

Sincere Gratitude to All Participants

Dear Participants of ISBA2012 in Kyoto Meeting

The ISBA 2012 World Meeting - the premier conference of the International Society for Bayesian Analysis (ISBA) - was held in Kyoto, Japan, from June 25 to 29, 2012, which is the first of the renowned bi-yearly World Meetings and successor of the Valencia Meeting.

We do not think that we are too boastful to say ISBA2012 Kyoto was a great success. The number of attendants turned out to be 555 from 31 countries and this was the record in ISBA history. We heard many interesting presentations and heated discussions, and it certainly stimulates further development of Bayesian statistics. Finally, the scientific program included 4 ISBA Lectures on Bayesian Foundations, 5 keynote speakers, 203 invited and special topic talks and over 275 posters. The program can be found at <http://www2.e.u-tokyo.ac.jp/~isba2012/>.

We believe ISBA2012 in Kyoto gave a stimulus occasion for local young researchers and students. Through our discussions without reserve, they were sure to broaden their intellectual horizons.

As a ceremony for celebrating the 20th birthday of ISBA, we have performed a Japanese traditional ceremony for celebration at banquet. We believe you enjoyed this ceremony. We hope you also enjoyed your stay in the historical city of Kyoto and its culture.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all participants. We spent the last two years in preparation for the very five days of this meeting and we are really glad from our heart that our effort has been rewarded.

We would also like to thank various people for their kind cooperation; First of all, the chairperson of each session for his/her efficient way in which they handled. Second, the speakers for their excellent oral and poster presentations. Third, the delegates for having been an audience and having provided stimulating discussion. Last [Last but not least], we would like to thank our Japanese LOC and working staff and many other institutions for the financial support and cooperation we received in organizing and conducting this conference.

Now we heard that the preparation for the next ISBA2014 world meeting in Cancun, Mexico, 7-11 July 2014 has already been underway. We, the organizing committee of the ISBA2012, wish that the success in Kyoto Meeting will lead to the further accomplishment in Cancun.

Thank you very much again and we, all the member of ISBA2012 organizing committee, wish your further success and research accomplishment.

On August 4, 2012

Very Sincerely Yours,

ISBA : The Local Organizing Committee