

## **I. The Mission Statement for the Hosting of Congress**

In 2009, the 4<sup>th</sup> Congress of Asian Pig Veterinary Society (APVS 2009 in Tsukuba) will be held over three days from October 26 and 28 Tsukuba International Congress Center (Tsukuba City, Ibaraki) in Japan.

Recently, the Asian region has seen the rapid development of intensive pig farming. At the same time, the regions also have witnessed many technological challenges that need to be solved. These challenges include the prevention of contagious disease, such as foot-and-mouth disease and classical swine fever, improvement in farm management technology and hygiene management technology, the maintenance of high-quality pig genetic resources, and improvements in selective breeding. It is very important that people concerned with the pig farming industry in the Asian region come to grip with the problems. Taking recognition of the problems, the Asian Pig Veterinary Society (APVS) was established in 2001 under the initiative of pig veterinarians and researchers in Japan and South Korea. The mission of the organization is to give people concerned with the pig farming industry in the Asian region opportunities to meet together, present research works and exchange information.

The congress of APVS is held every two years. The first Congress was held in Seoul in 2003, the second Congress in Manila in 2005, and the third Congress in Wuhan, China in 2007. Every congress was attended by, veterinarians, farm producers and relevant persons from Asian countries together with those from the West. Japan has sent a group of thirty to forty relevant parties to every congress, where they presented research papers and gave lectures.

The APVS congresses have introduced up-to-date research. Researchers have also actively presented research results that have lead to the solution of technological challenges facing production centers. In addition, participants have engaged in active discussion on the current situations of intensive pig farming practiced in each Asian country and region and on locally unique problems and disease unique to the regions. The APVS congresses, with their distinctive practical academic activities for the realization of a more productive environment for pig farmers, have gradually come to earn high praise from domestic and international institutions as a cross-sectional academic congress. APVS has started to play an important role for the development and promotion of pig farming in Asian regions.

Persons concerned with the pig farming industry in Japan have made an effort to host the congress of APVS in Japan. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of APVS held in Manila, the organization decided that the forth congress would be held in Japan in 2009. As a result, the APVS 2009 Executive Committee was set up for the preparation and management of the

congress under the cooperation of JAPAN PIG VETERINARY SOCIETY, the JAPANESE ASSOCIATION OF SWINE VETERINARIANS, the JAPANESE SOCIETY OF SWINE SCIENCE, and JAPAN SPF SWINE SOCIETY. Under the main theme, “For the Development of the Pig Veterinarian Diagnostic Technology,” the committee has concentrated on preparing for the congress that will be held in the autumn of 2009.

We hope that the relevant people will show an interest in the 4<sup>th</sup> Congress of Asian Pig Veterinary Society (APVS 2009 in Tsukuba) and offer generous advice and support for the successful management of the congress.

## **II. General Information about the Congress – Description of the Congress**

### **1. The General Information about the Congress**

#### **i) Name of the congress**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Congress of Asian Pig Veterinary Society  
- APVS 2009 in Tsukuba –

#### **ii) The main theme**

For the Development of the Pig Veterinary Diagnostic Technology

#### **iii) Date of the congress**

From Monday, October 26, 2009 to Wednesday, October 28, 2009 (three days)

#### **iv) Venue**

Tsukuba International Congress Center, Epochal Tsukuba (2-20-3, Takezono, Tsukuba, Ibaraki)

#### **v) Organizers**

APVS 2009 Executive Committee (Tentative office: inside JAPAN PIG VETERINARY SOCIETY)

**vi) Co-organizers** (The APVS 2009 Executive Committee consists of the following organizations.)

JAPAN PIG VETERINARY SOCIETY, THE JAPANESE ASSOCIATION OF SWINE VETERINARIANS, THE JAPANESE SOCIETY OF SWINE SCIENCE, and JAPAN SPF SWINE SOCIETY

#### **vii) Sponsoring bodies** (tentative)

Public offices: the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan, National Land and Transportation Ministry, Ibaraki Prefectural Government, and Tsukuba City

Private organizations: Science Council of Japan, National Institution of Livestock and Grassland Science, National Institute of Animal Health, Japan Livestock Industry Association, Japan Livestock Technology Association, Japan Veterinary Medical Association, Japan Pig Farmers' Association, Japan Pig Farm Producer Association and others

viii) **Number of participant countries and participants** (tentative)

Number of participant countries: more than ten

Number of participants: more than 600 (including farm producers)

**ix) Revenue**

Participation fees, donations from companies (or organizations), aid to organizations, and others

(The detailed information about the company (or organization) donations is indicated in other documents)

## **2. Description of the Congress**

**i) Achievement goals of the congress**

a) Greater coordination between people in a variety of fields who are involved in pig farming in Asian countries or regions

b) The review of technological challenges facing pig farming in Asian countries or regions to solve the problems

c) Evaluation of a benchmark against for pig production in Asian countries and regions can be measured

**ii) The contents of the congress**

a) Special lectures and plenary lectures

b) Workshops and seminars

c) The presentation of research (oral presentation and presentation through posters)

d) Status reports on Asian regions

e) Others

**iii) Open seminar for pig farm producers**

a) Slogan: For the Development of the Sustainable Pig Production  
in Borderless Asia

b) Contents of the seminar: up-to-date information about farming, breeding hygiene, etc.

c) Estimated number of participants: 200 to 250 (including international participants)

**iv) Company exhibitions**

a) Company exhibitions (exhibitions covering production materials, machinery, medical devices for veterinarians, books, and so forth)

(Detailed information about the company's exhibitions is described other documents.)

**v) Participation fees**

a) Domestic participants

General: 25,000 yen (After August 1, 2009: 30,000 yen)

Farm producers: same as general participants

Students: 5,000 yen (After August 1, 2009: 10,000 yen)

Note: Fees include the cost of the proceedings, the reception, a congress bag and so forth.

**vi) Others**

a) We will co-host a party (on the first day) and a conference dinner (on the third day) with the Japanese Society of Swine Science.

b) Mini Technical Tour (a tour of the facilities of the National Institute of Animal Health and the National Institute of Livestock and Grassland Science on October 29, the day after the closing of the congress) will be available as an option.

c) English is the official language. Japanese interpreters will be available in the main lectures (to be confirmed).

d) Between Monday, October 26 and Tuesday, October 27, the conference of the Japanese Society of Swine Science is planned to take place simultaneously in the same venue.

### **III Executive Sub-Committees and their Members**

The chair of the congress: Mamoru Kashiwazaki (JAPAN PIG VETERINARY SOCIETY)

The deputy chair of congress: Hiromichi Ishikawa (THE JAPANESE ASSOCIATION OF SWINE VETERINARIANS)

Yoshio Kurihara (THE JAPANESE SOCIETY OF SWINE SCIENCE)

Shokichi Iwamura (JAPAN SPF SWINE SOCIETY)

The executive committee: Chair Masanori Kubo (National Institute of Animal Health)

Program committee: Chair Hiroshi Tsunemitsu (National Institute of Animal Health)

Donation and Financial committee: Chair Hiromichi Ishikawa

(THE JAPANESE ASSOCIATION OF SWINE VETERINARIANS)

Management committee: Chair Yoshihiro Shimojii (National Institute of Animal Health)

PR and Exhibition committee: Chair Hideki Kobayashi (National Institute of Animal Health)

General affairs and Negotiation committee: Chair Tomoyuki Shibahara (National Institute of Animal Health)