

Foreword

It was my great pleasure to host The Ninth International Symposium on Radiation Safety and Detection Technology (ISORD-9) at Nagoya University, Japan, on July 10-14, 2017. The symposium was mainly organized by Division of Radiation Science and Engineering, Atomic Energy Society of Japan (AESJ) and thirteen other professional or academic organizations appeared in the sponsorship list. Following the eight previous successful meetings at Hanyang University (ISORD-1, Korea, 2001), Tohoku University (ISORD-2, Japan, 2003), the China Institute for Radiation Protection (CIRP, China, 2005), Hanyang University (ISORD-4, Korea, 2007), Kitakyushu International Conference Center (ISORD-5, Japan, 2009), Awana Porto Malai (ISORD-6, Malaysia, 2011), Baohong Hotel in Hainan island (ISORD-7, China, 2013) and Lotte City Hotel Jeju (ISORD-8, Korea, 2015), the ISORD-9 meeting was also successful providing extensive opportunities of exchanging scientific and technical findings and information in the field of radiation safety and detection technology. The symposium covered seven topics this time: 1) radiation transport and shielding, 2) radiation dosimetry, 3) radiation detection and sensor technology, 4) environmental radiation measurements and assessments, 5) radiological risk management, 6) radiation protection philosophy and policy, and 7) current radiological issues. In ISORD-9, we had a total of 122 presentations, including 9 invited talks, 40 oral talks, and 73 posters. The meeting had also 153 participants from 3 countries (Korea, Japan, China), including 4 exhibitions from Japanese companies.

In this opportunity, I would like to extend my apology to the ISORD community for the scale of the meeting having a little bit shrunk in comparison with the previous ones and also for the delay of publishing this conference papers, mainly due to our insufficient manpower, but I believe we could realize an efficient management of the meeting with good cost performance, making good use of Nagoya University's features.

I sincerely hope that the ISORD meetings will be successfully continued in various forms suitable for each host country community, and I am looking forward to seeing you all again at ISORD-10 hosted by China Institute for Radiation Protection in Taiyuan, China in 2019.

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