

# **INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

## 101. International Activities of NIRS

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### Exchange of Researchers

In FY 2002, NIRS accepted a total of 77 foreign researchers (for over 7 days) and sent 328 researchers abroad.

NIRS organized seven international meetings as follows:

The 4<sup>th</sup> Japan-France Workshop on Radiobiology and Isotopic Imaging (June 2002, Paris); A Meeting of ICRP Committee 3 (September 2002, NIRS); International Symposium on Transfer of Radionuclides in Biosphere-Prediction and Assessment- (co-host, December 2002, Mito); Human-Radiation Interface: Application of Radiation in Medical Science-A Course of Nuclear Medicine (October-November 2002, NIRS); FNCA 2002 Workshop on Radiation Oncology (December 2002, Chiba and Tokyo); IAEA/RCA Regional Training Course on “Clinical Aspects of Brachytherapy in Uterine Cervix Cancer”(co-host, July 2002, Maebashi and Chiba); IAEA/ RCA Regional Training Workshop on Myocardial Perfusion Scintigraphy using SPECT for Nuclear Medicine Physicians (February 2003, NIRS).

An open seminar entitled “FNCA Seminar on Radiation Oncology 2002” was held in Toranomon, Tokyo on the final day of the workshop as a part of the FNCA workshop held from 17 to 20 December 2002, drawing about 150 participants both from Japan and abroad.

### Cooperation with International Organizations

United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation (UNSCEAR)

The preparatory committee for Japanese Correspondence for UNSCEAR was newly established at NIRS, including members from outside of NIRS, and 110 corresponding members were appointed in addition to the committee members. Their comments on the UNSCEAR draft were assembled, compiled and passed to the delegation of Japan and also presented to the Nuclear Safety Commission of Japan.

International Commission for Radiological Protection (ICRP)

NIRS sent an expert as a commission member to the meetings of the ICRP Main Commission held in May 2002 in the United Kingdom, in October 2002 in Albuquerque, USA, and in January 2003 in Vienna, Austria.

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

NIRS hosted two meetings: IAEA/RCA Regional Training Course on “Clinical Aspects of Brachytherapy in Uterine Cervix Cancer” ( co-host, July 2002, Maebashi and Chiba ) and IAEA/RCA Regional Training Workshop on Myocardial Perfusion Scintigraphy using SPECT for Nuclear Medicine Physicians (February 2003, NIRS). NIRS sent a total of 12 experts to 11 different meetings of IAEA.