



Second Circular

International Obsidian Conference (IOC)

Engaru 2023, 3–6 July

Engaru Metro Plaza, Engaru Town, Hokkaido, Japan
(<https://engaru-metroplaza.jp/>)

Official website in English: <https://sites.google.com/view/iocengaru2023/home>

Overviews in Japanese/English: <http://geopark.engaru.jp/ioc2023/>

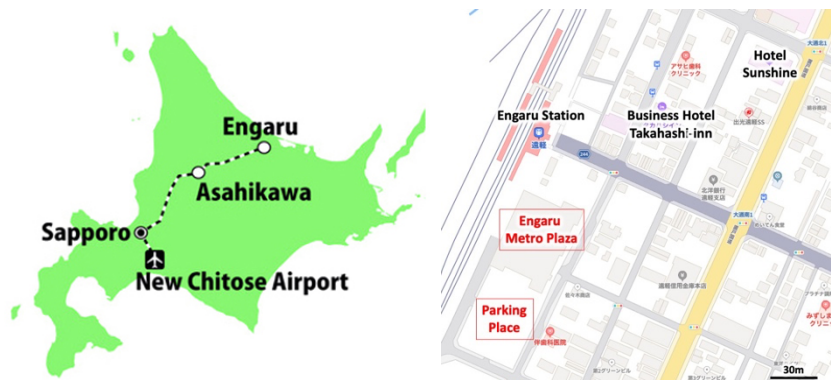
Greetings: We invite those interested in all aspects of obsidian studies, from natural sciences to archaeology, to IOC Engaru 2023. We hope to maintain a global scope by highlighting obsidian studies throughout Northeast Asia at the conference. In addition, we will focus on geological heritage studies with regard to the development of public education and tourism in rural areas. Finally, we hope this conference will promote transdisciplinary obsidian studies and sustain our communities.

■ Engaru Town and Shirataki Geopark

- Engaru Town is in Eastern Hokkaido, Japan. Participants can reach Engaru Town by train from New Chitose Airport (CTS) via Sapporo and Asahikawa. The journey takes about five hours. For more information, see the following websites.
 - ◇ Engaru Town (<https://engaru.jp/information/page.php?id=224>)
 - ◇ New Chitose Airport (<https://www.new-chitose-airport.jp/en/>)
- The mean daily temperature in Engaru Town during early July is about 20°C, with a possibility of cold nights.
- Shirataki Geopark is a National Geopark that includes the Shirataki obsidian source and Upper Paleolithic sites of geological and archaeological significance, distributed mainly within Engaru Town. For detailed information on Engaru Town and Shirataki Geopark, see the following files and websites.
 - ◇ <http://geopark.engaru.jp/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/SHIRATAKI-GEOPARK-GUIDEBOOK2009.pdf>
 - ◇ <http://geopark.engaru.jp/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/The-Shirataki-GeoparkProject2009.pdf>
 - ◇ Engaru Town (<https://engaru.jp>)
 - ◇ Shirataki Geopark (<http://geopark.engaru.jp/>)

■ Visas

- If you require a visa to visit Japan, please inform the Contact Persons as soon as possible.
 - ◇ Visa requirements for Japan can be found at https://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/index.html.



Locations of Engaru Town in Hokkaido and Engaru Metro Plaza (venue)

■ Conference Sessions

1. Formation of obsidian
2. Obsidian sources and their characterization
3. Analytical methods and databases of obsidian data
4. Cultural aspects of obsidian during different archaeological periods
5. Lithic technology and traceological studies
6. Regional development in relation to geological heritage and archaeological obsidian

■ Conference Format

- IOC Engaru 2023 will be held in a hybrid format as scheduled.
- The official language of the conference is English.
- Oral presentations will be both onsite and online; poster presentations will be onsite.
- Conference participants can select their presentation style, either oral or poster. Online presentations are oral only. Conference Session 6 is poster presentations only.
- We request that online presenters send video files in advance.

Presentation guidelines

- Abstracts must not exceed 300 words (excluding title and author affiliations).
- All abstracts accepted for presentation will be published in the Program and Abstract Book and posted on the official website.
- Oral presentations are limited to 15 minutes, followed by 5 minutes of discussion. Presenters are asked to use a standard PowerPoint presentation format.
- Posters should be in portrait format and must not exceed A0 paper size. Presenters will present a summary at the beginning of the Poster Sessions on Day 1.

