

16th US-Japan Symposium on Drug Delivery Systems

Logistics

Dates and Venue

The conference will be held **December 15-19, 2024 (Sunday-Thursday)** at the **Hyatt Regency Maui**, 200 Nohea Kai Drive, Lahaina, along Kaanapali Beach in West Maui, which is a few miles north of downtown Lahaina.

Hotel Reservations

When reserving your room(s), please ask to be included in the 16th US-Japan Symposium on Drug Delivery Systems group. The symposium will be held at the **Hyatt Regency Maui**. We have a limited number of rooms blocked at special symposium rates, including Resort View, Golf/Mountain View, Partial Ocean View, and Deluxe Ocean View. Reservations may be made online or by telephone as noted below:

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/OGGRM/G-USJA>

Telephone: (877) 803-7534 (CST)

Hotel reservations must be made on or before the group cut-off date of November 14, 2024.

After the cut-off date, all rooms within the group's contracted guest room block that have not been reserved will be returned to the hotel's general inventory.

Reservation requests for rooms after 11/14/24, the cut-off date, will be based on availability at Hotel's prevailing rates; the group rate will not be available.

Name changes on, or other transfers of room reservations will not be accepted after the cut-off date of 11/14/24.

Symposium Registration - \$795.00 US Dollars. Register online at:

<https://langerlab.mit.edu/symposium/>

We do not accept credit card or other personal identification information via email. Registration prior to the conference start date is strongly encouraged. Please check-in at the onsite registration on Sunday, December 15th, between 2:30 and 5:30 p.m. to obtain your conference pass and materials and to complete your online registration if it has not been done previously. Onsite online registration will also be held on Monday, December 16th, from 7:00-8:00 a.m. Conference attendees with completed registrations are invited to the welcome reception on Sunday, December 15th, from 5:45 to 6:55 p.m. The symposium ends on Thursday, December 19, 2024, at approximately 10:00 p.m.

Cancellation Policy: There is a \$100 non-refundable fee. Prior to Sunday, October 1, 2024, the registration fee minus \$100 will be refunded. After Sunday, October 1, 2024, there are no refunds. Substitutions may be made.

Meeting registration includes access to all sessions, the welcome reception, coffee breaks, and one printed abstract book per registrant. Sessions will be held in the mornings and evenings, with afternoons unscheduled, so that you can plan your leisure activities independently.

Deadline for Plenary & Poster Abstracts: October 14, 2024

Plenary Session

The plenary session speakers are selected by symposium chairmen on an invitation-only basis. The plenary session features presentations from academic and industrial leaders in the drug delivery field. The symposium is well-known for the important scientific inquiries and discussions held during the plenary and poster sessions. Plenary abstracts will be printed in the Abstract Book.

The symposium also provides extensive opportunities for academic and business discussions, networking, and negotiations that begin at the conference site and continue long after the meeting.

Poster Session:

Poster abstracts meeting the deadline will be printed in the Abstract Book. There will be two poster sessions (PS#1 and PS#2) during the meeting, and researchers are invited to present their latest findings in this forum. Online abstracts are due by Monday, **October 14, 2024**. Abstracts are limited to a ½-page format as a brief overview of your paper. All those accepted into the poster session should bring a printed poster describing the work cited in the abstract.

Acceptance into the poster session also provides the opportunity to be selected to give a five-minute presentation during one of the conference evening poster sessions (followed by five minutes of questions & answers). If you would like to be considered for an oral presentation, please come prepared with a five-minute presentation on your laptop or on a flash, jump, or thumb drive (USB memory stick) so it can be loaded onto the conference laptop. Selections for these oral presentations are decided and announced at the conference.

Poster Board Dimension and Details

The poster boards are 4 feet (high/vertical) by 8 feet (long/horizontal) (1.22 m x 2.44m), and you will be using one side of a double-sided board. Your poster must fit within this size board and it may be one large poster or several smaller posters, providing that it does not exceed these dimensions.

Daily Format

The conference will offer morning plenary sessions, evening plenary sessions, and poster sessions. Morning sessions are scheduled from approximately 8:00 a.m. to noon. Afternoons are left open for your leisure pursuits. Evening sessions are scheduled from approximately 7:00 p.m to 10:00 p.m.

Roster:

Registrants will be given a roster of attendees during on-site registration at the conference. Rosters are only provided onsite at the conference.

Travel Expenses and Meals

Meals are not provided by the conference other than the welcome reception and coffee breaks. Attendees are personally responsible for their own travel expenses, including meals, airfare, hotel accommodations, transportation, and any other travel expenses.

Official Language and Dress Code

English is the official language of the symposium. Business casual dress is recommended.

History

The US-Japan Symposium is typically held every other year. Traditionally, it was held in odd-numbered years. Past symposiums were held in: 1991 (1st), 1993 (2nd), 1995 (3rd), 1997 (4th), 1999 (5th), 2001 (6th), 2003 (7th), 2005 (8th), 2007 (9th), 2009 (10th), 2011 (11th), 2013 (12th), 2015 (13th), 2017 (14th) and 2019 (15th). However, the COVID-19 pandemic interrupted the symposium schedule for several years. December 2024 (16th) represents the first symposium held since the pandemic.

Updates and announcements about the conference can be found at:

<https://langerlab.mit.edu/symposium/>