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The 19th International
HLA & Immunogenetics
Workshop

May 19–24, 2026 | Numazu, Japan

Get Ready for the 19th IHIWS in Japan!

Join us from May 19-24, 2026, for an inspiring week of collaboration, innovation, and discovery at the 19th International Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics Workshop.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity in beautiful Japan!

Welcome Message

We are very excited to host the 19th IHIWS on May 19-24, 2026 for the first time in 35 years in Japan. Numazu, the host city in May offers a pleasant climate with seasonal seafood delicacies from the surrounding sea and the spectacular view of Mt Fuji.

Ongoing twenty-five comprehensive projects, including several new projects, are on their way to be implemented at the 19th IHIWS. Meantime, we have received good reports from some of the project leaders about their progress so far. We invite you to read the messages and to visit the Workshop website for other projects and to register for the projects of your interest. We will keep you updated on the latest from each project. (Visit <https://ihiw19.org/components-projects/> for more info.)

As for the venue, Plaza Verde Convention Complex offers a space of modern efficiency with a touch of comfort not only for rooms for meetings but spaces where you can unwind to relax, or casually extend your discussions.

In the two years after our respective nomination to host the 19th IHIWS, we have attended ASHI, EFI and APHIA meetings and spreading the word of the upcoming

19th IHIWS. Gratefully, we hear words from many friends of their strong interest in the Workshop as well as desire to be part in the IHIWS in Japan.

We sincerely hope that many of you will join us in Numazu for rewarding discussions and enjoy delicious Japanese cuisine and experience a beautiful Japan.

December 3, 2024
Katsushi Tokunaga
Co-chair of the 19th IHIWS



About Numazu

Numazu City with Mt. Fuji in background is only an hour and half away from Tokyo, situated in the eastern Shizuoka Prefecture. It is a city of tranquility surrounded by beautiful nature both sea and mountains with gastronomical bounty of sea and land. Surrounded by Suruga Bay, the city is only a step away to the famous Hakone hot spring, onsen spot, beautiful Izu Peninsula and the Japan's tallest stratovolcano Mt. Fuji. You must not miss the majestic view of Mt. Fuji over Osezaki, the scenic 'Senbon-hama' beach, with black pines along the coast, or another glorious view of Mt Fuji from Ukishima, seen in familiar Ukiyo-e paintings. Numazu is a great place from hiking to leisurely walking while enjoying the view of Mt Fuji. Among them is the 'Numazu Alps' hiking course, a six-and-a-half-hour mountain trail with a wonderful view of Suruga Bay and Mt. Fuji. Port of Numazu, close to the venue, is also an attractive district of Numazu where you can enjoy a day by browsing the neighborhood that includes an aquarium and attractions, restaurants and souvenir shops where you can taste kaisendon, sushi or hamayaki with freshly caught fish.

During the Workshop, we are planning a one-day sightseeing tour around Mt. Fuji and Hakone. We assure you will enjoy picturesque scenery of Lake Ashi and the Mt. Fuji, the highest peak of Japan.

Meet NUMAZU

<https://numazutruvel.com/watch/>



Activity Report

We presented on the progress of the 19th IHIWS at ASHI2024 in Anaheim, October 2024. The presentation was made in a Annual Meeting; therefore, we had a good therefore, we had a good crowd in attendance. Twenty-five projects are planned in the coming Workshop, and summary presentation was made for fourteen projects out of twenty-five with submitted slides from them.

View the presentation slide [here](#).

Also, during the ASHI, nine Project Meetings were held, and presentations were made on current activities and future perspectives.



Registration to Projects

Registration Here!

Applications to participate in projects are now open. We encourage you to check the details of each project and join the projects of your interest.

Project Update

[1-2: Immunogenetics of Aging](#)

[1-3: NGS of Full-length HLA genes of Reference Cell Lines](#)

[1-9: Creating Fully Representative MHC Reference Haplotypes](#)

[1-10: Leukocyte Receptor Complex \(LRC\) Structure and Polymorphism](#)

[1-14: Diversity of HLA-E, F, G, MICA, and MICB genes](#)

[2-2: HLA Loss Relapse After Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation](#)

[2-3: Immunogenicity of HLA-DQ antibodies \(epitopes\)](#)

[2-4: Definition of Molecular Mismatch Immunogenicity](#)

[2-5: Serology 2026](#)



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