PREFACE

The report on the 11th International Symposium on Exocrine Secretion

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INTRODUCTION

In July 2009, the 36th International Congress of Physiological Sciences (IUPS2009) was held in Kyoto, Japan. Few years prior to the 36th IUPS congress, several Japanese physiologists, including Masataka Murakami (National Institute for Natural Sciences, Okazaki) and I discussed the possibility of holding an IUPS satellite symposium in the field regarding the "Exocrine Secretion." We also talked this matter with scientists out of country; *i.e.*, Irene Schulz (University of Konstanz, Konstanz), David I. Cook and Anuwat Dinudom (University of Sydney, Australia), and Ivana Novak (University of Copenhagen, Denmark), and finally made decision to hold the symposium under the name of "International Symposium on Exocrine Secretion. (ISES)."

International Symposium on Exocrine Secretion (ISES) was the name given to the symposium by Dr. John A. Young (the former IUPS Commission for Gastrointestinal Physiology), which he organized in 1990 in Leura, Australia. He assigned the series number "9" (thus designating this symposium as 9th ISES) because 8 identical but variously named conferences (1-8) had been held between 1962 and 1988 before the one in Leura (9). Dr. Young hoped that these symposia on exocrine

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secretion would continue to be held in the future, and it was for this reason that he called it the "ninth" (9). The 10th ISES was held in 1993 in Freiburg, Germany, having been organized by Dr. Rainer Greger (10). However, more than 15 years have passed since this last ISES. During this time a lot of knowledge has been accumulated and great progress has been made in this field. These situations also prompted us to consider holding the ISES as 11th meeting, and under the subtitle, "Exocrine Secretion-Mechanism and Disease" in order to emphasize our current understanding about the mechanisms of exocrine secretion in a broad context, and to correlate the relevance of this basic knowledge with disease.

REPORT ON RESEARCH MEETING

The 11th International Symposium on Exocrine Secretion (ISES) was organized by a chairman, Kazuo Hosoi, (the University of Tokushima, Japan), and vice chairs, Masataka Murakami, (Institute for Physiological Sciences, Japan) and Ivana Novak, (University of Copenhagen, Denmark). Other members of organizing committee are listed in Table 1.

The conference was held at Kuramoto Campus, the University of Tokushima during July 23-25, 2009. The places for symposium and poster presentations were at Nagai Memorial Hall and Information Plaza of the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, respectively. In the opening ceremony on the 1st day, Dr. Toshihiro Aono, the president of the University of Tokushima, and Dr. Yuji Sano

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(as a representation of Kamon Iizumi, the governor of Tokushiama prefecture), a vice-director of the Department of Health Policy and Health Service, Tokushima Prefectural Government presented their message to the ISES participants. Mr. Hideki Hara, the Mayor of Tokushima City also sent the message of celebration *via* telegram.

The 11th ISES organizer planned to include 1 plenary lecture, 2 keynote lectures, and symposia and poster presentations in 6 relevant fields. The plenary lecture was delivered by professor Alan S. Verkman (University of California, San Francisco, USA) under the title of "The many roles of aquaporins in mammalian physiology," while 2 keynote lectures entitled "Salivary gland and autoimmunity" and "The exocrine gland fluid secretion mechanism" were given by professor Yoshio Hayashi (the University of Tokushima Graduate School, Japan) and professor James E. Melvin (University of Rochester Medical Center, USA), respectively.

All papers (oral and poster) were presented under following categories; 1, Development, Regeneration, and Tissue Engineering of the Glandular Tissue, 2, Response of the Glandular Tissue to Environmental Stress and Neural/Hormonal Control, 3, Aquaporin and Ion Channel/Transporter: Physiology and Disease (Symposium: Part-I & Part-II), 4, Signal Transduction of the Glandular Tissue, 5, Membrane Trafficking and Molecular/Cellular Dynamics in the Exocrine Secretion, 6. Regulation of Exocrine Glands by Taste Stimulation (Ajinomoto-sponsored Symposium).

The ISES office received 35 symposium papers (oral presentation) and 45 papers for poster presentations besides a plenary and keynote lectures. Thirty three scientists from oversea and 117 from within the country attended the ISES. The participating countries were USA, Canada, England, Germany, Denmark, China, Korea, Australia, Russia, and Japan. During the period of the symposium, the committee members evaluated the posters. Five excellent posters, including the best one, were selected by the strict evaluation by committee members; the poster awards were given to these presenters at the farewell party on the 3rd day. In the 3rd day afternoon the strong shower was fallen, but weather on the first and second days was very nice. The group photograph was taken on the 2nd day in front of the Nagai Memorial Hall (Fig. 1) and at the Tokushima Washington Hotel Plaza (Fig. 2). On July 26th, the ISES served the "After-Convention Tour," and those who want to attend the IUPS meeting visited several spots in Tokushima before leaving for Kyoto. The bus brought these participants to Kyoto after this excursion.

