Proposal for Joint Symposium of
22nd International Symposium on Regulatory Peptides and
the 15th International Symposium on VIP, PACAP and Related Peptides

28, Sunday - 31, Wednesday, March, 2021

Proposing Venue

Osaka International Convention Center (one of the world’s foremost state-of-the-art
convention facilities)

Estimated registration and other costs

Regular 600-500 USD
Postdoc 400-300 USD
Student 200 USD
Accompanying person 200-100 USD

The fee includes welcome reception, gala dinner, three lunches, a half-day excursion.

The registration fee does not include accommodation. There are several hotels within walking distance
and many others in approx. 10 min by bus or subways.

Scientific program and session organization

• Two parallel sessions, plenary lectures and poster sessions.

Please note that cherry blossom (Sakura) season is typically beginning of April but vary year by year by a week to 10 days depending on the weather conditions.

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The VIP, PACAP and Related Peptides and Regulatory Peptides Joint Symposium 2021

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Osaka

Known for its modernity and tradition in harmony, Osaka, a mega-city with nearly nine million people, has always been a veritable magnet for those in search for new discoveries. We would like to give you five powerful reasons why Osaka is your ideal destination.

Excellent Access

Reaching Osaka is easier than ever thanks to Kansai International Airport (KIX), which provides direct service to 73 cities in 27 countries and regions (2013 Summer schedule). As an Asia-oriented hub airport, it serves a large number of flights to Asia-Pacific cities. The KIX is also conveniently located within 30 minutes of downtown Osaka by train. The airport’s second runway was opened in 2007. This makes Osaka more accessible to the rest of the world.

Top-notch meeting facilities and accommodations

Osaka is equipped with first-class meeting and event facilities, including the state-of-the-art Osaka International Convention Center, Osaka Central Public Hall, INTEX Osaka, Asia-Pacific Trade Center, and Kyocera Dome Osaka. With approximately 50,000 guest rooms throughout the city, Osaka is also home to some of the world’s foremost hotels as well as many reasonably priced accommodations. So, there is something to suit every visitor’s preferred needs.

Shopping, Eating and Sightseeing – Osaka is for everything

While there are many buildings remaining in Osaka which leave many histories and culture including "Osaka Castle", Sumiyoshi Taisha Grand Shrine", and "Shitenno-ji Temple", having new amusement facilities, such as "Universal Studios Japan" and "Osaka Kaiyukan Aquarium", -- old and new -- you can enjoy a many attraction. You can enjoy the unique food culture and shopping such as underground shopping malls, the longest shopping arcade called Tenjinbashisuji Shopping arcade, Shinsaibashi with world wide brand butiques and Doguyasuji Shopping street.
1. City and Country: Osaka, Japan

2. Accessibility of location

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*Approx. 55 minutes to city center of Osaka on the JR Line.
*60 min. to city center of Osaka by Airport Limousine.

Osaka International Airport (Itami):
One of three airport’s serving Osaka and the Kansai region of Japan, Osaka Itami Airport (ITM) is close to Akutagawa, Higashiosaka, Muko, Sanda, Suita and Toyonaka. Located within the Osaka Prefecture and Japan's Southern-Central Honshu area, Itami Airport is linked to the city via a lengthy tunnel, which passes directly beneath the runway itself. The airport is a busy domestic hub, handling flights to over 30 Japanese cities. There are two terminals, which serve less than ten different airlines, of which Japan Airlines is especially prominent.

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Japan Railroad (JR) Osaka Station / Shin-Osaka Station
Osaka is located in the center of Japan, thanks to innovation of railroad system in addition to domestic flights, from major cities in Japan access is easy and convenient. Shinkansen (Bullet train) connects Osaka to major cities from Shin-Osaka Station where is the city center.

