

Publication on Systems Biology Graphical Notation (SBGN) by  
OIST Principal Investigator Dr. Kitano et al. published in *Nature Biotechnology*

In 2005, Dr. Hiroaki Kitano, Principal Investigator of the Open Biology Unit of OIST, initiated an international project to develop a new set of standards for graphically representing biological information. The outcome of the project, called the Systems Biology Graphical Notation (SBGN), was published in the August 2009 issue of the journal *Nature Biotechnology*.

Researchers in 30 laboratories worldwide took part in the project.\*\*\* In January 2008, OIST hosted the SBGN Super-Hackathon Workshop at OIST Seaside House in Onna Village, Okinawa, providing the researchers an opportunity for vigorous discussions on the project.

[Press Release](#) on August 8, 2008 by SBI, OIST, Keio University and RIKEN



SBGN Super-Hackathon Workshop on January 28-February 2 at Seaside House

\*\*\* Researchers at approximately 30 research institutions including the Systems Biology Institute, Sony Computer Science Laboratories, Inc., Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Promotion Corporation, RIKEN, Keio University, EMBL European Bioinformatics Institute, California Institute of Technology, Stanford University, University of Edinburgh, IPK Gatersleben & MLU Halle, MSKCC Computational Biology Center, University of Hertfordshire, The University of Manchester, and Heidelberg University.