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GENERAL INFORMATION

VENUE

The fourth International Symposium on Physics of Magnetic Materials (ISPMM'98) will be held at the Sendai International Center in Sendai, Japan, from 23rd to 26th August, 1998.

Sendai International Center
Aramaki, Aoba-ku, Sendai 980-0856

Instructions on traveling from abroad are shown in the map towards the end of this circular. The distance from JR Sendai Station to the Sendai International Center is about 2.6 km (approximately 5 min. and ¥700 by taxi).

REGISTRATION

Registration and Information desks will be open at the Symposium site, Sendai International Center, between 15:00 – 20:00 on Sunday, 23rd August, and from 8:00 on Monday, 24th August. It seems inevitable that registration will be very busy on Monday morning. Therefore, if you would like to ensure that you finish your registration before the sessions start, please arrive at the Sendai International Center early.

On-site Registration fee is ¥ 45,000 for normal participants and ¥ 25,000 for students. The registration fee includes admission to all scientific sessions, a copy of the Abstracts Booklet, the Welcome Reception, morning and afternoon refreshments and a copy of the Proceedings. The student rate does not include a copy of the Proceedings.

The Symposium Banquet will be held at the Hotel Sendai Plaza from 18:30 on Tuesday, 25th August. The Banquet fee is ¥ 10,000. It takes about 5 min. from the Sendai International Center by taxi, 20 min. on foot.

PROGRAMME

The technical programme for presentations and discussion will consist of parallel oral sessions held in two Symposium rooms and poster sessions. The invited speakers are listed below:

Spin dependent transport

S. S. P. Parkin (USA) H. Ohno (Japan)
A. Bratkovsky (USA) S. Takahashi (Japan)

Exchange coupling

R. Scherschlicht (Germany) B. Heinrich (Canada)

Soft magnetic materials

S. X. Zhou (Beijing, China) T. Morikawa (Japan)

Hard magnets

W. C. Chang (Chia-Yi, China)

F. Yang (Beijing, China) K. V. Rao (Sweden)
Y. Luo (Beijing, China) H. Nakamura (Japan)
G. C. Hadjipanayis (USA)

Magneto-optics

A. Kirilyuk (Netherlands) T. Koide (Japan)

Intrinsic magnetic properties

E. F. Wassermann (Germany)
D. M. Edwards (UK) S. H. Lim (Korea)

Magnetization process

C. E. Patton (USA)

Novel magnetic phenomena

B. Hillebrands (Germany)

Novel scientific instrumentation & processing

V. Kottler (France)

Memorial session for the late Prof. Minoru Takahashi, the first organizing chairman of the ISPMM, will be held from 20:00 to 21:20 on 24th August. The Memorial talks are scheduled to be given by the following speakers:

H. Lachowicz (Poland) T. Miyazaki (Japan)
M. Takahashi (Japan) J. S. Moodera (USA)

PRESENTATION

Oral

Invited talks are allocated 30 min. in total, of which the final 5 min. shall be devoted to discussion. Contributed oral talks are allocated 12 min. for speech and 3 min. for discussion.

In the Symposium room, only an overhead projector (OHP) will be available. Letters and figures in the OHP viewgraphs should be written large enough to be clearly visible from the back of the room.

Poster

The poster sessions will be held in the corridor which is located between the Room A and Room B. The poster area for each presentation is 120 cm (height) x 180 cm (width). Only the program number will be indicated on the top of the board. The title, author's name(s) and address should be neatly written in large enough letters and placed on the top of the panel.

Authors should display their posters in the fixed time, and remove them immediately after that time.

SYMPOSIUM PROCEEDINGS

The Symposium Proceedings will be published as a special issue of the Journal of the Magnetism Society of Japan, Vol. 23 No.1-2 (1999). Papers not presented at the Symposium will not appear in the Proceedings.

The publication Board showing the status of manuscripts will be placed near the Symposium Desk. Authors should check

on the status of their manuscripts, and if necessary, contact the Publication office during the Symposium.

LANGUAGE

The language for presentations and papers is English.

SPECIAL PROGRAMME

The following two programmes are scheduled to take place during the Symposium. Both will be offered with an English speaking guide. If you are interested in either of the programmes, please mark the programme number shown in the hotel reservation form.

E1: Matsushima, Monday, 24 August - full day (about ¥ 10,000)

Matsushima is the famous ocean coast, which is known as one of the three most beautiful spots in Japan. This tour includes a boat cruise and visits to the Zuiganji temple and museum.

E2: City tour, Wednesday, 26 August - afternoon (about ¥ 4,000)

This tour includes several historical spots in Sendai, e.g., the Sendai castle and the shrine for the Date family who governed Sendai for about 300 years, from the end of the 16th century.

LOCATION

The symposium will be held in the Sendai International Center in the city of Sendai, which is the capital of Miyagi prefecture. The city is located approximately 350 km to the north of Tokyo, and can be reached by a bullet train "Shin-Kansen" in about 2 hours from Tokyo. Sendai is full of greenery, and is often called the "Tree-Clad City". Sendai is also well known for several areas of historical importance and outstanding natural beauty that are located nearby. These include the famous ocean coast (Matsushima), mountains (Zao), ancient Buddhist temples and many hot springs. The typical temperature is between 21 and 28 in late August. The climate is more comfortable than that of Tokyo in this season, however, it does occasionally become a little hot and humid.

HOTEL RESERVATION

The Tohoku University Co-operative Travel Division can help you with hotel reservation. Please mail or fax a reservation form to the division. We regret that it is not possible to make reservations by telephone or e-mail. A hotel reservation voucher will arrive approximately 3 weeks prior to the beginning of the Symposium. When you receive the voucher please examine whether your reservation information is correct. If there are any problems or changes, please contact the Tohoku University Co-operative Travel Division immediately.

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CURRENCY EXCHANGE AND TIPPING

The Symposium Desk will accept only Japanese yen in cash. Foreign currency exchange is not available at the conference center. Please use the exchange service at the airport or banks in the city.

Tipping is not customary in Japan. Instead, a 10% service charge is included in the bill at hotels and restaurants.

PASSPORT AND VISA

All overseas participants entering Japan are required to hold a valid passport. Those people who require a Visa should apply to the Japanese consular office in their respective countries prior to departure. If you need a guarantor for a Visa application, please contact the ISPMM'98 Secretary.

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