The organizing committee agreed to publish the proceedings of the 11th ISES. Fortunately, quite many participants approved to submit the proceedings, and we received 61 papers out of 83 presentations. We, the organizer, believe that this international symposium and its proceedings match expectations for presentations of the highest scientific merit and contribute to the development of new medical cures and the promotion of public health. We also hope that the tradition of this International Symposium series promoted by Dr. Young will be continued by coming generations.

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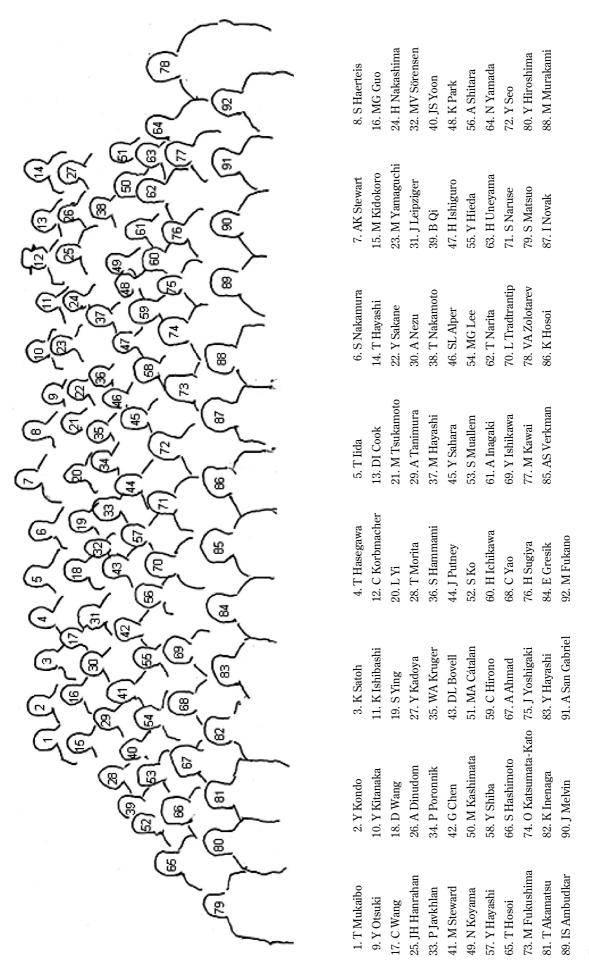


Fig. 1 Group photograph taken in front of the Nagai Memorial Hall



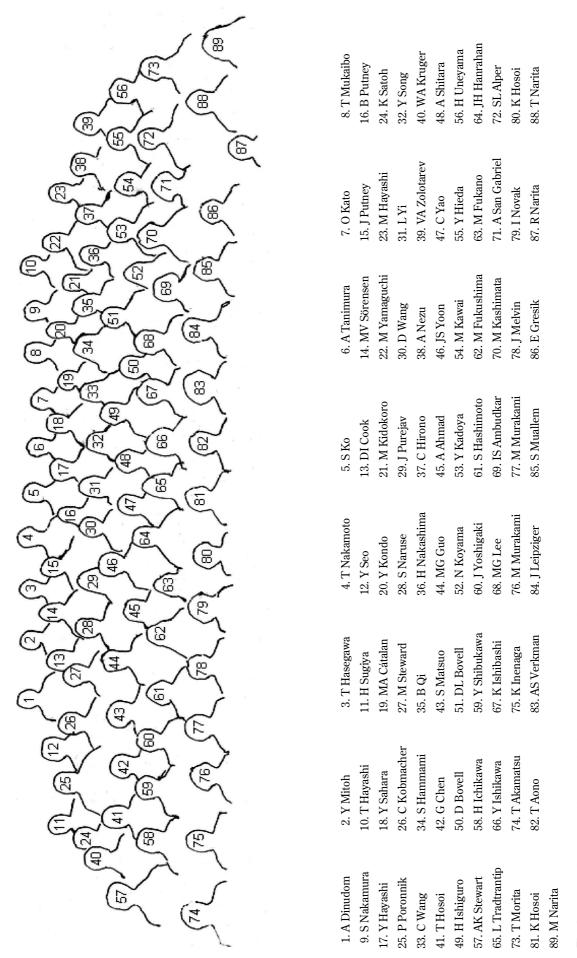


Fig. 2 Group photograph taken at Tokushima Washington Hotel Plaza

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