Source: Osaka Convention & Tourism Bureau

*Updated access from major cities to Osaka is in the table below.
- ca. Europe
- cb. North America
- cc. Asia
Japan is the “closest country” in Asia-Pacific Region

Europe to:
- Japan approx 12 hours (Helsinki-KIX 10 hours)
- Hong Kong 13 hours
- Singapore 14 hours
- Melbourne 21 hours
- Johannesburg 9 hours

USA West Coast to:
- Japan approx 10 hours
- Hong Kong 15 hours
- Singapore 17 hours
- Melbourne 18 hours
- Buenos Aires 12 hours
- Europe 10 hours
Access from major cities in Japan

Located approximately in the center of Japan, Osaka is connected to other major cities by a highly developed super express train and highway network.

Accommodation
We have approximately 50,000 guest rooms throughout the city. Osaka is also home to some of the world’s foremost hotels as well as many reasonably priced accommodations.
Opened in April 2000, Osaka International Convention Center is one of the world’s foremost state-of-the-art convention facilities as well as a new symbol for the international city of Osaka. It consists of Main Hall (2,754 seats equipped with eight-language simultaneous interpretation equipment), Event Hall (multi-purpose hall of 2,600 square meters with no pillars), Conference Hall (500 seats), and 25 additional small to medium conference rooms (10 to 1,100 seats).

Adjacent to the Convention Center is Rihga Royal Hotel with 990 guest rooms as well as 59 function rooms. The combination of the Convention Center and the hotel is suitable for a large convention or event.

**10F Lay out**
Osaka Government and Tourism Bureau (OGTB) provides the organizer and the attendees of The VIP, PACAP and Related Peptides with the following services.

Support services for VIP, PACAP and Related Peptides

OGTB provides one of the following welcome services for VIP, PACAP and Related Peptides

- Dispatch Fukumusume, Daughter of Happiness from Imamiya Ebisu Shrine to a reception or a party (under condition: 200 or more participants)
  *Please note that we might not be able to dispatch this service because of the schedule of the Shrine
- Dispatch two kimono ladies to a reception or a party
- Bear the partial costs for attractions for receptions/parties (English Rakugo, Ninjya show etc)
- Provide One Japanese Sake barrel

Welcoming Service

- Provide Osaka city maps (up to 500 copies FOC) and Osaka guidebooks (up to 200 copies FOC)
- Provide sufficient tourism information for Osaka and surrounding cities for to aid participants in exploring all that the area has to offer.
Day3
Hotel – Dotonbori(Stroll) - Subway riding to Yodoyabashi - River Cruise to Osaka Castle - Dinner at Taiko-en restaurant

Dotonbori
In a city known for good eating, this district features dining spots everywhere you look. During the Edo period, the area was the home of entertainment, and this ambiance remains today with famous and unique signboards.

Bay and River Cruise – Running through Osaka
Osaka is known as a water metropolis. From the deck of an open-roofed cruiser will give you a fresh perspective and a close-up view of historical and lively Osaka.

Osaka Castle
Built by the feudal Lord Hideyoshi Toyotomi, Osaka Castle contains many structures and buildings designated as important cultural assets. Rising up above the surrounding park, this castle is indeed a symbol of Osaka.

Taiko-en Restaurant
Together with the adjoining Fujita Art Gallery and Mayor’s Mansion of Osaka, it was at one time a part of the Amijima Palace, the splendid residence of Baron Denzaburo Fujita, a business magnate. Accordingly, the structures, garden, and even the utensils remaining today are historic and of the highest quality. It is because of this that Taiko-En is famous as a unique garden restaurant in Osaka. With a modern Guest House, harmonizing the best of Japanese and Western styles and facilities, this garden restaurant is truly an international social gathering place most representative of Osaka.

Garden Hall and Forest Room are large size banquet halls facing to the beautiful Japanese garden and enjoying the Japanese four seasons. A terrace between Garden Hall and Forest Room can be used for cocktail party.
※Garden Hall: Standing 500 pax, Sitting 400 pax

180 guests sitting style buffet  JPY 6,000 (including service charge and consumption tax per person)
Site attractiveness
There are many attractions for attendants and their accompanying person to enjoy. Addition to the high quality of convention facilities, Osaka is proud of its fulfilling after-convention entertainment. People gather here from all over to this city which is the source of rich culture, tradition and fashion. Needless to say Osaka has an air of enthusiasm and has so much to offer. Come and experience Osaka for yourselves. Here, we recommend major tourist spots of Osaka, model courses, hot Springs, programs for spouse and etc. Courses are planned to meet the needs of various types of tourists, such as single persons, groups of tourists and families.

