

Precious Experience of Attending to 2011 ASCB Meeting

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It was a precious chance for me to visit U.S.A for nearly 10 days. My trip consisted of two parts. First, my advisor and I visited Washington state university (WSU) where his collaborator-Professor Okida works. Pullman is the main campus of WSU. It is a very beautiful place. Every day there when I walked though the campus, I was excited because I could feel the real American university atmosphere, not just imagining! And when I talked to the members of the Lab, I found they talked about their research in a more enthusiastic way than Japanese researchers usually do. Everything there was amazing and pleasant.



Green house in WSU



The football stadium in WSU campus

An interesting thing is that there is a football stadium in WSU campus which can seat 40,000 people although local population is only 35,000 in Pullman, they like football very much and talk about the team performances in daily life.

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After leaving Pullman, I went to Denver to attend 2011 American society for cell biology (ASCB) annual meeting. In the 6 days (DEC.3-7), I gained a deep understanding of what the organizer of ASCB claimed: ASCB is not just American academic but a world-class academic meeting. There are nearly 2000 posters exhibited for 3 days, and so many symposiums were held every day which let attendees discussed face to face about their difficulties encountered in recent research. The real cutting-edge sciences were being demonstrated. For myself, I met a lot of researchers from all over the world doing related research to mine (small GTPase), and I learned a lot from the discussions with them, for example, I improved my expression ability for explaining my research, I got a lot idea for design experiment... there was just so many instances that I lose the count.

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