

2008 Asahi Glass Foundation Seminar of Grant-Supported Research Findings

The results of research from seventy-eight studies concluded as of the end of March 2008 were presented in the afternoon of July 15 at Hotel Grand Hill Ichigaya. The presentations included grant-supported research in chemistry, materials, and bioscience, and were well attended, including researchers in the respective fields, selection committee members of the foundation, and guests from other foundations.

After the opening address by Chairman Hiromichi Seya, Dr Takeshi Koshizuka, the chairman of the selection committee, outlined the purpose of the proceedings. The presentations this year consisted of 3-minutes oral summaries given in a classroom-style venue, after which the assembled adjourned to a nearby hall where posters outlining each research project were on display. The researchers discussed their work with persons interested referring to the posters.

As the event was attended by

specialists from different areas of expertise, the researchers were asked to explain their work in easy-to-understand terms, and many of them were very inventive in preparing their presentations. The posters, too, were attractively laid out. The poster displayed hall provided a valuable venue, where specialists from different fields of research were able to talk to each other in a relaxed atmosphere and engage in spontaneous discussion.

A party was held in the same venue following the presentations. The presenters and members of the selection committee as well as invited guests mingled for drinks and refreshments.

More than thirty presenters came from distant places to participate in the seminar. The Foundation takes this opportunity to express its gratitude to everyone who attended as well as to those whose careful arrangements made the event such a success.



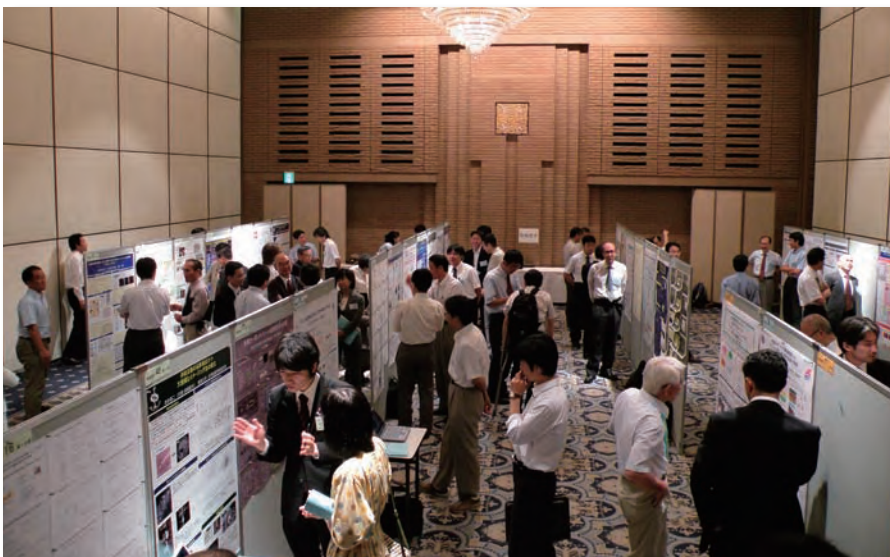
Dr Takeshi Koshizuka
Selection Committee Chairman



Three-minute speeches in the presentation hall



Chairman Hiromichi Seya



Poster presentation venue



Party after the seminar