

News Briefs



Korea to host ISFNT 2015

During the 11th meeting of the International Symposium of Fusion Nuclear Technology (ISFNT) held in Barcelona from September 16th through 20th, Korea was voted as the host of the 12th meeting.

ISFNT is a prominent international symposium for discussing key issues relating to the fusion reactor engineering that are critical to the commercialization of fusion energy, and serves as a venue for exchanging relevant information among experts in the field. The meeting is held biennially since its first gathering in 1988 in Tokyo and celebrates its 11th anniversary this year. The symposium is attended by some 1,000 researchers and experts in the field of fusion engineering from some 20 countries around the world. The next meeting, scheduled for September 16th through 20th in 2015, is expected to focus on technological challenges and the fostering of young experts in fusion reactor engineering.

2013 WCI-BP Joint Symposium (November 5)

On November 5th, the WCI Director Patrick H. Diamond took part in a joint symposium with Eric in Paei BPL, a major international research personnel exchange initiative. The symposium held at The-KHATEL in Seoul was attended by some 100 experts from the four WCI centers, BP, Ministry of Science, ICT and Future Planning (MSIP), National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF) and the Korean Foundation of Science and Technology Societies (KOFST). During the meeting, the two organizations shared the result of their latest achievements and discussed ways for future cooperation.



NFRI signs LOI with CEA and UNIST (December 3)

NFRI signed a tripartite Letter of Intent with CEA and Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology (UNIST) for research collaboration on fusion. The LOI is expected to pave the way for wide cooperation among the signatories, particularly in research relating to WEST, KSTAR, ITER, DEMO, personnel exchange among others.

NFRI signs MOU with UW and SNU (December 5)

On December 5th, NFRI signed a Memorandum of Understanding with University of Wisconsin and Seoul National University for collaboration in academic research and personnel exchanges. Based on the MOU signed, the three organizations are expected to engage in academic exchanges, activities to promote mutual understanding, exchange personnel and work together on DEMO design and other areas relevant to fusion.

Sharing through THE Naum Concert (December 20)

On December 20th, NFRI organized "THE Naum" concert, a small musical performance aimed at raising funds for young boys and girls from low-income families. During the concert held in the auditorium located at the main building of NFRI, several talents were invited from outside to perform during the show and a team of NFRI staff were also staged for a performance. Proceeds from sales of refreshments and donated items were offered to the students in need in the local community.



Upcoming Events

- ITER Meeting with Industry (January 14, Sicheung, Gyeonggi, Korea)
- 2014 KSTAR Conference (February 26-29)
- 2014 KSTAR/FAC Program Advisory Committee Meeting (March)
- The 18th Korea-Japan/Japan-Korea Joint Coordinators' Meeting (April 16-17, Korea)