



13TH ICPS CONFERENCE
MAY 13–15, 2022
HIMEJI, JAPAN

The 13th ICPS Conference, which has been postponed 2 years because of the COVID-19 pandemic, will be held in Himeji City, Hyogo Prefecture from Friday, May 13 to Sunday, May 15, 2022. With the assumption that the pandemic-related travel restrictions will have been relaxed, we plan to put the original 2020 conference program into practice in May.

Himeji is renowned for Himeji Castle, a world heritage site that proudly represents the beauty of Japanese castles. The conference venue, Himeji Citizens Hall, is located a 12-minute-walk from Himeji Station and a 10-minute walk from Himeji Castle.



The 3-day conference will cover a wide range of topics, e.g., scientific researches, new discoveries and horticulture/conservation topics. Consecutive interpretation by English-Japanese interpreters will be provided for the presentations. There will be exhibitions and sales of plants in the same building from the noon of May 13 to the end of the conference.

The conference dinner is planned for May 14 at the banquet room “Ciel” on 14F of Hotel Monterey Himeji, where you can enjoy a good mix of Japanese and Western cuisines together with an impressive nighttime view of Himeji Castle.



There will be an excursion to the Tegarayama Conservatory Botanical Garden and the Hyogo Prefectural Flower Center (HPFC) on May 16. Especially in HPFC, we will be guided through the amazing collections of *Nepenthes*, *Sarracenia*, and other carnivorous plants in the CP-dedicated greenhouse as well as the backyard. You will be meeting the giant *N. clipeata* and *N. pervillei* that were introduced in the 2018 ICPS conference.

On May 17, we will enjoy a field trip to see the local habitats of *Drosera rotundifolia*, *D. tokaiensis*, and *D. lunata*. Then those who visit the *P. ramosa* habitat will travel to Tokyo for an overnight stay. On May 18, the party will have a 2-hour hillwalking to the habitat of Japan's endemic *Pinguicula ramosa* on Mt. Nyoho, Nikko City.

The Japanese Carnivorous Plant Society (JCPS) with the cooperation of the Kansai Carnivorous Plant Society (KCPS), the Tokai Carnivorous Plant Society (TCPS), and the Hiroshima Carnivorous Plant Society (HCPS) will host the 13th ICPS Conference. These 4 societies mainly cover the Kanto, Kansai, Tokai, and San-yo regions, respectively, and have been contributing to prevalence of carnivorous plants in Japan.

Although we cannot foresee when the COVID-19 is tamed globally as of mid-September 2021, we expect the situation will considerably calm down by next spring thanks to vaccination. Nevertheless, if any infection prevention measures are instructed/recommended at the time of the conference, we will faithfully apply them.

Please visit the conference web pages at the following URLs for registration.

http://jcps.life.coocan.jp/ICPS2022/ICPS2022_E.html

<http://jcps.life.coocan.jp/ICPS2022/index.html> <Japanese>

Looking forward to meeting/seeing you in Himeji in May 2022!

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