53,913	47,692

4 Conference Venue and Facilities

	Unit	Quantity	Total ¥	Total \$	Total €
Meeting rooms			14,500,000	126,087	111,538
Areas for exhibition, posters display and catering			4,500,000	39,130	34,615
Entertainment			0	0	0
location for social events			1,500,000	13,043	11,538
Sub-total			20,500,000	178,261	157,692

5 Service on Site and Venue Layout

	Unit	Quantity	Total ¥	Total \$	Total €
Poster boards	1,500	500	750,000	6,522	5,769
Decorations			300,000	2,609	2,308
Wi-Fi			700,000	6,087	5,385
Electrical supply			800,000	6,957	6,154
General assistance			250,000	2,174	1,923
Sub-to	tal 1,500	500	2,800,000	24,348	21,538

6 Audio Visual Equipment

	Unit	Quantity	Total ¥	Total \$	Total €
Audio visual equipment			2,500,000	21,739	19,231
Sub-total			2,500,000	21,739	19,231

7 Congress Materials

	Unit	Quantity	Total ¥	Total \$	Total €
Bags	800	800	640,000	5,565	4,923
Pens and note-pads	400	800	320,000	2,783	2,462
USB drives	250	800	200,000	1,739	1,538
Lanyards	150	800	120,000	1,043	923
Sub-total	1,600	3,200	1,280,000	11,130	9,846

8 Audio visual Equipment

	Unit	Quantity	Total ¥	Total \$	Total €
Coffee breaks (7 times)	500	5,600	2,800,000	24,348	21,538
Sub-total	500	5,600	2,800,000	24,348	21.538

9 Social Program

	Unit	Quantity	Total ¥	Total \$	Total €
Welcome cocktail (In case of 100% burden)	2,500	350	875,000	7,609	6,731
Gala dinner (In case of 50% burden)	16,000	250	4,000,000	34,783	30,769
Entertainment for dinner			750,000	6,522	5,769
Coupon for exploration of Obihiro night	1,000	800	800,000	6,957	6,154
Sub-total	18,500	600	6,425,000	55,870	49,423

10 Program for Accompanying Persons

	Unit	Quantity	Total ¥	Total \$	Total €
Program for accompanying persons	15,000	50	750,000	6,522	5,769
Sub-total	15,000	50	750,000	6,522	5,769



11 Abstract Management

	Unit	Quantity	TOTAL ¥	TOTAL \$	TOTAL €
Online system management			2,500,000	21,739	19,231
Papers review and referee coordination			800,000	6,957	6,154
Contents editing			700,000	6,087	5,385
USB recording	300	800	240,000	2,087	1,846
Sub-total			4,240,000	36,870	32,615

12 Organizing & Administrative Secretariats (for Congress)

	Unit	Quantity	TOTAL ¥	TOTAL \$	TOTAL €
Organizing secretariat (4 days)	48,000	15	720,000	6,261	5,538
Administrative secretariat (4 days)	48,000	30	1,440,000	12,522	11,077
Consultancy and project management (4 days)	48,000	5	240,000	2,087	1,846
Sub-total	144,000	50	2,400,000	20,870	18,462

13 Committee Expenses

	Unit	Quantity	TOTAL ¥	TOTAL \$	TOTAL €
Committee members visiting (2024)	420,000	3	1,260,000	10,957	9,692
LOC expenses			4,811,000	41,835	37,008
Grants for young scientists from developing countries	100,000	10	1,000,000	8,696	7,692
Secretory (12 months)	97,000	12	1,164,000	10,122	8,954
Sub-total	617,000	25	8,235,000	71,609	63,346
1			63,050,000	548,261	485,000

