



The ENSA-NSSA-AONSA Chairman-Presidents Met in Japan

On the evening of February 23, 2011, Prof. M. Steiner (Chairman of the European Neutron Scattering Association; Helmholtz-Zentrum Berlin), Prof. B. Gaulin (President of the Neutron Scattering Society of America; McMaster Univ.) and Prof. J. White (President of AONSA; ANU) met face-to-face at Tokai in Japan. Such a rare opportunity was realized by finely tuning their itinerary independently scheduled for a series of meetings in Japan. Also attended were Dr. J. Tranquada (Treasurer of NSSA; BNL), Dr. M. Arai (Former Secretary of AONSA; J-PARC), Prof. T. Kanaya (President of the Japan Society for Neutron Science; Kyoto Univ.), Dr. K. Kakurai (JAEA) and Prof. Y. Fujii (Vice President of AONSA; CROSS-Tokai).

This informal meeting was opened with three Chairman/Presidents' introductory remarks on their experiences in operating Associations/Society for the last few years. Their common headache is a lack of finances. Only AONSA charges annual fees (\$2,000) to member societies while other two Association and Society have been supported mostly by major facilities upon an occasion such as conference, workshop and school. A very rough number of potential members is estimated as 6,000 (ENSA), 2,000 (NSSA), and 1,500 (AONSA) although the Association/Society are organized not by individual members but by societies representing users community in country/region. They have agreed on the followings: (1) Linkage among their home pages (Buttons for entry into ENSA and NSSA already installed on the top page of AONSA HP), (2) Exchange of their calendars not to clash major activities such as Regional Conference

and Neutron School, (3) Post on each HP about schedule of call-for proposals of the relevant major neutron facilities. Also discussed was a possible mutual invitation of speakers from other two to Regional Conference hosted by one of Associations/Society (i.e. ECNS by ENSA, ACNS by NSSA, AOCNS by AONSA). They also intensively discussed a possible cooperation with international organizations such as ICNS, IAEA, ICSU, IUPAP, IUCr and Synchrotron Society.

They are very happy to have the next opportunity in the future to strengthen their cooperation among the tripolar Neutron Scattering Organizations, i.e. ENSA, NSSA and AONSA.



[From left in the front row] B. Gaulin (NSSA President), J. White (AONSA President), M. Steiner (ENSA Chairman); [from left in the back row] M. Arai, J. Tranquada, Y. Fujii, T. Kanaya and K. Kakurai in front of a poster of the 1st AOCNS.

Y. Fujii
Vice President of AONSA



The AONSA President (J. White) reporting the status of AONSA on a map of the world with the Asia-Oceania Region in the center, unfamiliar to European and American colleagues.