



Dear Friends,

On behalf of the local organizing committee of the 29th International Congress of Clinical Neurophysiology (ICCN2010), it is my great pleasure to welcome all of you here in Kobe. This congress was co-organized by three societies, International Federation of Clinical Neurophysiology (IFCN), Japanese Society of Clinical Neurophysiology (JSCN) and Science Council of Japan (SCJ). Having faced with the worldwide financial recession, it would not have been possible to manage the organization of this congress without generous support by these three societies. We have invited a little over 200 speakers from abroad and we have received more than 940 abstracts for poster presentation. We have approximately 1,300 participants from 62 countries. Your active cooperation enabled us to prepare an outstanding scientific program that I am sure will satisfy you. In view of the rapidly advancing field of clinical neurophysiology, this congress will cover not only the state-of-the-art conventional diagnostic techniques including EEG and evoked potentials, and EMG and nerve conduction studies, but also the topics of the most advanced scientific interest including the neuronal plasticity, application of neuroimaging techniques, and therapeutic application of various neurophysiologic techniques. IFCN awarded Fellowship to 96 young investigators throughout the world. In addition, Young Investigator Award will be offered to selected authors from poster sessions.

On behalf of IFCN, I would like to express my cordial thanks to the local organizing committee for rendering high scientific standards to this meeting and for arranging such attractive social programs. I hope this meeting will serve as a big step forward to further advance of clinical neurophysiology throughout the world.

Kobe is characterized by an interesting co-existence of Japanese and international cultures. Port of Kobe has been active since the end of the 8th century and was officially opened in 1868. Furthermore, Kobe is the birthplace of jazz in Japan, and of course you should not miss Kobe beef. I hope you will enjoy not only scientific sessions but also attractive social programs in Kobe and Kansai area including Kyoto and Nara.

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