

XXVIth International Biometric Conference

Organised by the Biometric Society of Japan, Japanese Region of the International Biometric Society



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Kobe International Conference Center Kobe, Japan

Invitation

We are pleased to welcome you to Kobe for the XXVIth IBC in Kobe, Japan. As always, It will bring together participants from all over the world working in academic institutions, government agencies, and industry to exchange ideas on the latest advances in biometry, biostatistics and bioinformatics. It will also be an occasion to meet old and new friends, and the chance to visit historical cities such as Kobe, Kyoto, and Nara.

(Toshiro Tango, Chair Local Organizing Committee)



About Kobe

Kobe, located almost in the center of Japan, is known as a city having a unique style with the exotic atmosphere in Japan, which has been affected by the foreign cultures and flourished as the international port since old days. Kobe boasts the Rokko Mountains richly endowed with nature and has flourished as the hot spring street such as Arima since old days. Kobe is also known as the gourmet street (Kobe beef, Nada Japanese sake, wine and sweets), as well as the fashion street with the sophisticated image.



About Conference Venue

IBC 2012 will be held at the Kobe International Conference Center (KICC) within the Kobe Convention Center Complex, located on Port Island, an artificial island in Kobe. It features a combination of extensive conference facilities, modern and affordable accommodations, and a rapid and efficient transportation system.



Access to KOBE



Closest International Airport	
Kansai International Airport (KIX)	
Bay Shuttle + Port Liner	40min
Limousine Bus + Port Liner	80min
Shuttle Taxi	80min

Access Via Other Japanese Airports	
Tokyo (Narita International Airport) (NRT)	
NEX & Shinkansen	60min & 2hr 48min

Conference Organization

Organizing President

Kaye E. Basford, University of Queensland, Australia

International Programme Committee Chair

Christine McLaren, University of California, USA

Local Organizing Committee Chair

Toshiro Tango, Center for Medical Statistics, Japan

Scientific Programme

- Opening ceremony and IBS Presidential address
- Full programme of invited oral sessions
- Contributed oral and poster sessions
- Sessions highlighting the society's publications Biometrics and JABES
- Pre-conference short courses

Social Programmes

- Sunday 26** Welcome gathering at KICC
- Monday 27** Civic reception in Kobe City Center
- Tuesday 28** Optional evening social activities
- Wednesday 29** Range of social excursions (one-day)
- Thursday 30** Conference dinner



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<http://www.secretariat.ne.jp/ibc2012/>