Provisional Incomes

1 Registration Fee

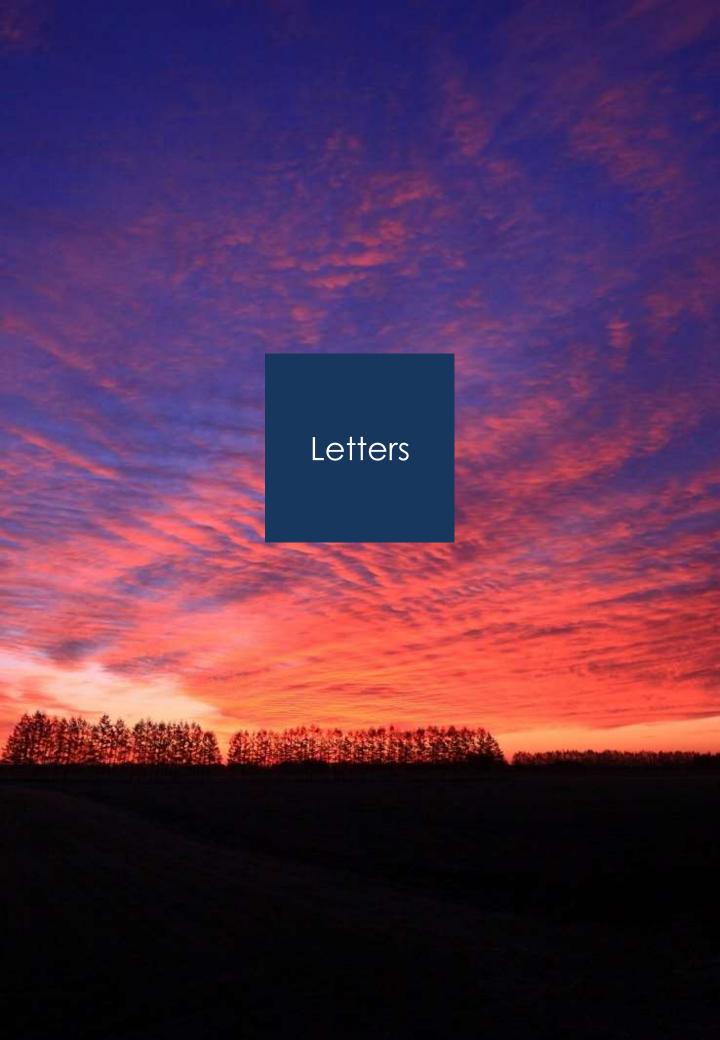
Delegate	Unit	Quantity	Total ¥	Total \$	Total €
Early	50,000	300	15,000,000	130,435	115,385
Regular	65,000	150	9,750,000	84,783	75,000
On site	80,000	20	1,600,000	13,913	12,308
Student	Unit	Quantity	Total ¥	Total \$	Total €
Early	20,000	150	3,000,000	26,087	23,077
Regular	25,000	20	500,000	4,348	3,846
On site	30,000	10	300,000	2,609	2,308
Accompanying	Unit	Quantity	Total ¥	Total \$	Total €
Early	20,000	30	600,000	5,217	4,615
Regular	25,000	10	250,000	2,174	1,923
On site	30,000	10	300,000	2,609	2,308
Sub-total	345,000	700	31,300,000	272,174	240,769

2 Sponsorship

Government		Unit	Quantity	Total ¥	Total \$	Total €
JSPS		10,000,000	1	10,000,000	86,957	76,923
Local		3,000,000	2	6,000,000	52,174	46,154
Industry		Unit	Quantity	Total ¥	Total \$	Total €
Spomsership-Gold		1,000,000	2	2,000,000	17,391	15,385
Spomsership-Silver		500,000	4	2,000,000	17,391	15,385
Spomsership-Blonze		200,000	10	2,000,000	17,391	15,385
Advertisement		50,000	30	1,500,000	13,043	11,538
Exhibitor		250,000	25	6,250,000	54,348	48,077
	Sub-total	15,000,000	74	29,750,000	258,696	228,846

