



Dear friends,

On behalf of the local Organizing Committee I am very pleased to invite you all to the 17<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Bioluminescence and Chemiluminescence that will be held in Guelph (pronunciation G-U-E-L-F), Canada May 28 – June 2, 2012.

As many of you know from the past, scientists all over the world gather during these symposia to discuss their latest and the most exciting results in the area of chemiluminescence and bioluminescence research. Japanese scientists were always on the front line in this research, your achievements are well known and recognized all over the world, and the Symposium will not be complete without the active participation from Japan.

We are looking forward to welcome you in Guelph. We are working hard to make your visit not only productive but also pleasurable. Guelph is a very nice, quiet, and safe place. You will find a lot of 'Japanese' connections here – the biggest North American Toyota plant is in the nearby city of Cambridge, Sleeman – the famous Canadian brewery is now producing Japanese beer *Sapporo Draft* and *Yebisu*, there is a small Japanese garden in the University of Guelph Arboretum, which is near the Symposium venue, there are several Japanese restaurants in the city. If you want to learn more about the Canadian nature wonders, we are offering a day tour to Niagara Falls – the biggest and the most powerful Falls on the planet of Earth. Niagara region is famous for their vineries, and you will be offered a chance to taste the famous Ice wine that is produced there. Toronto –the capital of the Ontario province and the largest city in Canada—is only one hour drive from Guelph with its various museums, theaters, amusement parks and other family attractions.

Especially we want to extend our invitation to the young scientists that start their carriers in the area of Bioluminescence and Chemiluminescence. Thanks to the generous support of Berthold Technologies GmbH the Marlene DeLuca prize will be awarded to the best presenters among the young scientists.

Please accept my best wishes to all of you and your families. Hope to see you in Guelph in May 2012.

With regards

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