



SPring-8 invites proposal applications twice a year, generally in June and November; A half-year research term starts in September and February. There are two types of research proposals; proprietary and non-proprietary, and SPring-8 does not charge users for beam time if their research is non-proprietary. Aside from the regular public use, SPring-8 has a system for the long-term use of beamlines, under which beam access is made available to successful applicants for up to three years. In 2003, a Priority Research Program was introduced for priority field proposals, power user proposals and strategy proposals.

As part of efforts to further promote the use of synchrotron radiation in industry, the Engineering Science Research Beamline was constructed and Trial Use Programs are given mainly at this beamline. In addition, the coordinator system was introduced to make SPring-8 a more user-friendly facility and to help users produce excellent results. There are also workshops and training courses to support novice and potential users.

A Word from the Director

Accepting the offer from the IUCr, SPring-8 launches a series of an advertisement page to support the publication of the JSR, although it may not be easy for us to fully utilize this page in competition with our Web site.

From the next issue, this page will be a show case for SPring-8 which may trigger readers' interests to visit our Web site for detailed information, although a moderate introduction of SPring-8 appears in this issue as a cover of this series.

I hope that this page grows up such that the readers cannot pass without glancing.

Akira Kira

The deadline for applications for beam time 2004B is scheduled for June 2004. For additional information, please visit our Web site (<http://www.spring8.or.jp/>).

At some of the beamlines for life sciences and for industrial applications, a certain amount of beam time is reserved for users in each research term. Currently BL38B1 is accepting applications for the reserved beam time and the deadline for the applications is January 30, 2004.

BSR2004

8th International Conference
on Biology and Synchrotron Radiation

Egret Himeji, Hyogo, Japan September 7 - 11, 2004

Topics will include all biological applications of SR, especially:

- Recent Developments in Structural Genomics
- New Results on Macromolecular Assemblies
- Challenges on Small Protein Crystals
- New Spectroscopic Approaches
- High-resolution Bio-imaging
- Non-crystalline Diffraction/Scattering Techniques
- Radiation Biology and Therapy
- Next Generation Light Sources



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For further information, please visit <http://bsr2004.spring8.or.jp/>

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