3 Options

Social Events	Unit	Quantity	Total ¥	Total \$	Total €
Gala dinner (In case of 50% subsidy)	8,000	250	2,000,000	17,391	15,385
Sub-total	8,000	250	2,000,000	17,391	15,385
	63,050,000	548,261	485,000		





Executive Committee of the International Congress on Animal Reproduction

Your Excellency,

I would like to express my great respect to your efforts for promoting international research and collaboration on reproductive biology. Livestock products from Japan are very popular all over the world, particularly *Wagyu* Japanese beef. Reproductive research is therefore very important for efficient and sustainable livestock management. With confidence and pride, I would like to recommend you that the 20th International Congress on Animal Reproduction (ICAR) in Obihiro city, Hokkaido is being planned by the Society for Reproduction and Development in Japan.

Japan has contributed significantly to a wide area of reproductive research for many years, particularly increasing the productivity of animals and stabilizing livestock production. Obihiro city is one of Japan's leading areas for beef cattle production and dairy farming. Reproductive technology is also the foundation of the industry in the area. Consequently, this makes Obihiro city the most suitable venue for the conference. I believe this will be a wonderful and valuable experience for all participants.

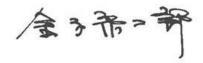
I strongly hope that many scientists from all over the world present their latest findings in the 20th ICAR, share information on reproductive research, and create a network for international collaborations to accelerate their study.

I believe that the 20th ICAR in Obihiro city hosted by the Society for Reproduction and Development will deliver great satisfaction to your committee and participants.

I am confident that the conference will take place in 2026. This will be the first time it will be held in Japan, as well as in Asia.

Sincerely,

February 10th, 2022



KANEKO Genjiro Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Japan





Japan Tournes Agency - Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

January 31, 2022

President Prof. Fulvio Gandolfi,
Vice President Prof. Matt Lucy,
Secretary General Prof. Simon de Graaf,
International Congress on Animal Reproduction

Dear Professor Gandlofi, Professor Lucy and Professor de Graaf,



As Commissioner of the Japan Tourism Agency, I declare my full support for Obihiro City to be the candidate venue for the 20th International Congress on Animal Reproduction (ICAR). This plenary session is one of the world's leading academic authorities regarding the science of animal breeding. I sincerely hope that Obihiro City in Japan will be chosen for the conference.

The Society for Reproduction and Development has contributed to the development of Japan's and the world's breeding sciences and animal husbandry through academic research presentations, public relations and public awareness activities, such as the 4th World Congress of Reproductive Biology, held in Okinawa in 2017. Holding ICAR in Asia for the first time, in Obihiro City, Japan's central area for livestock production, will become an exceedingly great intellectual property to the next generation of leaders who will, hereafter, support Japan's livestock industry. We believe it will contribute to even further development of research in this field. Also, we believe that this is an extremely important opportunity for world researchers to have a place for exchange with Japan's excellent researchers.

Obihiro City is located near the center of the Tokachi Subprefecture in the eastern part of Hokkaido, having the Tokachi Obihiro Airport as Tokachi's gateway. Tokachi, Hokkaido is blessed with abundant natural environment, and beautiful flowers bloom in vast parks in June. In the mountains surrounding the Tokachi Plain, you can enjoy beautiful forests and lakes, and in particular, at Lake Onneto, known as the "mysterious lake" you can see a wide variety of colors, depending on the season, the weather, and the angle of view. Tokachigawa Onsen, located nearby Obihiro City, is a famous hot spring resort where high quality hot spring water containing rich minerals such as plant-derived organic substances gushes forth. Moreover, Tokachi is Japan's largest area for food production and it is the main area for milk and beef cattle production as well as dairy farming. Tokachi's agricultural, livestock, and processed products are widely loved, not only among Japanese people but also abroad, for the safe, high quality Tokachi, Hokkaido brand. The area is also an industrially-based region of breeding technology, where Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, testing and research institutes, and an accumulation of many businesses are located, with advanced research ongoing. I believe that all the participants will be able to enjoy their stays in Obihiro City, which offers all these features and charms.

