

## PCP Luncheon Seminar

### “PCP’s expanding vision for the next four years”



**Date** Sun., March 17, 12:45–13:45

**Venue** Room X

**Speakers:** Tetsuya Higashiyama (New Editor-in-Chief), Wataru Sakamoto (Former Editor-in-Chief)

The publishing landscape is changing dramatically and researchers more than ever need to support society journals to promote training, networking, and good scholarly practice. The growth of society journals is also important for their recognition and internationalization, as it is the face of the society as seen both from home and abroad.

At PCP, we aim to increase the number of papers published in the journal, which will support the journal’s eventual transition to fully open access publishing in the near future - making your research even more accessible to all. Notably, 2024 marks PCP’s 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary as well as the arrival of a new Editor-in-Chief alongside several other editorial board members, as we look to expand the team to increase the breadth of subject coverage and visibility of PCP on the international stage, and further grow the journal as a unique and attractive place in which to publish your work. In this luncheon seminar, we kickoff by introducing the new editorial board members, and will discuss PCP’s expanding vision for the next four years, as well as the current status of PCP and the significance of the journal’s growth for the society and its members. By sharing this information with you, we hope you will be part of our success over the next few years and we look forward to welcoming many of you (and at all career stages) to this event!

#### Seminar outline:

1. Introduction of former and new editorial board members
2. Analysis of questionnaire results and PCP’s trends
3. Free publication and other benefits for JSPP members publishing their work in PCP
4. Proposed goals for the next four years

## Evident Corporation Luncheon Seminar

### Plant cell formation dynamics: Utilizing spinning disk confocal microscopy and FV-OSR

**Date** Mon., March 18, 12:15–13:15

**Venue** Room H

**Speaker:** Takema Sasaki, Ph.D. (Department of Biological Science, Graduate School of Science, Nagoya University)

**Sponsor:** Evident Corporation



## Luncheon Seminar

### “An Encouragement of Studying/Working Abroad”

**Date** Mon, March 18, 12:15–13:15

**Venue** Room X

**Co-organized by the JSPP International Committee and the United Japanese Researchers Around the World (UJA)**

**Panelists:** Kyoka Kuroiwa (INRAe, France; PhD candidate)  
Nozomu Takahashi (NAIST, Japan; Assis. Prof.)  
Ayako Tsushima (Osaka Metropolitan University, Japan; Assis. Prof.)  
Hiroki Tsutsui (OIST, Japan; Post-doc)  
Hinako Matsuda (Kyoto University, Japan; PhD candidate)  
Yoshiharu Mimata (Peking University, China; Post-doc)

The Japanese Society of Plant Physiologists (JSPP) is committed to enhancing the international research competitiveness and visibility of the JSPP community. Recognizing the pivotal role of researchers with overseas experience, we are aware that despite the growing interest in studying abroad, individuals often hesitate due to a lack of information about the practicalities and lingering uncertainties related to the COVID-19 pandemic. To address these concerns and promote studying abroad as a valuable career option, we emphasize the importance of obtaining firsthand information from individuals with experience studying abroad.

In collaboration with the United Japanese researchers Around the world (UJA), this luncheon seminar features speakers with diverse experiences in graduate and postdoctoral studies abroad in the short and long term. Speakers will join either on-site or online to share their insights through flash talks, followed by a panel discussion, where we will address questions from the audience.

We extend a warm welcome to all individuals, regardless of their specific interests/experience/willingness to take a career path outside of Japan.

## Seminar on Gender Equality “Let’s start a company”

**Date** Tue., March 19, 12:15–13:15

**Venue** Room H

**Organizer:** JSPP Gender Equality Committee

**Speaker:** Dr. Jong-Myong Kim (Ac-Planta Inc., CEO / Associate Professor, University of Tokyo)

**Panelists:** Dr. Rieko Ogura (Yokohama Bio Technology Company, Limited., Managing Director of Research and Development)

Dr. Michitaka Notaguchi (Kyoto University, Professor / GRA&GREEN Inc., Technical Advisor)

Mr. Atsushi Yamamoto (University of Tokyo, Doctoral student / HONDA Motors Co Ltd.)

At this year’s luncheon seminar on gender equality, we will propose a possibility of “entrepreneurship” as a career path for researchers. Have you ever considered “starting a company” to apply your discoveries and technologies more directly to society? As fields of research and ways of researchers’ life have become more diverse, the border between basic and applied research has become blurred, making it possible to disseminate ideas and technologies to society even while carrying out basic research. In this seminar, we will invite speakers and panelists who have successfully established their own companies through full-time or part-time work, as well as a graduate student who is interested in starting his own company, to share their experiences. Basic research in plant science holds the potential to become a foundation to solve global food, environment, and energy problems. We will discuss entrepreneurship as a means to enhance researchers’ careers and as a way to connect the results of basic research to society.

\*Lunch will be provided for the first 100 participants. Advance registration is not required.