

Research Activity Report
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1. Country/location of visit

Asa zoo, Hiroshima

2. Research project

To attend the zoo university 8 in Hiroshima Asa and do poster presentation

3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)

2018. 3. 21-22 (2 days)

4. Main host researcher and affiliation

Wildlife Research Center

5. Progress and results of your research/activity (You can attach extra pages if needed)

Please insert one or more pictures (to be publicly released). Below each picture, please provide a brief description.

The main purpose to attend this conference was to do poster presentation. I talked about allosuckling behavior in giraffe. Not only students or professors but also vet and old man who goes to zoo often came to listen my presentation. It was a good opportunity to talk about what I have observed in Tanzania to people who have never been there. Additionally, one professor came to listen my presentation, who is studying on captive giraffe for a long time. I could get useful comments which were based on his observation in captivity and which I did not know since I have never observed giraffe in captivity. These comments would be helpful to improve my research.

The thing which I felt happy was two high school girls came to me to ask “how can we do such research in Africa? In which faculty should we go?”. I have never had a chance to talk with junior high or high school students till that time. I was happy to share my experience. We do not have many chance to talk with such young generations, but there should be such opportunities to let them know that there are many choices in the future. This zoo university is a good opportunity to have interaction with such young generation, so I would like to attend the next zoo university too.



Figure 1. Discussion session with oral presenters

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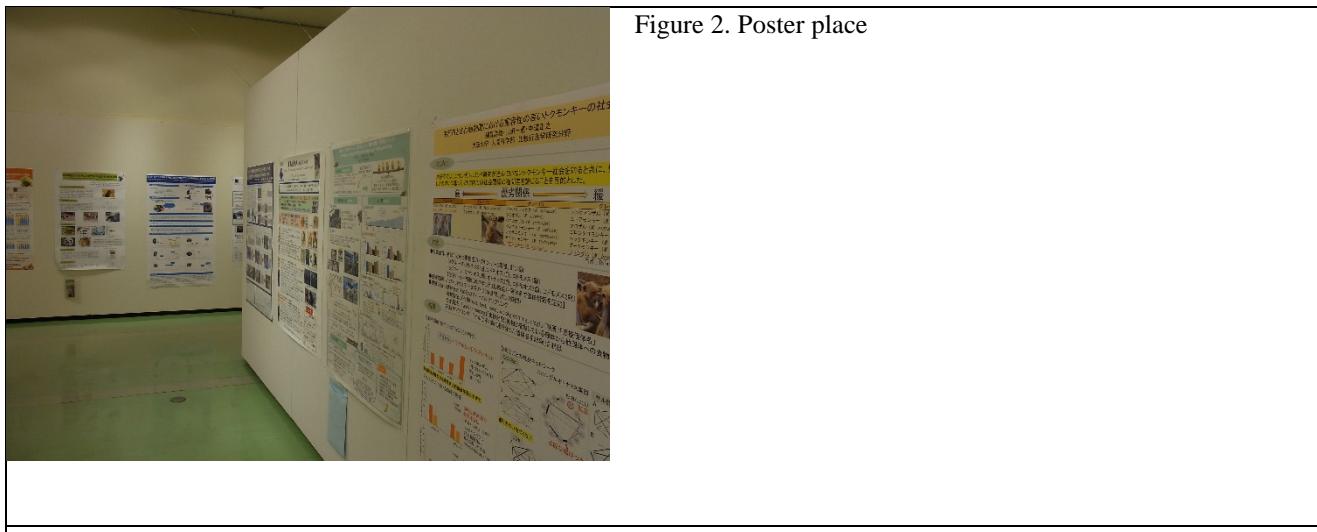


Figure 2. Poster place

6. Others

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the PWS program for supporting me to visit this conference.