

**This text (E-mail) was sent by the organizing committee
to all the participants of ICC2018 on March 31, 2018.**

Dear Participants together with Session Organizers of ICC2018, Sendai, Japan!

First of all, we are so delighted that so many people are now planning to attend this conference, as displayed in our website. About 2200 applications have been submitted so far. We are still collecting submissions upon request. Oral speakers' slots are almost filled out but we could still accept posters for each session.

We are also very much grateful to all the session organizers who devoted their valuable time in helping us organize and settling down all the attractive sessions for this conference. On behalf of the organizing committee, we express our sincere thanks to all their efforts so far.

Some important messages for all people are summarized below. We appreciate if you could stop your job to pay a little bit of attention to the following things.

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1. The **earlybird registration deadline** is postponed to **April 15**.
2. Some people seem suffering from not being able to process the **credit card payment** at the JTB web payment system, the reason for which probably depends on the internet security system used in both sides. As we cannot solve each specific problem of this type, we suggest such people to once contact the **secretariat** (secretariat@iccc2018.jp) to make sure that you are promised to pay “**your earlybird registration fee**” at the Venue in Sendai using the same credit card. For such people, we request **booking of hotel separately!** Of course, please communicate with the secretariat if necessary.
3. For those who need the **VISA** to enter Japan, please **fill the form and send it to the secretariat** (secretariat@iccc2018.jp). We will be watching all the requests which will be coming into the above secretariat email address (secretariat@iccc2018.jp).
4. Another **VISA** issue; if you are staying places other than Sendai, you should provide the traveling details including all your visiting schedule during this trip. If you are attending any pre- or post-conferences in other places in Japan, you should provide your hotel names there too. If you have a difficulty in informing us about the details for the pre- or post-conferences, please provide the names and the contacting addresses of the hosting Japanese scientists, so that we could directly communicate with them to clarify the things needed for the description in the VISA application documents.
5. All the **poster sessions** will be located on either of **July 31, Aug 1, and Aug 2**. Allocation will be displayed at the website.
6. **Free beers or wines** along with some other drinks and snacks will be **delivered at the poster sessions for all three days. Don't forget to join them!!** So please do not make a plan to go for the speakers' dinner during the time for these poster sessions (**ca. 18:30-20:00**).

7. Each session is requested to **select just one poster awardee (young poster award for either student or posdoc)**. If there is no appropriate candidate, please avoid selecting it. Session organizers are responsible for it. Therefore, please discuss how to select the awardee among each session organization body. The official award ceremony is not planned but the awardees will be displayed at the website. The certificates and the gifts will be given to them at the reception of the conference.
8. Because of the traditional rule adopted for this conference, **multiple talks are not approved to any speaker**. This is to raise the chances for other participants to give a talk at this conference. So, if you are not aware of this strict rule and have two talks planned by mistake, please contact the secretariat to give up on of them.
9. If you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact us at secretariat@iccc2018.jp.

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