

## Symposia and Workshops

### Conferences, Workshops, and Research Meetings

	Title	Place	Date	Participants
NIAES Symposium				
	The 30th NIAES Symposium on “How to reduce GHGs”: Measures for reducing GHG emissions in the fields of agriculture, forestry, and fisheries	Tokyo	14 May 08	328
	With the aim of reducing GHG emissions in the fields of agriculture, forestry, and fisheries, several points, such as soil carbon stocks in forest environments, trade-offs between carbon stocks and GHGs, and the possibility of introducing CDM to the field of agriculture, were discussed.			
	The 31th NIAES Symposium on “The scramble for grain attacks our diet”: Global issues in grains and environments	Tokyo	5 Jun 08	600
	After the keynote speech, entitled “Plan B3.0 for food security”, by Lester R. Brown of the Earth Policy Institute, worldwide issues of food, agriculture, and the environment, and strategies for increasing self-sufficiency in food in Japan, were discussed.			
Meeting for the Presentation of NIAES Research Topics				
	Meeting for the presentation of NIAES research topics 2008: Toward future safety management in agriculture and the environment	Tokyo	28 Nov 08	207
	After the keynote speech, entitled “Conservation of biodiversity and our future”, by Prof. T. Yahara of Kyushu University, NIAES research topics, including prediction of rice yields under global warming and the NIAES Historical Agro-environment Browsing System, were presented.			
Seminar				
	NIAES Open Seminar in Fukushima	Fukushima	18 Sep 08	100
	Latest research topics were presented by the Fukushima Agricultural Technology Centre and NIAES to promote cooperation in future research.			
	NIAES Open Seminar, “Toward applying metagenome analysis to agro-environmental research”	Tsukuba	17 Dec 08	117
	Leading research in metagenome analysis was presented and the possibility of applying this method to agro-environmental research was discussed.			
	NIAES Open Seminar “Survey of new allelochemicals in Asia”	Tsukuba	18 Jan 09	25
	The recent status of allelopathy and allelochemicals in Asian countries was presented, and collaborative initiatives toward establishing an international network for this research in Monsoon Asia were discussed.			

## *Invitations, Training and Information Events*

Research Meeting			
The Ecosystem Informatics Symposium: Spatial Information Technology for Understanding the Agro-Ecosystem	Tsukuba	30 May 08	143
Practical applications of remote sensing and GIS technologies were discussed. Some new methods developed by NIAES were also presented.			
8th Seminar on Organic Chemical Studies: Recent trends in remediation of soil contaminated by POPs derived from pesticides	Tsukuba	17 Sep 08	118
Recent trends in POPs and approaches to the remediation of contaminated soils were introduced, and the direction of further studies of risk management was discussed.			
25th Research Meeting on Pesticides: Problems with pesticide residues in rotational crops	Tsukuba	18 Sep 08	65
Recent topics on problems with pesticide residues in rotational crops, case studies of related crop cultivation in various prefectures, were presented and future issues were discussed.			
The 26th Seminar on Soil and Water: Efforts toward Reducing Nitrogen and Phosphorus Loads in the Environment	Tsukuba	25 Feb 09	208
Participants shared information on the background of the European Union's agro-environmental policy, featuring cross-compliance and environmental payments, and they discussed the problem of how to reduce nitrogen and phosphorus loads in our country.			
The 25th Meteorology Workshop: Free Air CO <sub>2</sub> Enrichment (FACE) Experiment: Past, Present and Future	Tsukuba	27 Feb 09	115
Decadal studies in rice FACE at Shizukuishi, in Iwate Prefecture, were summarized, and further studies of next-generation crop FACE were discussed.			