



Call for Sponsorship (Letter of intent)

ICAR2026

20th International Congress on Animal Reproduction

Venue: Obihiro, Hokkaido, Japan

Dates: June 22 (Mon) – 26 (Fri), 2026

**Local Organizing Committee for 20th ICAR,
Society for Reproduction and Development**

To whom it may concern,

We are currently preparing to hold 20th International Congress on Animal Reproduction (ICAR2026) in Obihiro, Hokkaido (Tokachi Plaza and other locations) from June 22nd (Mon) to June 26th (Fri), 2026.

ICAR is a non-profit international organization that holds an international congress every four years around the world dealing with reproduction and reproductive engineering in animals in general (livestock, wild animals, companion animals, etc.). It is the largest academic congress in these fields, with over 1,000 participants from over 60 countries each time, and this will be the first time holding in Asia. In addition, the Japan Society of Reproduction and Development will be in charge of hosting the congress.

ICAR was established in 1948 as an international congress on animal breeding and artificial insemination and has made a great contribution to the progress of current breeding techniques for livestock, companion animals, and wild animals. The international academic congresses held by ICAR are evaluated to be the Olympics for sharing updates on the progress of animal theriogenology around the world. The themes of these congresses include breeding, physiology and pathology, and the latest reproductive technologies for all livestock including cattle, companion animals, and wild animals. The academic congresses consist of plenary sessions, symposia, workshops, poster presentations, and corporate exhibitions. Several related international satellite symposia are held before and after the congress period.

The congress is expected to attract more than 1,000 participants (700 of which will be from overseas), with representatives of academic societies and organizations from each country/region giving plenary sessions to deepen international cooperative relationships, and is scheduled to feature approximately 100 presentations and discussions in plenary sessions, symposia and workshops, and more than 600 in poster presentations. Another feature of this congress is its emphasis on promoting the presentation of results by young researchers and research exchange, with the aim of encouraging excellent researchers who can lead the future development of reproductive biology, covering not only laboratory animals but also all mammals, from livestock to companion animals and wild animals.

As you know, running an international congress requires a large amount of money, and although the Local Organizing Committee is doing its best to secure the necessary revenue, the current situation is that the budget is still insufficient. We sincerely ask that your company or organization will understand the purpose of this international congress and offer your support and assistance.

Sincerely,

December 2024

Local Organizing Committee for 20th ICAR, Society for Reproduction and Development
Congress Chair: Akio Miyamoto
Committee Chair & Secretary General: Kazuhiro Kikuchi

Information of the 20th International Animal Reproduction Congress

1. Name of the Congress

20th International Congress on Animal Reproduction

Abbreviation: ICAR2026

2. Official website

<https://icar2026.jp>

3. Host organization and responsible person names and contact details

Organizer: Local Organizing Committee for 20th ICAR, Society for Reproduction and Development
(1-24-12 Sugamo, Toshima-ku, Tokyo 170-0002, Japan)

Congress Chair: Akio Miyamoto (Professor, Life and Food Sciences Department, Obihiro University
of Agriculture & Veterinary Medicine)

Committee Chair & Secretary General: Kazuhiro Kikuchi (Institute of Agrobiological Sciences,
National Agriculture and Food Research Organization, [NARO])

Contact (E-mail): icar2026@reproduction.jp

4. Recommending Organizations

In our efforts to attract the event, we received letters of recommendation from the following organizations when we were preparing bid book to host the ICRA Congress in Obihiro.

- Japanese Society of Animal Science
- The Japanese Society of Veterinary Science
- Japan Society for Ova Research
- Japan Embryo Technology Society
- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
- Japan Tourism Agency
- Japan National Tourism Organization
- Hokkaido Government
- Obihiro City
- Obihiro University of Agriculture & Veterinary Medicine
- ZEN-NOH

5. Dates

June 22 (Mon) – 26 (Fri), 2026

6. Venue

1) Obihiro Civic Cultural Hall

48 Minami 11-chome, Nishi 5-jo Obihiro, Hokkaido 080-0015, Japan

TEL: +81-155-23-8111, FAX: +81-155-23-8112

2) Tokachi Plaza

1 Minami 13-chome, Nishi 4-jo Obihiro, Hokkaido 080-0014, Japan

TEL: +81-155-22-7890

3) Hotel Nikko Northland Obihiro

1 Minami 13-Chome, Nishi 2-jo, Obihiro, Hokkaido 080-0012, Japan

TEL: +81-155-24-1234, FAX: +81-155-28-3553

4) Hokkaido Hotel

1 Minami 19-chome, Nishi 7-jo Obihiro, Hokkaido 080-8511, Japan

TEL: +81-155-21-0001

7. Aim of the congress

The International Congress on Animal Reproduction is the largest international academic congress on animal reproductive science and its latest technology. This congress, which will be held for the first time in Asia, will feature plenary sessions, symposia, workshops, poster presentations, corporate exhibitions, and several related international satellite academic symposia on themes such as reproduction, physiology and pathology, and the latest reproductive technology of all livestock including cattle, companion animals, and wild animals. More than 1,000 people (700 from overseas) are expected to participate in this congress, which aims to disseminate excellent research results in the field of animal reproduction from all around the world, deepen international cooperation through information exchange and discussion among researchers and promote and disseminate these research fields. Furthermore, by emphasizing the presentation of results by young researchers and the promotion of research exchange, we aim to encourage the next generation of leaders who will support livestock industry around the world.