I sincerely request that Obihiro City be chosen as the conference venue in 2026. We very much look forward to your visit.

Yours faithfully,

WADA Koichi Commissioner Japan Tourism Agency

Koichi Wada

Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism



January 26, 2022

Prof. Fulvio Gandolfi, President,
Prof. Matt Lucy, Vice President,
Prof. Simon de Graaf, Secretary General,
International Congress on Animal Reproduction



Dear Professor Gandlofi, Professor Lucy and Professor de Graaf,

It is with great pleasure that I write to extend my full support for Japan's bid to host the International Congress on Animal Reproduction in Obihiro, Japan.

The proposed host city is Obihiro, Hokkaido prefecture, the northernmost of Japan's main islands. Hokkaido is popular among international tourists because of its distinctive climate and magnificent nature, where people can appreciate the cool weather and beautiful scenery in harmony with the seasons. With its vast agricultural land and abundant fishing grounds, Hokkaido has a thriving agriculture, forestry, and fisheries industry. The region is known as "Japan's food base" and home to many food manufacturing companies who use agricultural, livestock, and seafood products raised in Hokkaido.

Obihiro, one of the core cities of eastern Hokkaido, is located at the heart of the vast Tokachi Plain. The city is a key academic hub in Japan, particularly for agriculture and veterinary sciences. Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine carries out cutting-edge research in agriculture, animal husbandry, and veterinary medicine based on practical learning in the field. Notable features of Obihiro are its organizing expertise, many attractions and warm hospitality. Thanks to these features, we are confident that convention delegates will have lasting happy memories of a successful and uniquely enjoyable congress.

As president of the Japan National Tourism Organization, I am convinced that holding the International Congress on Animal Reproduction in Japan would ensure a memorable and successful meeting.

I encourage you to select Obihiro as the site for your conference and I look forward to the pleasure of welcoming you and your delegates to Japan in 2026.

Yours very sincerely,

Satashi Sein

Satoshi Seino

President

Japan National Tourism Organization





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21 January 2022

Dr. Fulvio Gandolfi, ICAR President Dr. Matthew Lucy, ICAR Vice President Dr. Simon de Graaf, ICAR Secretary General

Re: Letter of support for the candidature of the City of Obihiro to host the 20th International Congress on Animal Reproduction in 2026

As Governor of Hokkaido, I feel greatly honored that the City of Obihiro has been selected as a candidate site for the International Congress on Animal Reproduction (ICAR 2026).

Hokkaido, located in the very north of Japan, has long received an abundant share of nature's blessings. Starting with UNESCO World Heritage site, Shiretoko, the island's natural bounties include majestic mountains, and beautiful, mysterious lakes. Hokkaido's bounties extend to those harvested from Mother Earth: a variety of crops grown in fertile soil, and fresh seafood gathered from the surrounding oceans. Thanks to these gifts, our land is gathering global attention as an international resort destination.

The island's natural riches and agreeable environment have earned it worldwide acclaim as an ideal location for international conventions, and in the past Hokkaido has played host to events such as the G8 Hokkaido Toyako Summit in 2008 and the G20 Tourism Ministers Meeting in 2019.

Obihiro serves as the core city of the Tokachi region – the dairy capital of Japan. In the area surrounding the city (including both the city and local municipalities) many prestigious agricultural and livestock research institutions have amassed, including the Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine. The city is particularly well equipped to host guests from overseas, possessing not only top-quality facilities, but experience in event management, and welcoming, hospitable citizens. The city also successfully coordinated an international animal reproduction conference in 2014: the 9th International Ruminant Reproduction Symposium (IRRS). It is expected that hosting the International Congress on Animal Reproduction in Hokkaido would contribute to further advancement of research and development in the field of animal reproduction.

