

Preface to the 20th International Symposium on Integrated Field Science “Biodiversity and Phylogeography”

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Biodiversity is becoming more important in biology and agriculture and is a common issue for humankind. One of its research fields is phylogeography, which attempts to elucidate the historical process of the geographical distribution of modern individuals, populations, and species based on the analysis of genetic genealogy patterns. In this international symposium, four invited talks by up-and-coming researchers and 12 posters with short oral presentations by young students were held under the broad theme of “Biodiversity and Phylogeography.” The purpose of this symposium was not only to share the latest research information on the topic but also to provide the “diverse” participants with valuable presentation and discussion opportunities on the international stage, which can be utilized in the future.

I sincerely hope that this international symposium will contribute to the understanding and conservation of global biodiversity, the development of phylogeography, and the future of the participants.