8. Event plan outline

Lecture format: Plenary session, symposium, workshop, poster presentation

Corporate exhibitions: 18 companies planned

Language: English

Number of participants: 700 from overseas, 300 from Japan, total 1000

Countries expected to participate: Japan, Australia, UK, Ireland, USA, Canada, China, France, Germany, Belgium, Switzerland, Spain, Portugal, Netherlands, Poland, Hungary, Austria, New Zealand, Brazil, Argentina, South Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Egypt, etc.

9. Pre-symposium

Date: June 22 (Mon), 2026

Prior to the main ICAR2026 congress program, we are planning a pre-symposium entitled "Cattle and Horse Reproduction: Message to the veterinarians, practitioners, livestock industry (or industries) and the next generation" as a special event for ICAR2026 on the afternoon of the first day. We will invite several world leaders in the field who will be participating in ICAR as speakers and hold discussions with domestic researchers and technicians. We encourage the participation of agricultural high school students, university students (free of charge), field engineers, and

veterinarians.

10. Past Congresses

- 1st: Italy (Milan) 1948
- 2nd: Denmark (Copenhagen) 1952
- 3rd: UK (Cambridge) 1956
- 4th: Netherlands (The Hague) 1961
- 5th: Italy (Trento) 1964
- 6th: France (Paris) 1968
- 7th: Germany (Munich) 1972
- 8th: Poland (Krakow) 1976
- 9th: Spain (Madrid) 1980
- 10th: USA (Urbana-Champaign) 1984
- 11th: Ireland (Dublin) 1988
- 12th: Netherlands (The Hague) 1992
- 13th: Australia (Sydney) 1996
- 14th: Sweden (Stockholm) 2000
- 15th: Brazil (Porto Seguro) 2004
- 16th: Hungary (Budapest) 2008
- 17th: Canada (Vancouver) 2012
- 18th: France (Tours) 2016
- 19th: Italy (Bologna) 2022 (postponed for two years due to COVID-19)
- 20th: Japan (Obihiro) 2026

11. Reasons for asking sponsorship

The 20th congress to be held in Hokkaido in June 2026 is expected to attract a total of 1,000 participants, including approximately 700 from overseas and approximately 300 from Japan, and the total expenses for preparation and operation are expected to be approximately 68 million Japanese yen. These expenses are supposed to be covered basically by the congress registration fee and subsidies from public institutions, but due to the need to promote the participation of young researchers (low student participation fees) and to enhance support for the participation of young researchers from developing countries, the total income is over 16 million Japanese yen short, and we have no choice but to rely on sponsorship from companies and organizations to cover this shortfall. For these reasons, we ask for your understanding and cooperation regarding sponsorship. We would like to inform companies and organizations that we plan to post a list of the names and logos of the companies and organizations that have offered to sponsor us on the congress website, in the program book, on the large screen during breaks between presentations at the congress venues, etc., depending on the class of sponsorships. In addition, please see the list described in the application form for details on the benefits of each class of the sponsorship.

12. Current estimated incomes and expenses

Incomes	
Items	Amount (Japanese yen)
Registration fees	45,000,000
Subsidies (from public organizations) [in plan]	2,000,000
Grants for publication of review articles	5,000,000
Incomes total (A)	52,000,000
Expenses	
Items	Amount (Japanese yen)
Venue fee and equipment usage fee	15,000,000
Items for distribution (bags, stationery, etc.)	1,500,000
Social Events (including programs for accompanying persons)	6,300,000
Publication of program and abstracts	5,800,000
Congress preparation and secretariat hiring costs	7,100,000
Support for young researchers from developing countries	1,500,000
Outsourcing fees (Professional congress organizer: JTB, etc.)	17,000,000
Publication fee of review articles	7,500,000
ICAR Management Sponsorship	3,750,000
Tax	2,650,000
Expenses total (B)	68,100,000
Expected balance (A – B)	–16,100,000

13. Attached documents

- Sponsorship Application Form
- Program (latest version)
- Fryer (latest version)

15. Bank account for transfer

Please remit to the following bank account.

Name of Bank

: SUMITOMO MITSUI BANKING CORPORATION

SWIFT code (BIC: Bank Identifier Code)

: SMBCJPJT [In the case that SWIFT code of the 11 digits is required at the remittance, please use "SMBCJPJTXXX".]

Name (branch code) and address of bank branch

: Sugamo Branch (693)

2-11-1, Sugamo, Toshima-ku, Tokyo, 170-0002, Japan

Account holder's name and address

: THE SOCIETY FOR REPRODUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

1-24-12, Sugamo, Toshima-ku, Tokyo 170-0002, Japan

Account No.

: 693-7700436

Telephone number

: +81-75-753-6059

Inquiry and application

Please contact the local organizing committee by email.

To apply, please fill out the Attached Application Form and send it by e-mail.

E-mail : **icar2026@reproduction.jp**

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