■ Schedule

Day 0: Sunday, 2 July 2023		
15:00–17:30	Conference registration	Engaru Metro Plaza
17:00–19:00	Obsidian knapping workshop	Engaru Metro Plaza
19:00–20:00	Ice-breaker gathering	Engaru Town
Day 1: Monday, 3 July 2023		
9:00–15:00	Opening ceremony, Keynote lecture, and General sessions	Engaru Metro Plaza
15:30–17:30	Poster sessions	Engaru Metro Plaza
18:30–20:30	Mayor's reception	Engaru Town
Day 2: Tuesday, 4 July 2023		
9:00–17:00	General sessions	Engaru Metro Plaza
18:00–19:30	Public lecture	Engaru Metro Plaza
Day 3: Wednesday, 5 July 2023		
8:20–16:00	Excursion	Field trip and Museum Tour in Shirataki
17:30–19:30	Conference dinner	Shirataki Geopark Center
Day 4: Thursday, 6 July 2023		
9:00–17:00	General sessions	Engaru Metro Plaza
17:00–17:30	Closing ceremony	Engaru Metro Plaza
Optional: Friday, 7 July 2023		
8:20–13:30	Post-conference excursion	Field trip in Shirataki

■ Fees

Categories	Fees
*Registration for onsite participants:	
➤ Regular presenters (both oral and poster)	20,000 JPY
➤ Attendees not presenting a paper or poster (non-presenters)	10,000 JPY
➤ Students (presenters and non-presenters)	10,000 JPY
➤ Accompanying persons with presenters or non-presenters	10,000 JPY
Registration for all online participants	3,000 JPY
**Post-conference excursion (optional)	1,000 JPY

*Registration fees for onsite participants include the costs of the excursion on Day 3, the ice-breaker gathering, the Mayor's reception, and the Conference dinner.

**Register for the post-conference excursion using Form A or C (see Registration Forms, Payments, and Deadlines for more information).

Registration Forms, Payments, and Deadlines

- Online registration (Forms A to C) is now available on [the Official website for IOC Engaru 2023](#).
- Register **accompanying persons** using Form A (for presenters) or C (for non-presenters).
- We use Google Forms for registrations. If you cannot use the Google system, please complete the forms in Excel format available from the following website,
✧ <https://1drv.ms/u/s!As2QeUP1f9efq1EadIjxMC6gQmq?e=1pbFdM>
and submit them to **Contact Persons** by email.
- There are few hotels in Engaru Town and we will accept booking requests for conference participants (Check in 2 July; Check out 7 July).
- An online payment system will be available until 1 May 2023. Further information will be available in due course.

Categories	Forms	Deadlines
Registration for presenters	Form A	17:00 JST, 1 January 2023
Submission of abstracts	Form B	17:00 JST, 1 March 2023
Registration for attendees not presenting a paper or poster	Form C	17:00 JST, 1 May 2023
*Submission of video files for oral presentations by online participants	Upload	17:00 JST, 15 June 2023
Payment of conference fees	In preparation	17:00 JST, 15 June 2023
Payment of accommodation fees	In preparation	17:00 JST, 15 June 2023

*We request that online presenters submit pre-recorded video files in advance. Please use the MP4 file format and upload files on Google Forms as indicated above. If you cannot use the Google system, send the files to the contact person using any bulk file transfer system.

■ **Excursions**

- We will visit obsidian sources in Shirataki and the Shirataki Geopark Center, as shown on the following website.
 ◇ <https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1CSJs5dN25IyZQSZcpXsnXclNRjQvffOb&usp=sharing>
- The local organizing committee has special permission from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries, Japan, for obsidian sampling of one plastic bag per person at a single location. Please state that the sample was collected during the IOC Engaru 2023 excursion when publishing any related data.
- Lunchboxes and drinks will be provided for participants during and after excursions at no extra cost.

Day excursion during the conference (Day 3): Wednesday, 5 July 2023

8:20	Departure	Parking place (Engaru Metro Plaza)
9:00–10:00	Briefing	Shirataki Geopark Center
10:30–11:30	Hachigo-sawa outcrop	(43.93956N 143.12317E)
12:00–13:30	Mt. Akaishi (West Atelier) Mt. Akaishi (East Atelier) Lunch	(43.94148N 143.13543E) (43.93885N 143.13924E)
14:30–15:30	Tokachi-ishizawa River	(43.89848N 143.15906E)
16:00–16:30	Break	Shirataki Geopark Center
16:30–17:30	Museum Tour	Shirataki Geopark Center
17:30–19:30	Conference Dinner	Shirataki Geopark Center
20:00	Return	Engaru Metro Plaza

Optional post-conference excursion, Friday, 7 July 2023

8:20	*Departure	Parking place (Engaru Metro Plaza)
9:30–11:30	Ajisai-no-taki Fall outcrop	(43.94098N 143.15689E)
12:00–13:00	Lunch	Shirataki Geopark Center
13:30	*Return	Engaru Metro Plaza

*Attendees of the Post-conference excursion may leave their luggage in the Engaru Metro Plaza during the excursion. We will return to the Engaru Metro Plaza at 13:30 for the departure of express trains bound for JR Sapporo station: 14:24 Engaru–16:19 Asahikawa (Daisetsu No. 4) and 16:30 Asahikawa–17:55 Sapporo (Lilac No. 34).

