

Greetings from Chairperson

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The 10th Anniversary JBF Symposium Chair

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The Japan Bioanalysis Forum (JBF) was established by 17 founders from the industries, the regulatory agencies and the academia in August 2011. The 1st JBF Symposium, the first-ever scientific/academic meeting focused on regulated bioanalysis in Japan, was held at the same time with over 200 attendees from home and abroad. Then, the symposium has been held once or twice a year as the place, 'Ba/場' in Japanese, for discussing bioanalytical matters, e.g. launching a bioanalytical method validation guideline in Japan, sharing up-to-date information in the industry, and also for fostering young researchers as next-generation leaders. The symposium will celebrate the 10th anniversary in upcoming February. We appreciate all the relevant parties continuously supporting the JBF and its activities.

During these years, the scope of drug discovery and development has drastically changed. The technologies being employed in the bioanalysis of new modality, e.g. antibodies and large molecules, has been rapidly developed. Accordingly, the bioanalysts need to stretch their views to outwards in collecting relevant information, and are required to renovate their skills and knowledge. Here, we hold the 10th symposium along with the key phrase 'Open to the Public' aiming to practically collaborate with the scientific fields surrounding the bioanalysis, e.g. DMPK, Tox, and Clinical Pharm. We present several productive sessions on the common issues in the drug development and expect intensive interaction among participants.

In addition, newly planned events to celebrate 10th anniversary will be also on board, for instance, the keynote lectures by speakers from surrounding scientific areas, the comprehensive discussions of future bioanalysis, and the posters by publicly offered presenters. All of them are 'the first appearance' events in the JBF symposium.

We cordially invite not only bioanalysts but also those working in various scientific fields involved in drug development to the 10th JBF symposium. And we hope to provide the "Ba/場" to have open discussion of the future of bioanalysis-related world as partners on the same boat.

Hope to see you soon in Yokohama.