

Annual Plan of OIST Promotion Corporation

The Annual Plan for the OIST Promotion Corporation covers the period from September 1st 2005 to March 31st 2006, which is from the date of establishment of the Corporation to the end of fiscal year 2005.

1. Scientific Programme / Recruitment

We will continue the already established existing IRP scientific programme. In FY2005, the IRP will be expanded as follows:

- (1) The new facilities will be completed and the groups of Dr. Brenner, Dr. Maruyama and Dr. Naito will be established with research staff. The programme of research to discover and define the genes specifying the different types of neurons and their connections will be initiated.
- (2) We will advertise widely to recruit postdoctoral researchers. We will also advertise for young investigators in the existing research areas for independent research.
- (3) Since the process of appointment is likely to overflow into next fiscal year, we will seek postdoctoral researchers and investigators by direct means for appointment in the present fiscal year. We will emphasize recruitment from abroad.

2. Dissemination of Research Results

- (1) An annual report of the activities of the IRP will be prepared before the end of FY 2005. The report will be widely distributed and its contents in English and Japanese will be made available to the public via our website.
- (2) We will set up mechanisms to acquire patents on relevant research results.
- (3) A seminar and lecture programme will be continued, and research results published in scientific papers as well as attendance of our researchers at international and other meetings will be reported in the annual report.

3. Educational and Training Activities

- (1) Discussions on collaborative projects with various Universities and other Research Institutions will be initiated, especially with a view to recruiting graduate students.

- (2) We will complete planning activities for a workshop to be held on Single Molecule Analysis and the annual school of computational neuroscience.

4. Preparative Work for the Foundation of the University

- (1) In collaboration with our Board, we will seek an outside group to work on the proposed structure of the University.
- (2) We will also work with the Board to set up a Scientific Advisory Group who can help us plan for future research areas.

5. Construction of Facilities

- (1) We will complete the renovation of the Hakuun-so area of the campus.
- (2) The master plan elaborating the design concept for the whole campus as well as the design for the initial facilities will be completed. These will be made available to the public through our website as well as by an exhibition.

6. Administration and Financial Matters

- (1) The implementation of our plan requires the establishment of an efficient administration. To this end we will organize monthly meetings of a Management Committee (MACO) as well as a Committee of PIs (COPI). We will establish a system of financial controls, by appointing an administrator with direct responsibility for this area, who will report monthly to MACO.
- (2) We will strengthen the administration of our research and training programmes by appointing one administrator with responsibility for this area, who will be a member of MACO as well as COPI.
- (3) We will ensure that special training is made available to any member of both the administrative and technical staff

7. Board Matters

- (1) The Corporation will provide the Secretariat for the Board as well as logistical support for the first meeting planned to take place early in calendar year 2006.
- (2) We will also provide the means to implement decisions made by the Board.

8. Review of Activities

- (1) The Corporation will submit an annual report at the end of FY2005 for evaluation by the Board. This will include the research report mentioned above.

Effective as of September 1, 2005

Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Promotion Corporation