

IMS 2004

In April 2004, a new research organization has been established. This organization is named NINS (National Institutes of Natural Sciences) and is formed by the three institutes in Okazaki including IMS and the other two: NAO (national astronomical observatory) and NIFS (national institute for fusion science). The headquarter is in Tokyo. I was appointed as new Director General of IMS and at the same time as a Vice President of NINS. IMS will celebrate its 30-th anniversary next year and is deemed to play an important role for future developments of natural sciences in Japan.



In March this year, quite a few research groups not only of Center for Integrative Bioscience, but also of Research Center for Molecular-Scale Nanoscience and Coordination Chemistry Laboratory moved to the new Yamate campus, next to which the Yamate lodge is located. New Department of Computational Molecular Science has also been established in the main campus.

This volume of Annual Review contains the research activities of IMS in the period of September 2003–August 2004. As usual, a lot of activities are going on and we are proud of that. Any constructive comments and/or questions are heartily welcome. Naturally, we would like to further promote the advanced researches and international collaborations.

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