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The 19th International
HLA & Immunogenetics
Workshop

May 19–24, 2026 | Numazu, Japan

Join Us in Japan for the 19th IHIWS!

Experience a week of groundbreaking science and global collaboration at the 19th IHIWS! Join us in Japan from May 19-24, 2026, for an event you won't want to miss.

Welcome Message

The 19th IHIWS, May19-24, 2026, is coming to Numazu, Shizuoka, Japan in just one year. As the one of the conference hosts, my effort is concentrated to prepare the best possible conference we can offer to all delegates.

A total of twenty-six projects, categorically divided under three main themes; Immunogenetics, Antigenicity & Immunogenicity and Bioinformatics are ongoing with full speed for the coming conference. In this issue, you will find messages from some project leaders to introduce their projects, excursion brief, and importantly the meeting schedule of the 19th IHIWS held during EFI 2025.

You can find additional information on on the goals and plans of projects in December 2024 newsletter (<https://ihiw19.org/newsletter/>) and IHIWS homepage (<https://ihiw19.org/components-projects/>). We encourage you to read the latest messages and register for the projects in which you would like to participate.

We hope that many delegates will engage in active discussions and exchange views at the 19th IHIWS. Your contribution at the 19th IHIWS will be evidenced in invigorating further research and advancement on HLA and assessments of medicine. To this end, we invite you

to Shizuoka from bottom of our hearts. The majestic view of Mt. Fuji coupled with the bounty of regional seafood cuisine are waiting for you to create an unforgettable memory.

Sincerely,

Takashi Shiina
Co-chair of the 19th IHIWS



19th IHIWS Official Partners

We would like to thank the listed four organizations and six companies for sharing their commitment to the 19th IHIWS as sponsors. Generosity with endorsement is one of the major keys to the success of the workshop and we are deeply grateful to the partners.

Thank you.

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Activities at EFI 2025 in Prague

Project Meetings

Venue: Club D, 1st Floor of Prague Congress Centre

Date: May 15 – 16, 2025

Meeting Schedule: Please view the schedule [here](#)

Presentations to Promote the Workshop

- **Summary of Projects**

Venue: Room Club C

Date: May 16, 2025

Time: 10:30 – 11:00

- **Introduction of the Workshop**

Venue: Panorama Hall

Date: May 17, 2026

Time: 12:30

One Day Excursion

Unforgettable Mt. Fuji & Hakone Adventure:

A One-Day Journey with Sunset Dinner Cruise

Embark on an extraordinary journey through Japan's most iconic landscapes with our carefully crafted one-day tour. This adventure promises to immerse you in the breathtaking beauty of Mt. Fuji and the serene charm of Hakone, culminating in a romantic dinner cruise on Lake Ashi.



Highlights:

-  **Mt. Fuji 5th Station:** Ascend to new heights and witness the majestic Mt. Fuji up close.
-  **Oshino Hakkai:** Explore the eight crystal-clear ponds fed by snowmelt from Mt. Fuji.
-  **Hakone Shrine:** Experience the spiritual heart of Hakone in this ancient Shinto shrine.
-  **Lake Ashi:** Enjoy free time around the picturesque lake surrounded by mountains.
-  **Hakone Pirate Ship Dinner Cruise:** Savor a delightful dinner while cruising across Lake Ashi on a unique pirate-themed vessel.

This tour offers a perfect blend of natural wonders, cultural experiences, and culinary delights. From the iconic silhouette of Mt. Fuji to the tranquil waters of Lake Ashi, every moment of this journey is designed to create lasting memories. The day concludes with a sumptuous dinner aboard the Hakone Pirate Ship, where you can enjoy local cuisine while taking in the stunning night views of Lake Ashi.

Don't miss this chance to experience the best of Japan's landscape and cuisine in just one day! Book now for an adventure that combines sightseeing, relaxation, and fine dining in the heart of Japan's most beautiful region.

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.

[Register Now!](#)

Project Update

[1-1. DPA1-promotor-DPB1 haplotypes](#)

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

[1-5. High-resolution KIR sequencing](#)

[1-9. Leukocyte Receptor Complex \(LRC\) structure and polymorphism](#)

[2-2. HLA Loss Relapse after hematopoietic cell transplantation](#)

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

[2-4. Definition of molecular mismatch immunogenicity](#)

[3-1. Data Standards Hackathon for Next Generation Sequencing \(DaSH for NGS\)](#)

[3-1. 19th IHIWS Database Development](#)

[3-4. HLA-Disease Association Platform \(HLA-DAP\)](#)
