



4th International Symposium on Chemosynthesis-Based Ecosystems

–Hydrothermal Vents, Seeps and Other Reducing Habitats –
June 29-July 3, 2009, Okinawa, JAPAN

Scope & Background

The 4th International Symposium on Chemosynthesis-Based Ecosystems will be held from June 29 to July 3, 2009, in Okinawa, Japan. This symposium highlights the recent achievements in the field of unique ecosystems driven by chemosynthesis rather than photosynthesis. Major topics include biogeography, biodiversity, evolution, symbiosis, ecology, physiology, geochemistry, microbiology, and research technology & methods.

This symposium follows upon the successes of three previous symposia. The 1st & 2nd International Symposia on Deep-Sea Hydrothermal Vent Biology were held in Madeira, Portugal in 1997 and in Brest, France in 2001, respectively. The 3rd International Symposium on Hydrothermal Vent and Seep Biology was conducted in San Diego, USA in 2005. The number of presentations regarding other reducing habitats such as whale falls and sunken wood increased remarkably in the latest symposium. Therefore, we have decided to use the new title for this 4th symposium.



Key Dates

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| 2nd Announcement (on Website only) | —September, 2008 |
| Registration & Abstract Deadline (on Website and via E-Mail) | —Jan. 31, 2009 |
| Acceptance Notice (via E-Mail) | —March, 2009 |
| Symposium | —June 29 - July 3, 2009 |

Venue

The Symposium will be held at Bankoku Shinryokan (<http://www.shinryokan.com>) in Nago City, Okinawa, Japan, which is set next to beautiful sandy beaches. Coral reefs and subtropical forests with exotic wildlife surround the venue.



Homepage

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The 2nd announcement will be posted soon.

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