

Dear Scandinavian and Japanese Colleagues,

I apologize for the last-minute change from a hybrid style symposium to an online symposium due to the extension of emergency restriction by Japanese government to the areas including Sapporo city. Accordingly, we have set the registration fee as "FREE" for all participants. I hope that many radiologists, researchers, and students will take this opportunity to register and participate in this symposium.

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Dear Scandinavian and Japanese Colleagues,

We are now facing the last thing we could ever imagine three years ago, when we met together at Bergen and held our meeting in a warm and comfortable atmosphere along with beautiful landscape and delicious cuisine. COVID-19 has changed the world completely including our meeting; Progress in Radiology 2021; 13th Symposium of the Japanese Scandinavian Radiological Society & 16th Nordic Japan Imaging Informatics Symposium. We have prepared several events for participants to enjoy Sapporo city and Japanese food but we may have to change them and/or cancel some of them due to governmental and prefectural regulations for preventing spread of corona virus.

Finally, we decided to hold this meeting as a hybrid form, combination of online and on-site. We won't give up on holding events with high quality lunch or dinner until the last minute. It is very sad indeed that Scandinavian radiologists cannot visit the venue due to Japanese governmental regulation of staying at hotel for at least two weeks before starting business in Japan. As for radiologists working and studying in Japan, if possible, please come to Sapporo and enjoy our city.

The meeting consists of two major scientific sessions (Refer to Time Table), one for Scandinavian researchers which is colored green in the program and scheduled for the evenings on September 29th and 30th considering time difference of about 7 hours, and the other for domestic radiologists, colored blue in the program and scheduled for the mornings on September 30th and October 1st. The decision of altering meeting from on-site to hybrid is a last-minute change, and may lead some troubles and inconveniences. Understanding and cooperation of the participants would be greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to seeing all of you in Sapporo, in some cases through PC monitor.

PS: Recently, another extraordinary event happened, the abrupt withdrawal of US force from Afghanistan. Have you ever heard of Dr. Tetsu Nakamura? He dedicated half of his life to improve Afghan people's lives and was assassinated by gunmen in 2019. His death may have predicted the chaos of Afghanistan today.



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