ICSS2009 Plenary Session

Panel discussion 1: Sustainability Science for Industry

Date: February 6, 2009, 15:00-16:00

Venue: Main Hall, Sanjo Conference Hall, the University of Tokyo

Outline:

Sustainability Science investigates the relationships among natural, social, and human systems in order to formulate ways to tackle international problems such as global warming mitigation, conservation of biological diversity, poverty alleviation, and resolving water resources conflicts. Sustainability Science is a trans-disciplinary science providing directions to accomplish global and regional sustainability.

Industrial activities bring progress to the society by providing various goods and services; however, they can simultaneously cause environmental pollution at the regional and global scale if appropriate precaution is not taken. Sustainable industrial activities could be a key player to balance equilibrium among the natural, social, and human systems.

This panel aims to discuss how the industry and the academia can collaborate in order to create a sustainable society. Especially, the panel seeks to identify the respective roles of industry and academia, and the effective methods of partnership. Additionally, the role of ICSS for the development of international partnership between industry and academia will be discussed.

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Panel discussion 2: Network of Networks for Sustainability Science

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Outline:

The "Sapporo Sustainability Declaration," which was adopted at G8 University Summit held in Sapporo from June 29 to July 1, 2008, stated a necessity of developing Network of Networks (NNs) in academic area in order to tackle complicated problems such as climate change. ICSS aim to organize such NNs for Sustainability Science. ICSS2009 was proposed by Hiroshi Komiyama, president of the University of Tokyo as well as executive director of IR3S, who chaired the G8 University Summit. In order to initiate ICSS, IR3S requested existing institutional networks as well as individual universities and research institutions to organize ICSS2009 to discuss the methodology of the development of NNs for Sustainability Science. This panel aims to identify roles of existing networks to develop a higher level of network in Sustainability Science.

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