I am fully confident that Obihiro deserves the honor of holding the 20th International Congress on Animal Reproduction. I am certain that participants from around the world will be thoroughly satisfied by their experience in Hokkaido. I humbly request your consideration of Obihiro as the host city for this Congress.

Respectfully yours,

SUZUKI Naomichi

Governor of Hokkaido

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1 February 2022

Letter of support for the candidature of the city of Obihiro to host the 20th ICAR in 2026

Dear International Congress on Animal Reproduction Professor Fulvio Gandolfi, President Professor Matthew Lucy, Vice President Professor Simon de Graaf, Secretary General

It is a great honor to have our city of Obihiro, Hokkaido chosen as a candidate to become the host city for the 20th International Congress on Animal Reproduction (ICAR) in 2026. Furthermore, we would like to express my deepest respect for the great work carried out by ICAR in its promotion of international cooperative research.

Hokkaido, Japan's base for foodstuff and provisions, produces a vast and diverse array of agricultural and livestock products. Within Hokkaido, our region Tokachi makes use of the land resources it is endowed with to promote large-scale mechanization of high yield agriculture, and is one of the select areas that exemplifies Japan's advanced dairy farming industry.

Here, we promulgate "Food Valley Tokachi", a regional economic production policy that posits "food" and "agriculture, forestry and fishing industries" as pillars to utilize the superiority of the area to the greatest possible extent. The Tokachi Food System was constructed through cooperation between Tokachi administrative bodies, agriculture, forestry, and fishing industry organizations, private enterprises, universities, and research organizations.

The Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, Japan's sole national agricultural university, partners together with the city to develop programs that cultivate and train talented individuals aiming to implement and materialize the ideals of Food Valley Tokachi. The technical research results published by the university, which deal with Japan's field of agriculture including research in animal illness diagnosis and prevention and livestock improvement, have highly contributed to the international community at large.

Animal reproduction research is of high importance to the agriculture and livestock production industries of every country, and as the host city for the conference, we will broadcast the ICAR 2026 research results to the world and significantly deepen understanding of the topics. In 2014, we added the 9th International Ruminant Reproduction Symposium to our list of conference-hosting accolades. Thus, we confidently and proudly recommend Obihiro as the host city for the ICAR 2026.

Obihiro, blessed by abundant nature and food, looks forward to hosting and welcoming the 20th ICAR in 2026 conference.

Sincerely,

Norihisa Yonezawa Mayor of Obihiro



Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine

Inada, Obihiro, Hokkaido, 080-8555, JAPAN

Obihiro, 7th January 2022

To: Dr. Fulvio Gandolfi, ICAR Chairman

Dr. Matthew Lucy, ICAR Vice Chairman

Dr. Simon de Graaf, ICAR Secretary-General

Object: Letter of support for the candidate of the Obihiro City, Hokkaido, Japan, to host the 20th International Congress on Animal Reproduction (ICAR) in 2026

Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine (OUAVM), Japan's only specialized University for Agriculture, Livestock and Veterinary Medicine, with a particular focus on large animals, welcomes the most traditional and largest international conference on the reproductive sciences of all animals, including large animals. We welcome the hosting of ICAR in Obihiro City, where our university is located, with the utmost respect and gratitude.

OUAVM is located in Obihiro City, the center of dairy farming of Japan, and has led the basic and clinical reproductive science of dairy cows, returning technology to dairy farming sites and contributing to society. I myself studied the clinical reproductive science of cattle at OUAVM and took a step as a researcher of Veterinary Medical Science. The fact that ICAR will be held in Obihiro, Japan, from a global perspective, will maximize the intellectual stimulation of the younger generation in both academic and livestock field application technologies, and will lead to livestock production and wildlife. There is no doubt that it will contribute to the development of reproductive management of large animals as well as companion animals. OUAVM would certainly contribute to the operation of ICAR in Obihiro with many faculty members.

For these reasons, on behalf of OUAVM, I would like to give my utmost support for hosting the 20th ICAR 2026 in Obihiro.

