

Cheiron School 2014

The AOFSRR (Asia-Oceania Form for Synchrotron Radiation Research) was established by the SR facilities in Asia and Oceania to enhance cooperation in this region. To strengthen collaborative relationships for development of human resources in SR science, the AOFSRR has been organizing the “Cheiron School” since 2007 with help from RIKEN, JASRI and KEK. In 2014, it was held for the eighth time at SPring-8 from September 23 to October 2. The educational policy of the school is to provide comprehensive knowledge for SR science as well as practical skills beneficial to running regional SR facilities. In addition, human networking is also an important role of the school. Thus, the school program is composed not only of classroom lectures, but of “Meet the Experts” and “BL Practice” in which the students can consult experts for help with their own problems in SR science. This

year, there were 24 lectures, 20 expert sessions and 23 beamline practices. The one-day excursion to Kyoto for cultural exchange creates bonding among students and lecturers.

The Cheiron School 2014 had 76 participants (China 8, Australia 9, Thailand 8, Korea 7, India 4, Taiwan 7, New Zealand 6, Singapore 6, Malaysia 2, Vietnam 1, Japan 14, Indonesia 1, Algeria 1, Cameroon 1, South Africa 1). The total number of participants over the eight years amounted to 504. This year African participants joined the school by the support of IYCr2014/UNESCO.



Group photo of participants and lecturers.



IUCr members and the three participants from Africa who were supported by IYCr2014/UNESCO.



Lecture by Prof. D. Attwood.