😊 Recommended Spot 😊
Osaka provides a dramatic setting for your visit that is sure to be filled with discovery. Abundance of originality, laughter, friendly people and delicious food are just some of the features awaiting you. Whether it is exciting things to do, places to have fun, or things to learn – you can’t have enough because there is always something new. Osaka is truly one of Japan’s greatest international tourist cities. Here are some of those recommended spots;

- Osaka Aquarium Kaiyukan
- Herbis Ent
- National Bunraku Theater
- Minoh Quasi National Park
- Osaka Castle
- The National Museum of Art, Osaka
- Hozenjyokochō
- Grand Front Osaka
- Sumiyoshibaisha Grand Shrine
For more than 1400 years, Osaka has been a crossroads of people, goods, culture and information – all have passed through and met in Osaka. The history and daily custom of Osaka are a living tradition that has continued unbroken ever since. Today’s Osaka is a cultural blend of the city’s own character overlaid with influence from far and wide. This is what gives the city its unique atmosphere of fun and excitement.

**Bunraku Puppet Theater**
Puppetry with a 300-year tradition. Performed to the plucked strings of “shamisen” and traditional “gidaiyu” chanting-singing, the puppets seem to come alive.

**Noh Theater**
A form of musical dance-drama originating in the 14th century, it is said to be the epitome of Japanese esthetics and spiritual expression.

**Kabuki Theater**
Kabuki began in Kyoto and Osaka, and spread to what was then Edo (now Tokyo). The magnificent costumes and stylized movements are a cultural experience not to be missed.

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**Shitennoji Temple**
The first Japanese Buddhist temple founded by Prince Shotoku in 593 A.D. The Homotsukan treasury houses valuable Buddhism-related items which belonged to the Prince.

**Sumiyoshi-taisha Grand Shrine**
This shrine attracts the faithful as the head shrine of all Sumiyoshi Shrines throughout Japan and as the god for protecting family well-being and people in their travels. The shrine hall is built in the unique “Sumiyoshi style” and designated as a national treasure.

**Osaka Museum of History**
It features the history of Osaka in four periods with the main themes presented through dynamic visuals. Overlooking the views of the Osaka Castle and the Naniwa Palace, visitors can enjoy the life-size reconstructions, scale models, and key photographs and movies.

**Museum of Oriental Ceramics, Osaka**
One of the few museums in the world solely devoted to Oriental ceramics. Most of the 1,300 items in the collection are of Chinese or Korean origin, two of them designated as Natural Treasures, and 13 as Important Cultural Assets.

**Hozenji Yokocho**
Hozenji Yokocho immerses people in the Osaka mood. After passing under the arch of hanging red lanterns, one enters a narrow cobblestone road lined with small drinking establishments. This street was popularized by a novel written in 1940, and its moss-covered Fudo dousing statue is popular with visitors.
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Osaka Central Public Hall
The historic neo-renaissance style Osaka Central Public Hall was opened in 1918 and is an important national cultural asset that is still used for cultural and art-related activities to this day.

Tsutenkaku Tower
Visitors to Tsutenkaku Tower, which is one of the symbols of Osaka, are afforded a panoramic view of the city. It is said that visitors will have good luck if they rub the feet of the Biliken statue that is located there.

Dotombori
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Osaka Kaiyukan Aquarium
One of the largest aquariums in the world, Kaiyukan has some 35,000 animals of 580 species in 14 tanks, which collectively simulate the Ring of Fire volcanic zones of the Pacific. Popular exhibits include a whale shark, the largest species of fish.

The Floating Garden Observatory
This deck 170m above ground between the towers of the Umeda Sky Building has a circular opening in the center. The building was designed with Paris' Arc de Triomphe in mind, and from the observatory, on can see all of Osaka and even to Awaji Island.