Yours sincerely,

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President

Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine



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Jan 27, 2022

International Congress on Animal Reproduction

President: Professor Fulvio Gandolfi Vice President: Professor Matthew Lucy Secretary General: Professor Simon de Graaf

Letter of Support for the candidate of Obihiro City, Japan to host the 20th International Congress on Animal Reproduction (ICAR) in 2026.

On behalf of the Japanese Society of Animal Science (JSAS), we recommend that ICAR will be invited and held in Obihiro City, Japan.

We all understand that ICAR is a traditional and famous international scientific conference, and we highly appreciate that it has contributed to the research of animal reproductive science in the world for more than 70 years. It is a great honor to hold this traditional conference in Obihiro City, one of the centers of the livestock industry in Japan, and we are proud to contribute to this international conference.

Since the establishment in 1924 with the aim of contributing to the progress and development of livestock science and livestock industry in Japan, JSAS has made great contributions to Japan's agriculture and livestock industry. It is an academic society that comprehensively promotes studies related to livestock such as animal breeding and genetics, nutrition, physiology, management, etc. We are also focusing on animal reproduction as one of the important fields and having a good relationship with Society for Reproduction and Development.

When the invitation and holding of ICAR in Japan is realized, JSAS will cooperate as much as possible. We sincerely wish the success of the conference.

Yours Sincerely,

Masahiro Satoh, Ph.D President, JSAS

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15th February 2022

To International Congress on Animal Reproduction

President: Professor Fulvio Gandolfi Vice President: Professor Matthew Lucy Secretary General: Professor Simon de Graaf

Dear President.

The Japanese Society of Veterinary Science (JSVS) fully supports the organizing committee and its chairman, Professor Akio Miyamoto, who sincerely hopes to hold scientific conference of International Congress on Animal Reproduction (ICAR) in Obihiro City, Japan, in 2026.

JSVS is engaged in activities to protect the health of livestock, companion animals, and wildlife, as well as human health and the global environment, through basic, applied, and clinical research. It also promotes the production of useful substances using bioengineering technology and various international collaborations. In these activities, academic contributions to animal reproduction are also part of our mission, and the Society includes a subcommittee on veterinary reproduction. If ICAR is held in Obihiro City, many members of our society will participate in it for research presentation and research exchange.

I sincerely wish for the success of ICAR2026.

Best regards,

Hisashi Inokuma

President

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Japan Society for Ova Research (JSOR)

Feb. 3, 2022

International Congress on Animal Reproduction

President: Professor Fulvio Gandolfi

Vice President: Professor Matthew Lucy

Secretary-General: Professor Simon de Graaf

Letter of Support for the candidate of Obihiro City, Japan to host the 20th International Congress on Animal Reproduction (ICAR) in 2026.

I, on behalf of the Japan Society for Ova Research, am delighted to write this letter of recommendation for the Society for Reproduction and Development (SRD), which is wishing to host the 20th ICAR at Obihiro city, Hokkaido in 2026. As the relevant academic societies sharing the same mission to advance science in mammalian reproduction, reproductive engineering, and clinical aspects, SRD and our society have developed mutual appreciation and respect for each other, for more than five decades.

ICAR is a huge international scientific conference with over 70 years of tradition and contributions, and it would be a great honor for SRD to hold the 20th conference. It is noteworthy that SRD has experience in hosting an international congress of 500 people in 2017 and many committee members remain for the smooth running of the preparations and organization of the 20th ICAR.

Obihiro is a city on Hokkaido, the northernmost main island of Japan, and one of the centers of the livestock industry of the country. The weather in late June, the proposed dates, is perfect for people to gather. The region, nature, and scientific/social events will provide memorable experiences to both the participants and accompanying persons.

I thoroughly believe SRD is an ideal candidate for the 20th ICAR and sincerely wish the success of the congress in Obihiro.

