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Kinosaki Spa and Kinosaki-cho

- In the 1970s and 1980s, it was necessary to have a leave of absence authorized from departments in order to cancel classes and attend weekly meetings off campus.
- We were advised to write Kinosaki-cho instead of Kinosaki Onsen (Spa) as the conference venue. Otherwise it was difficult to get permitted of a leave.
- In these years, Onsen and Ryokan were not thought of as suitable places to have academic activities.
- The idea of holding symposia in off-seasons of resort places was a novel one.

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Deciding invitees and preparing a program

- Mainly due to insufficient capacity of the conference hall, e.g., the dining hall of Seirantei during the 1980s and the second floor of Tsutaya Honkan with audience sitting on the tatami floor, the number of participants was limited to 30 to 40 people.
- Senior professors used to hold big research grants (kaken-hi), and asked younger people to do tasks of organizing meetings with the running cost paid from grants. The cost includes travel and accomodation of speakers. The payment to the ryokan was set very low (nearly one half) compared to the standards ryokans charged to ordinary customers.
- There were no e-mails. We used to make long distance calls between universities and make preparations including selection of speakers, programs and even editing the proceedings.

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- Articles of the proceedings, sometimes neatly typewritten and often handwritten since TeX was not yet available, were collected by organizers and brought to book-making companies which just copy manuscripts and bind copied sheets in book forms. I mailed once manuscripts to a company in Hiroshima from Osaka to reduce the price. After the proceedings volumes were ready, a final task was to send out volumes to participants, mathematics department libraries and senior professors.

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Room sharing-a combination of participants

- Some people do not enjoy sharing one room with other people. But this staying-in style is our principle. It is a known story that Professor Nagata had his futon spread in an attached small room for lady's makeup.
- A headache for most organizers is to make a plan of who share a room. One solution is to put people of the same (or near) generation in a room, and this has been a traditional way. It was not allowed to keep a room for a single person.
- Tsutaya-Honkan, Tsutaya-Bekkan and Seirantei are main facilities to accomodate participants. Once we used the facilities of Convention Hall of Kinosaki, but service was not appreciated. So, Tsutaya introduced us Tsuchiya and Shinanoya. Altogether, nearly one hundred people can be accomodated now. We appreciate Tsutaya very much for long lasting service to us.

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Kerosene stove

- In the 1980s, the term of the symposium was in November (mostly) and December. In these monthes, it becomes as cold as in real winter and snows sometimes. The lobby of Seirantei used to get very chilly and Seirantei prepared for us a big kerosene stove.
- We had a very pleasant time around the stove, sometimes until very late in the night (past the midnight). Somebody had to keep awake to make it sure that the fire was extinguished when nobody was there in the lobby. This was also a role of an organizer.
- Miyata used to sit to the last. I know that he was aware of this thing.

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