

# Meeting Report

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The ISRF this year was held in Nebraska of United States. It comprised of students from 4 different countries (United States, China, Australia and Japan), presenting their research projects in a variety of fields, such as immunology, cancer and bioinformatics. In addition to academic discussions, the hosting students from the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) had also arranged many interesting and special programs for us.

The presentation sessions lasted for 2 days within the whole trip. Although short in duration, I had the chance to study from other students' research works and to know what research projects are going on in my own field (immunology), as well as in fields that are not familiar to me. Besides, through the presentation, I could discuss and receive comments from fellow students. It was overall a valuable experience for me. Below is a picture we took at UNMC for the participating IMSUT members.



Apart from the presentations, we also had chances to experience the lives in Nebraska. We were taken to a jazz concert in a park, a baseball game by local baseball team, and some places for dining. During this few days, we

have many opportunities to interact with other students. For me, I had talked with students from UNMC, Australia and China as well, roughly around 20 students in total. Through the conversation, we got to know each other's daily lives, mode of study, etc. We were also invited by other student groups to drink or dine at night. It was fun to meet them.

For me, I think the best experience in this forum was to know more people, and also to experience the life of staying in United States. The baseball game impressed me most among all the activities we had. It was my first time to watch a baseball game on-site. The food served there was also delicious. I enjoyed it very much. In addition, the friendship that we established between the IMSUT participating members this time was also invaluable. It is an unforgettable experience in my life.

Here shows another picture that we had taken at the closing ceremony, the UNMC staff standing among us was one a member of the organizing committee for the ISRF2012.



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国際学生フォーラム 2012 平成24年8月7～9日

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2012年の国際学生フォーラムは8月5日(日)～10日(金)にネブラスカ大学メディカルセンター(オマハ、ネブラスカ州、アメリカ)にて行われた。本フォーラムは東大医科研、ネブラスカ大学メディカルセンター、中国科学院(北京、中国)、グリフィス大学(ブリスベン、オーストラリア)の4校が中心となり持ち回りで主催している。今回はこの4校に同済大学(上海、中国)、上海交通大学(上海、中国)、山東大学(済南、中国)を加えた7校から総勢75名の学生が参加し、東大からは医科研7名、先端研1名の計8名が口頭発表を行った。

ネブラスカ大学メディカルセンターは医科研と同様に研究所と病院が一体となって高度な医療を提供している、アメリカでも有数の医療施設である。メディカルセンターは閑静なオマハの街に佇む近代的かつ開放的な造りの新しい建物で、充実した施設および最新の研究機器が備わっており、素晴らしい研究環境が整っていた。

本フォーラムは学生に研究発表および討論の機会を与えること、国籍の異なる学生どうしの親睦を深めることの2点に主眼をおいた学会である。まず1点目について、我々にとっては国際学会で発表する貴重な機会であり、各々が入念な準備を行った結果非常に分かりやすい発

表を行うことができ、討論も大いに盛り上がった。一方で、積極的に挙手をして質問する姿勢に欠けていたことは反省すべき点である。2点目に関して、我々は積極的に他大学との交流を図り、特にネブラスカ大学、グリフィス大学、同済大学のメンバーとはお酒を酌み交わす機会を得た。年齢が近いこともあって研究やプライベートの話で盛り上がり、彼らとの別れは非常に名残惜しいものであった。海外に研究者の友人を得たことは大きな財産であり、今後も交流を図っていきたい。



＜参加証明書＞

学会期間中には外食や観光、買い物をする機会もあり、我々はオマハでの滞在を存分に楽しむことができた。親切にもてなして下さったネブラスカ大学メディカルセンターの学生およびスタッフの方々に深く感謝いたします。



## 誌上ミニインタビュー

Q1. How many foreign people did you talk with during the Forum?

A1. About 40 people including strangers I met at a bar as well as foreign students and the staff.

Q2. What was the best experience you had in Nebraska?

A2. To have become acquainted with overseas students through passing around a boot-shaped glass of beer, which called Das Boot Challenge.