



**The 2nd joint international conference of
ISSOL (The International Society for the Study of the Origin of Life +
the International Astrobiology Society) and
Bioastronomy (Commission 51 of the International Astronomical
Union)**

**July 6 (Sun) –July 11 (Fri), 2014
Nara, Japan**

Abstract Submission is now open!

<http://www.origin-life.gr.jp/origins2014/general.html>

1. Venue

Nara Prefectural New Public Hall (Nara-ken New Public Hall)

(Address: Kasugano-cho 101, Nara 630-8212, Japan, Tel: +81-742-20-2630)

<http://www.shinkokaido.jp/en/>

2. Dates

July 6, Sunday - July 11, Friday, 2014

3. Important dates

October 1, 2013: Registration open

November 20, 2013: Abstraction submission open

January 10, 2014: Hotel & Excursion reservation open

January 31, 2014: Deadline for Early registration

February 21, 2014: Deadline for Abstract submission

March 31, 2014: Second circular

June 30, 2014: Deadline for Late registration

July 6-11, 2014: Origins 2014 conference (Onsite registration will be available)

4. Registration

Please go to the website (<http://www.origin-life.gr.jp/origins2014/>), click the tab "Registration", and enter the Registration system (<https://amarys-jtb.jp/origins201407>).

5. Registration fees (JPY):

*Early registration

(General: 45,000 yen, Student: 12,000 yen, Accompanying person: 10,000 yen)

*Late registration

(General: 55,000 yen, Student: 15,000 yen, Accompanying person: 12,000 yen)

*On-site registration

(General: 60,000 yen, Student: 20,000 yen, Accompanying person: 12,000 yen)

*Banquet 8,000 yen

5. Accommodation

Online hotel reservation will be open from January 10, 2014. Alternatively, you can book the hotel by yourself. View a list of hotels in "Venue and Dates" of the website (<http://www.origin-life.gr.jp/origins2014/general.html>).

6. Access

• From Kansai International Airport

From the Terminal 1 Building (International arrivals), go to the bus stop No.9, outside the 1st floor of the Terminal 1 Bldg. Limousine buses to Nara depart from here every 1 hour (about 80 minutes to Kintetsu Nara station, 85 minutes to JR Nara station. Bus fare: JPY 1,200 per a person). Tickets can be purchased from the ticket vending machines located outside the 1st floor of the building.

[Kansai airport maps]

<http://www.kansai-airport.or.jp/en/access/bus/>

[Bus time table (From Kansai to Nara)]

http://www.kate.co.jp/pc/e_time_table/e_nara_tt.html#from

• From Tokyo International Airport (Haneda Airport)

Go to the Domestic Passenger Terminal from International Terminal. Take a domestic flight to Osaka Itami Airport or Kansai International Airport. From either of the airports, take a limousine bus to Nara. At Osaka Itami Airport, go to the bus stop No.0 or No.10. It takes about 65 minutes to Kintetsu Nara station and 75 minutes to JR Nara station. Bus fare is JPY 1,440 per a person.

[Haneda airport maps]

http://www.haneda-airport.jp/inter/en/dept/int_dms.html

[Osaka Itami Airport maps]

<http://osaka-airport.co.jp/en/map/>

[Bus time table (From Osaka-Itami to Nara)]

http://www.okkbus.co.jp/en/timetable/itm/t_nra.html

• From Narita International Airport

(1) By Airplane and bus

Airport limousine bus leads you to Tokyo International Airport (Haneda Airport) (about 75 minutes, Bus fare: JPY 3,000 per a person). Fly from Haneda Airport to Osaka Itami Airport or Kansai International Airport. From either of the airports, take a limousine bus to Nara (see above).

(It is possible to fly from Narita to Osaka Itami Airport directly - but, the number of flights is limited.)

(2) By Trains

The Narita Express (N'EX) takes you from Narita Airport to Tokyo station in 53 minutes. From Tokyo station, take the Tokaido Shinkansen "Nozomi" and get off at Kyoto station (140 minutes). Take Kin-tetsu railway or Japan railway (JR) from Kyoto to Nara. Both Kintetsu limited express and JR Miyakoji rapid trains operate every 30 minutes between Kyoto Station and JR Nara Station.

7. Abstract submission

[IMPORTANT] Abstract Deadline: 23:59 of February 21, 2014, Japan Standard Time (GMT+9)

Registration is required before abstract submission. Please go to the website (<http://www.origin-life.gr.jp/origins2014/>), click the tab "Registration", and click "Go to Abstract submission System" (<https://amarys-jtb.jp/origins201407>).

Please read "Instructions for Preparation of Abstracts" in the website before abstract submission. Abstracts must be submitted in A4 size format (210 x 297 mm), one-page PDF file. Authors are requested to choose Oral/Poster presentation and the most relevant topic from the topic list in the website. The abstract template is downloadable from the website. Multiple abstract submissions are allowed for the authors who pre-registered. After completion of the abstract review, the decision of acceptance will be notified to the authors by the end of April.

The journal *Origins of Life and Evolution of the Biosphere* (OLEB) will have a special Issue for the manuscripts presented at the conference that will be peer-reviewed by an appointed Editorial Committee.

8. Excursion

• Wednesday afternoon

The afternoon of Wednesday July 9th will be free to take a mid-week break from the conference. You can walk to most of the major sightseeing sites, or take Nara Kotsu Bus (Adults 180 yen, The City Route Look runs every 30 minutes) without reservation. For those who are interested in Kyoto and/or Osaka sightseeing, **online reservation for the optional tour will be open from January 10, 2014.**

• Accompanying persons tours during conference

Several tours and activities for accompanying persons will be offered during the Conference. **Online reservation will be open from January 10, 2014.**