Kuromon Market
The market, where shop proprietors choose the finest ingredients for the day’s patrons. Lively hawking punctuates the air.

Kumoh Quasi-National Park
The gorge in this park flows down from Kumoh’s famous waterfall. Here, you can enjoy the scenic beauty of each season with cherry blossoms in spring and the tint of red leaves in fall.

The National Museum of Art, Osaka
Relocated to Nakanoshima district in 2005, the National Museum of Art, Osaka houses a wide range of Japanese and foreign contemporary art. With an exterior design inspired by the life force of bamboo, the new facility will serve as a public space that creates interaction between people and art.

Universal Studios Japan®
Universal studios Japan®, the largest amusement park in western Japan has been attracting a number of visitors both domestic and internationally. You can enjoy a variety of exciting theme rides and shows inspired by world famous movies, animations and comic series spread out among nine distinctly designed areas offering unique experiences.
Beyond conventions, Osaka features historic buildings, cultural attractions, and high-tech amusement facilities. And nearby are Kyoto, an ancient capital of Japan, Kobe, a fashionable port city, and Nara with numerous world heritage sites. These unique destinations form a culturally endowed urban region. From Osaka, these cities can each be reached around within 30 min. by express train.

Excursions from Osaka

Kiyomizu Temple
Its main hall (national treasure) has a platform projecting over a precipice, which commands a panoramic view of Kyoto by crimson maples in autumn.

Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion)
The Golden Pavilion Temple was built in the 14th century. Its top two stories are gilded, and the second floor represents samurai-style architecture, while the top floor represents Zen Buddhism architecture.

Arashiyama
The Sagano-Arashiyama area is famous for its bamboo grove, and splendid walking courses. Visitors can also enjoy a scenic view from an open-air tram or an exciting water rafting.

Heian Shrine
Graceful old court life is reflected in the brightly colored shrine with its vermilion pillars and green roof, and in its enchanting inner gardens and ponds.

Todaiji Temple
The temple, built by Emperor Shomu in the 8th century, features the Hall of the Great Buddha, the world’s largest wooden structure.

Himeji Castle
Known as White Egret Castle for its soaring white walls, it is one of Japan’s national treasures as well as a designated World Heritage site.

Takarazuka Revue
Established in 1914 by Ichizo Kobayashi, a railway magnate, the all-female Takarazuka Revue Company has been offering delightful combinations of song, dance, and drama.

Kobe Port
This port was opened in 1868 with the lifting of Japan’s centuries-long isolation. Set against the beauty of Mt. Rokko, it is now a leading port for international trade.

Mt. Koya
Mt. Koya-san is located in the northeastern part of Wakayama and is in Koya-Ryuin Quasi-National Park. On the peak of Mt. Koya-san, surrounded by mountaintops, is Kongobu-ji Temple, founded by Kobo Daishi, the Head Temple of Esoteric Buddhism, which has a 1200-year-long history.
City of Dynamic Development

Kita, North Region is rapidly developing. A highly functional dome roof has been completed at JR Osaka Station, connecting the north and south station buildings. There are four busy department stores near the station. In the north district of the station, a new town was born under the concept of water and greenery in the spring of 2013, equipped with offices, commercial facilities, hotels and residential real estate. Abeno Q's Mall, the largest in Osaka, came into existence at the south gate of Tennoji and Abeno Terminal building in Japan is well under way. Please fully enjoy Osaka, a place which is always energetic and filled with points to see and enjoy.

Competitive, safe and friendly city

Japan is not as expensive as you may think. Prices are extremely stable; airfares and hotel rates are globally competitive. In fact, Osaka is one of the most affordable cities in Japan, even though it is the second largest city. Japan is also outstandingly safe, and a vast majority of Japanese people are extremely honest. Street crime is rare. English is widely used and understood. People in Osaka are known for their friendliness with big hearts.
Osaka is called “The Kitchen of Nation.”
Here are just sample of Osaka traditional delicious food.
Osaka offers everything to make your event a resounding success. Osaka is yours to enjoy.