

International Activity of Technical Committee on Antennas and Propagation

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1. Introduction

The technical committee on antenna and propagation has been very active in international cooperation and academic exchange. This letter reports the recent international activities such as an overseas meeting in Macao in March 2009, a meeting joining Korean AP members in Otaru in July 2009, and ISAP 2009 (International Symposium on Antennas and Propagation) in Bangkok in October.

2. Oversea meeting in Macao in March

We had a technical meeting in Univ. of Macao from March 9 to 10. This overseas AP technical meeting was the fourth one following after the meeting held in Taiwan in March 2007. The number of the participants was 50 (33 from Japan, 6 from Hong Kong and 11 from Macao). We had 29 presentations including the invited talks by Prof. Chan of City Univ. of Hong Kong and Prof. Sawaya (President of the communications society) of Tohoku Univ. We could have fruitful exchange between Macao and Japan AP members. Especially the Macao AP members have great interest in the IEICE activities.

In the next year, we are planning to have an overseas technical meeting in Nanjing, China in May.

3. Meeting joining Korean AP members in July

We had a meeting joining Korean AP members in Otaru City Hall from July 8 to 10. We had the Korea-Japan AP joint session on July 9. Prof. Choi of Hanyang Univ. gave us the special talk on the design of an indoor repeater antenna with high isolation for WCDMA systems. Other Korean participants are Prof. Yoon of Yonsei Univ., Prof. Min of Korea Maritime Univ., Prof. Choo of Hongik Univ. and Prof. Kim of Gwangju Inst. of Science and Technology. They also had presentations to demonstrate their research activities in Korea.

We keep good and strong relations not only by welcoming Korean AP members to attend our meeting but also by sending Japanese AP members to the Autumn Microwave and Radio Conference in Korea every year. This year, Prof. Ito of Chiba Univ., Chair of AP Committee will lead a team to attend this conference on September 25.

4. ISAP 2009 in Bangkok in October

ISAP 2009 will be held in the imperial Queen's park hotel from October 20 to 23. The number of the submission is about 370. ISAP is held every year in one of Asian and Oceania countries. This year, many countries are contributing in the paper review. About 50 Japanese AP, EMT (electromagnetic theory) members are served as reviewers. The IEICE Transactions on Communications will publish "a special section on advanced technologies in antennas and propagation in conjunction with main topics of ISAP 2009" in October 2010. The editorial committee consists of AP members both from Thai and Japan. The deadline is on January 4, 2010. The detail can be found at the ISAP2009 web page (<http://www.isap09.org>). We are expecting many papers will be submitted to the special section.



Fig.1 Oversea meeting in Macao in March



Fig.2 Meeting joining Korean AP members in July