

# IOC Engaru 2023

## Final Circular

IOC Engaru 2023 Official Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/iocengaru2023/home>

### **Post-Conference Excursion canceled for safety reasons**

The post-conference excursion scheduled for 7 July at Ajisai Fall has been canceled. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding.

### **Online Payment System via the JTB portal is now available**

We have received your hotel booking request, but it needs to be reserved separately. In order to secure your accommodation, please follow the instructions provided on our JTB portal: <https://amarys-jtb.jp/ioc2023/>.

This system will be operational from 1 May to 15 June. Kindly select your preferred hotel and the duration of your stay in Engaru Town, and proceed to make the necessary online payments.

Additionally, we kindly ask all participants to submit payment for their registration fees based on their participation category.

- Regular presenters (both oral and poster): 20,000 JPY
- **Non-presenters** (attendees without presenting a paper or poster): 10,000 JPY
- Students (presenters and non-presenters): 10,000 JPY
- Accompanying persons of presenters and non-presenters: 10,000 JPY
- Online participants (all categories): 3,000 JPY

It is mandatory for all participants to access the portal and complete payment for the fees by 15 June 2023.

### **Conference Schedule and Presentation Program**

Thanks to your valuable contributions, we have arranged a total of 60 oral presentations and 24 poster presentations. We expect around one hundred attendees in total. You can access the latest conference schedule and presentation program through the following websites.

- Conference Schedule:  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18yBUkv5g3UWa4zST3LV67ymKbPujcBOXkyRdb0pUCbo/edit?usp=sharing>
- Presentation Program:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kd1MQOS7ssVVc88d1-8ImjZbzhdbbyFOVSJrfqcdLZt8/edit?usp=sharing>

### **Presentation Guidelines**

Oral presentations

- Please bring your presentation file in the PPT format on a USB flash drive.

- The session coordinators will collect the file from you prior to the start of your presentation session.
- Oral presentations are limited to 15 minutes, followed by 5 minutes of discussion.

#### Poster presentations

- We are unable to fulfill any requests for poster printing. Kindly bring your printed posters to the venue or ship them to the Engaru Metro Plaza in advance.
- We have decided not to conduct a brief presentation before the poster presentations.
- Students presenting posters are automatically nominated for the IOC student poster awards sponsored by SAS.
- Poster presenters are required to display their posters by 1:00 pm on 3 July and remove them by 1:00 pm on 6 July.

#### **Access to Engaru Town**

For attendees arriving in Engaru by JR trains, we highly recommend using the JR website (<https://www.jrhokkaido.co.jp/global/>) to plan your journey.

To search for the timetable, simply set your departure station as Sapporo or New Chitose Airport and your arrival station as Engaru. This will provide you with the most effective and efficient train schedule to ensure a smooth journey to the conference.

#### **Obsidian knapping workshop: exhibition for non-specialists**

An obsidian knapping workshop will be held at the Engaru Metro Plaza on 2 July at 5:00 pm, just before the Ice-breaker gathering. This workshop will be conducted by Drs. Kenji Nagai from Aichi Gakuin University (Japan) and Han-Yong Lee from the Jeongok Prehistory Museum (Korea) will demonstrate their excellent knapping skills to replicate ancient stone tools using obsidian and other knappable stone materials. This is an excellent opportunity to witness the active production of ancient stone tools such as knives, arrowheads, and handaxes. We cordially invite you to join us and experience the fascinating art of obsidian knapping.

#### **Public Lecture**

Engaru Town will hold a public lecture at 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm on 4 July. Dr. Robon Torrence in the Australian Museum will be invited as a lecturer with a talk about "Rare, shiny and deadly: why is obsidian so special?"

Since the beginning of human history, people living across the globe have made tools, ornaments, and ritual objects using a volcanic rock that geologists call 'obsidian.' Unlike most other kinds of stone, which were mainly used near places where they occur naturally, it was not unusual for pieces of obsidian to be transported very long distances, up to several thousand kilometres away from their source. Why was obsidian so special? Why was this type of stone so highly valued by many ancient societies? The talk will address these questions by surveying how cultural groups around the world have taken advantage of the special physical properties of obsidian: such as rare, shiny, and deadly.

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