Yours Sincerely,

Naomi Kashiwazaki

President, Japan Society for Ova Research

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Japan Embryo Technology Society

Web Site: http://jets.kenkyuukai.jp/about/

January 17, 2022

International Congress on Animal Reproduction Prof. Simon de Graaf ICAR Secretary General

CC Prof. Fulvio Gandolfi ICAR President

> Prof. Matthew Lucy ICAR Vice President

Dear Sirs.

Japan Embryo Technology Society (JETS) will give a full support for the invitation of ICAR 2026 by the Society for Reproduction and Development to Obihiro city, Hokkaido in Japan. Also, it fully supports the Organizing Committee, President Prof. Akio Miyamoto and Secretary Dr. Kazuhiro Kikuchi.

Obihiro city is one of the most active area of agricultural production including dairy industry in Japan. Also, it has a national university with faculty of animal science and veterinary medicine, Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine. Over 60% of dairy cattle in Japan are populated in Hokkaido. Also, most dairy farms in Hokkaido innovate new technologies and knowledges to improve their own operations. Therefore, ICAR 2026 in Obihiro will be very attractive and useful for ICAR members as well as the domestic animal-production farmers. In addition, there are six National Parks (especially Shiretoko, a World Heritage) in Hokkaido.

JETS is one of a partner society of International Embryo Technology Society (IETS) and consists of around 400 members including researchers of livestock animals as well as laboratory animals and practitioners of artificial insemination and embryo transfer.

I hope that the candidacy of Obihiro in Japan is fully accepted and approved.

Japan Embryo Technology Society
President Toshiyuki Kojima, Ph.D., D.V.M.

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Feb 4th, 2022

International Congress on Animal Reproduction

President: Professor Fulvio Gandolfi Vice President: Professor Matthew Lucy Secretary General: Professor Simon de Graaf

Recommendation of Obihiro City, Japan for hosting the 20th International Congress on Animal Reproduction (ICAR) in 2026.

On behalf of The National Federation of Agricultural Cooperative Associations (ZEN-NOH), I recommend that ICAR will be held in Obihiro City, Japan. We all understand that ICAR is a traditional and famous international scientific conference, and we highly appreciate that it has contributed to the research of animal reproductive science in the world for more than 70 years. It will be a great honor if it is held in this traditional conference in Obihiro City.

The Japan Agricultural Cooperatives (JA) Group is an organization consisting of farmers' cooperatives, whose purpose is to protect and enhance agricultural management and the livelihood of farmers in the spirit of mutual assistance. ZEN-NOH is in charge of the marketing and supply business of the JA Group. It seeks to connect producers and consumers, revitalize production centers, and preserve society and the environment. The business objective of the ZEN-NOH Group is to promote its business through the concerted efforts of its member cooperatives, with the aim of increasing the production efficiency of member farmers, improving their economic conditions, and contributing to raising their status in society. One of the business operations is to establish livestock markets. Tokachi, Hokkaido, where Obihiro City locates, is the most major and attractive area to promote livestock business because one of the centers of the livestock industry in Japan.

We, ZEN-NOH, are looking forward to having opportunities not only scientific outputs but also livestock business over the world. For these purposes we will support the conferences as much as possible.

Yours Sincerely,

National Federation of Agricultural Research Cooperative Associations

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Welcome to Obihiro City, Hokkaido, Japan!

Obihiro is a central city with a population of about 170,000 in the Tokachi region, which is one of Japan's leading upland farming, dairy farming, and Japanese beef production areas that supports the dining table in Japan and Asia, surrounded by the magnificent nature. With "Food Valley Tokachi" as a flag for conducting economic activities centered on food and agriculture, forestry and fisheries, we aim to become a base for food and agriculture, forestry and fisheries in Asia where companies, research institutes and people gather. "Made in Hokkaido, Tokachi" is an international food brand. Please enjoy Tokachi-Obihiro where people with abundant nature, food and charm gather!