Members

■ Contact Persons

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- ◇ François-Xavier Le Bourdonnec — University Bordeaux Montaigne, Pessac, France
- ◇ Jaroslav Lexa — Earth Sciences Institute of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, Slovakia
- ◇ András Markó — Hungarian National Museum, Budapest, Hungary
- ◇ Akira Ono — Professor Emeritus of Tokyo Metropolitan University, Tokyo, Japan
- ◇ Robin Torrence — Australian Museum, Sydney, Australia
- ◇ Robert Tykot — University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, USA
- ◇ Andrea Vianello — University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, USA

■ Local Organizing Committee for IOC Engaru 2023

- ◇ Akira Ono (**Chairperson**) — Professor Emeritus of Tokyo Metropolitan University, Tokyo, Japan
- ◇ Yoshimitsu Suda (**Contact Person**) — Nagasaki University, Nagasaki, Japan
- ◇ Yoshifumi Matsumura (**Secretariat**) — Engaru Town Office, Hokkaido, Japan
- ◇ Jun Hashizume — Niigata Prefectural Museum of History, Niigata, Japan
- ◇ Nobuyuki Ikeya — Meiji University, Tokyo, Japan
- ◇ Makoto Kumagai — Geo. Labo Co., Ltd., Engaru, Hokkaido, Japan
- ◇ Kyohei Sano — University of Hyogo, Hyogo, Japan
- ◇ Kazutaka Shimada — Meiji University, Tokyo, Japan
- ◇ Katsunori Takase — Hokkaido University, Hokkaido, Japan
- ◇ Keiji Wada — Professor Emeritus of Hokkaido University of Education, Hokkaido, Japan
- ◇ Satoru Yamada — Kitami City Board of Education, Hokkaido, Japan

Application forms and submissions

■ Form A

Registration for presenters (Deadline: 17:00 JST, 1 January 2023)

- Access Form A via the following link (Google Forms)

✧ <https://forms.gle/mX2MjgvgvvQzkMx47>

The items in the form begin with your email address and end with Submit, after submission, you will receive a confirmation email.

- Email address
- Name (Given name, Middle name, Family name)
- Title
- Gender (optional)
 - Male
 - Female
- Nationality
- Affiliation (Department, Institution, Position/Grade)
- Institution or home address (Street address, City, Region, Postal/Zip code, Country)
- Telephone number (Office/Home/Mobile)
- Participation mode (select either mode)
 - Onsite
 - Online
- Post-conference excursion for onsite participants (optional, fee ¥1,000)
 - I will attend
 - I will not attend
- Student registration (please enter your student ID number)
- Hotel booking in Engaru Town (Check in 2 July; Check out 7 July)
 - Required
 - Not required
- Registration of accompanying person(s): Name, hotel booking, room requests, attendance of excursions, conference dinner, and receptions.
- Any special request(s)
- Presentation session (select one session:)
 - 1. Formation of obsidian
 - 2. Obsidian sources and their characterization
 - 3. Analytical methods and databases of obsidian data
 - 4. Cultural aspects of obsidian during different archaeological periods
 - 5. Lithic technology and traceological studies
 - 6. Regional development in relation to geological heritage and archaeological obsidian
- Presentation type (Online presentations are oral only; Conference **Session 6** is poster presentations only.)
 - Oral
 - Poster
- Tentative paper title and author(s)

■ Form B

Submission of abstracts for presenters (Deadline: 17:00 JST, 1 March, 2023)

- Access Form B via the following link (Google Forms)
 - ✧ <https://forms.gle/6k2NcQPEd6Pv8MML6>

The items in the form begin with your email address and end with Submit, after submission, you will receive a confirmation email.

- Email address
- Name (Given name, Middle name, Family name)
- Participation mode (select either mode)
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 - Online
- Presentation session (select one session:)
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- Presentation type (Online presentations are oral only; Conference **Session 6** is poster presentations only.)
 - Oral
 - Poster
- Paper title
- Author(s): Given name, Middle name, Family name, and Affiliation
- Abstract (300 words maximum): All abstracts accepted for presentation will be published in the book and on the website.

■ Form C

Registration for attendees not presenting a paper or poster (Deadline: 17:00 JST, 1 May)

- Access Form C via the following link (Google Forms)
 - ✧ <https://forms.gle/pghNTash5PXFhBQRA>

The items in the form begin with your email address and end with Submit, after submission, you will receive a confirmation email.

- Email address
- Name (Given name, Middle name, Family name)
- Title
- Gender (optional)

Male Female

- Nationality
- Affiliation (Department, Institution, Position/Grade)
- Institution or home address (Street address, City, Region, Postal/Zip code, Country)
- Telephone number (Office/Home/Mobile)
- Participation mode (select either mode)
 - Onsite Online
- Post-conference excursion for onsite participants (optional, fee ¥1,000)
 - I will attend I will not attend
- Student registration (please enter your student ID number)
- Hotel booking in Engaru Town (Check in 2 July; Check out 7 July)
 - Required Not required
- Registration of accompanying person(s): Name, hotel booking, room requests, attendance of excursions, conference dinner, and receptions.
- Any special request(s)

■ **Submission of video files for online presenters**

Upload your pre-recorded video file (Deadline: 17:00 JST, 15 June 2023)

- Use the following link to upload your pre-recorded video file (Google Forms)

✧ <https://forms.gle/rhB6MuWnNX6GgCc37>

The items in the form begin with your email address and end with Submit, after submission, you will receive a confirmation email.

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- Upload your video file (MP4 format only; maximum file size 1GB).