

The AAPPS-DPP 1st I-HAC Meeting FY2026

13:00-13:55 Japan time, September 25, 2025

Fukuoka International Conference Center Room 404 and Zoom online meeting

Minute

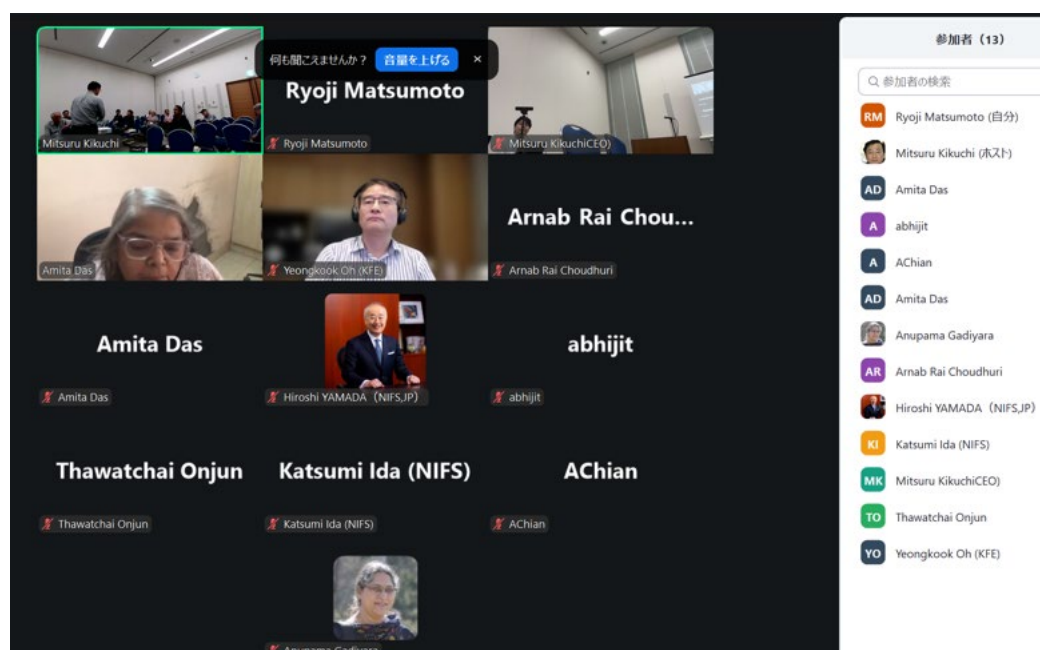
Participants:

I-HAC member (in person): Liu Chen (Chair), Chang Hee Nam (Vice Chair), Patrick Diamond, Taik Soo Hahm, Tomo-Hiko Watanabe, Pisin-Chen, Sylvie Jacquemot, Seong-Hee Park, Masahiro Hoshino, Peter Yoon, Baonian Wan

(online): Abhijit Sen, Amita Das, Abraham Chian, Arnab Rai Choudhuri,

GC Anupama, Yeong Kook OH, Katsumi Ida, Thawatchai Onjun, Hiroshi Yamada

BoD member: Rajdeep Singh Rawat, Mitsuru Kikuchi, Wonho Choe, Ryoji Matsumoto, Masaharu Shiratani



Agenda:

1. Report on AAPPS-DPP2025
2. