
Activity Report 2008

Fiscal Year 2008 (1 Apr 2008 – 31 Mar 2009)

I. Research Activities

1. 2nd IPA Research Grant Award
 - 1-1. Schedule of 2nd IPA Research Grant Award

15th April	Call for research proposals
30th June	Submission deadline of proposals
28th October	Notification of successful applicants
11th and 12th December	Award ceremony in New Orleans, USA
2. Research paper of the 1st IPA Research Grant Award and presentations at 2nd IPA International Workshop.
3. Revised the “Map of Research and Development” and summarized site monitoring instrumentation technology
 - 3-1. Research committee members revised “2007 Map of Research and Development”
 - 3-2. Summarized monitoring instrumentation technologies on press-in execution then to practical use as the key themes of 2nd call for research proposals
4. Expand the network with mechanical engineering and instrumentation engineering
 - 4-1. Prepared for establishing Research Subcommittee, therefore Research Committee members were trying to contact specialists of site monitoring instrumentation technology and mechanical engineering

II. International Workshop Activities

1. Preparing for 2nd IPA International Workshop
 - 1-1. 14th April 2008, Prof. Bolton visited Japan to have a meeting with the IPA Secretariat and Award Committee to decide the detail of 2nd call for research proposals and IPA International Workshop
 - 1-2. 2nd September 2008, Mr Takuma, Mr Cater from Giken America Corporation and Dr Goh from Giken Asia visited Japan to have a meeting with the IPA Secretariat to prepare for 2nd IPA International Workshop
2. 2nd IPA International Workshop
 - 2-1. 11th to 12th December 2008, 2nd IPA International Workshop was held in New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S.A. Total 46 attendees from 7 countries
Contents in Workshop;
 - (1) 2nd General Assembly and the Board of Directors meeting

- (2) 2nd IPA Research Grant Award Ceremony (5 proposals)
- (3) Presentation of 1st IPA Research Grant Award Winners (10 proposals)
- (4) Presentation of research collaboration of Giken and Cambridge University (3 presentations)
- (5) Presentation of the latest press-in engineering research (6 presentations)
- (6) Tour to press-in construction site (Site Guide: Giken America Corporation)

III. Committee Activities

1. The Board of Directors

1-1. The first Board of Directors meeting was held from 19th August to 15th September 2008.

The agenda was as follows;

- (1) Activity Report 2007
- (2) Income and Expenditure Account 2007
- (3) Activity Plan 2008
- (4) Income and Expenditure Budget 2008
- (5) Ask for IPA Directors' approval for the new members
- (6) Establishment of IPA Japan Branch

and all member agreed unanimously.

2. Administrative Committee

2-1. 24th June 2008, the first Administrative Committee meeting was held at Engineering Advancement Association of Japan. Attendees were Mr Tanaka, Administrative Committee Chairman, and 3 other members.

The agenda was as follows;

- (1) Decide the workshop in Kochi when Prof. Bolton visits in Summer
- (2) Establishment of IPA Japan Branch

2-2. 16th September 2008, second Administrative Committee meeting was held at Engineering Advancement Association of Japan. Attendees were Mr Tanaka, Administrative Committee Chairman, and 3 other members.

- (1) Prepare for 2nd IPA International Workshop; Budget, Interpretation
- (2) The agenda of General Assembly and the Board of Director members

3. Research Committee

3-1. 7th April 2008, the first Research Committee meeting was held at Engineering Advancement Association of Japan. Attendees were Dr Tagaya, Research Committee Chairman, and 3 other members.

The agenda was as follows;

- (1) Interim report of the 1st IPA Research Grant Award
- (2) Call for research proposals of 2nd IPA Research Grant Award
- (3) Establishment of Research Subcommittee for monitoring instrumentation

3-2. 20th August 2008, second Research Committee meeting was held at Engineering Advancement Association of Japan. Attendees were Dr Tagaya, Research Committee Chairman, and 3 other members.

The agenda was as follows;

- (1) Prepare for establishment of Research Subcommittee for monitoring instrumentation

and mechanic

(2) The method of review Research paper of 1st IPA Research Grant Award

3-3. 9th September 2008, third Research Committee was held at Engineering Advancement Association of Japan. Attendees were Dr Tagaya, Research Committee Chairman, and 3 other members.

The agenda is;

(1) Program of 2nd IPA International Workshop

(2) The method of review 2nd IPA Research Grant Award

(3) The method of review Research paper of 1st IPA Research Grant Award

4. Award Committee

4-1. 30th September 2008, the first Award Committee meeting was held in Tokyo and Kochi with television conference. Attendees were Dr Tagaya, Award Committee Chairman, and 6 other members.

The agenda is;

(1) Review 2nd IPA Research Grant proposals

(2) Program and exhibition of 2nd IPA International Workshop

4-2. 10th October 2008, second Award Committee meeting was held in Tokyo and Kochi with television conference. Attendees were Dr Tagaya, Award Committee Chairman, and 9 other members.

The agenda is;

(1) The method of review 2nd IPA Research Grant proposals

(2) Others

4-3. 28th October 2008, third Award Committee meeting was held in Tokyo and Kochi with television conference. Attendees were Dr Tagaya, Award Committee Chairman, and 9 other members.

The agenda is;

(1) Final selection of 2nd IPA Research Grant proposals

(2) Report of the interim report from 1st IPA Research Grant Award

5. Public Relations Committee

5-1. 13th March 2009, the first Public Relations Committee was held in Tokyo and Kochi with television conference. Decide the method of updating articles of the IPA Website.

IV. Public Relations

1. Building up and updating the IPA Website

1-1. Updated articles of the IPA Website

2. News Release

2-1. 29th January 2009 in Tokyo and 4th February 2009 in Kochi, had a press conference about "Report meeting of 2nd IPA International Workshop" (Appendix 1: Publicity)

(1) Newspaper

▪ Nikkei Shikoku (2 February 2009)

▪ The Daily Engineering & Construction News (30 January 2009)

(2) Magazine

▪ Nikkei Construction (27 February 2009)

▪ Journal for Civil Engineers (23 February 2009)

3. Lecture

- 3-1. 30th May 2008, Secretary General Dr Okumura lectured “Activities of IPA and Future Trend of Japanese Infrastructures” at the 2008 General Assembly of the JPA (Japan Press-in Pile Association).
- 3-2. 29th January 2009 in Tokyo and 4th February 2009 in Kochi, Secretary General Dr Okumura lectured “Report Meeting of 2nd IPA International Workshop”, which was recorded on the VTR and distributed to all Japanese branch offices of Giken Seisakusho Co., Ltd.

V. Service for IPA Members

1. Recruiting New Members

IPA Promotion Team from Giken Seisakusho Co., Ltd. supported to recruit new Individual Members and Corporate Members.

31st March 2009: Total of Individual member: 438
 Total of Corporate member: 16
 Total of Student Member: 2

2. Member's Card

IPA Secretariat bought a card printer to make the member's card.

VI. Branch Activities

1. Preparation for establishment of the IPA Japan Branch.

VII. Giken Seisakusho Co., Ltd. and IPA

1. IPA Promotion Team has been established in Giken Seisakusho Co., Ltd. on 10th July 2008.
2. IPA Promotion Team and IPA Secretariat
18th July 2008, IPA Promotion Team and IPA Secretariat meeting was held in Tokyo and Kochi with television conference.