



Symposium "Precious resources in arid areas - soil and plants"

Annual symposium by Commission of Agriculture Development for
Arid Lands (CADAL),
The Japanese Association for Arid Land Studies (JAALS)



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November 11, 2015 (13:00 - 17:30)
at Food Science Building, Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences,
The University of Tokyo.

Commission of Agriculture Development for Arid Lands, the Japanese Association for Arid Land Studies, Japan holds a symposium once a year. Even in arid areas such as desert, various forms of life survive on soil, which is one of fundamental bases for food production and ecosystem services. Concurrently with IYS2015, we are planning a symposium entitled as " Precious resources in arid areas - soil and plants" which focuses on soil and plants that are indispensable element of arid ecosystems. The symposium will provide the following topics concerning soil-plant systems in arid area; properties and distribution of arid soil, responses of plant against heat stress and salt stress, and management of soil salinity.

Programs

- *12:30- Registration
 - *13:00-13:05 Open remarks by vice-president of JAALS
 - *13:05-13:50 **Dr. Toshiaki Ohkura** (Chief researcher, Natural Resources Inventory Center, National Institute for Agro-Environmental Sciences)
 - *13:50-14:35 **Prof. Masakazu Hara** (Research Institute of Green Science and Technology, Shizuoka University)
 - *14:35-14:45 Coffee Break
 - *14:45-15:30 **Prof. Katsuyoshi Shimizu** (Faculty of Agriculture, Kagoshima University)
 - *15:30-16:15 **Prof. Haruyuki Fujimaki** (Arid Land Research Center, Tottori University)
 - *16:25-17:25 Panel discussion
 - *17:25-17:30 Closing remarks by president of Commission of Agriculture Development for Arid Lands
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Admission fee is free (A copy of proceedings is 1,000 JPY).

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