

Foreword

The seventeenth International Linear Accelerator Conference (LINAC 94) was held at the Dai-ichi Hotel, Japan, from August 21 through 26, 1994. The number of registered attendees at this conference was 422 from 12 countries. We were gratified to be able to bring the conference to Japan for the first time, and expect that it will contribute to the advancement of linear accelerator technologies in this country.

The program and topics of the conference were discussed at the Program Committee meeting held at SLAC on October 12, 1993. It was decided that the program would follow the format that had been established in the past series of the conference. There was no parallel session, and all five morning sessions were devoted to the presentation of invited papers (35 in total), giving each speaker twenty-five minutes for their talks plus five minutes for questions and discussion. All contributed papers (256 in total) were presented as posters in three afternoon sessions, with the early afternoon sessions for five-minutes oral presentations to advertise selected contributed poster papers (52 in total).

The conference banquet was held at the Dai-ichi Hotel on Thursday, August 25. About 350 participants enjoyed a meal and entertainment, featuring a local musical accompaniment (Tanaka-Bayashi) and Toad's Grease Seller (Gama-no-Abura). On Wednesday, August 24, a conference tour took place at two laboratories of Japan Atomic Energy Research Institute (JAERI), Tokai Research Establishment and Naka Fusion Research Establishment, which are located about 70 km northeast of Tsukuba. On the way to JAERI, the tour participants (156 in total) also visited Ibaraki Museum of Modern Art, where Japanese woodcuts (Ukiyoe) etc. were exhibited. A tour of the accelerator facilities at KEK was held on Friday afternoon, August 26. Two KEK test facilities for the Japan Hadron Project and the Japan Linear Collider particularly attracted the participants' interest.

The International Organizing Committee meeting was held on August 23, and determined that the 1998 International Linear Accelerator Conference will be held in Chicago, hosted by Argonne National Laboratory. At the closing ceremony of the conference, the conference gavel, which was first prepared by Los Alamos National Laboratory, was transferred from KEK to CERN, which will host the next conference to be held in Geneva in 1996 summer.

Thanks are extended to the members of the Local Organizing Committee, the International Organizing Committee, the Program Committee, session chairpersons, speakers and poster-paper presenters, who contributed to making this conference successful and fruitful. I also wish to express our special thanks to the KEK staff and all those who intensively worked to prepare this conference.

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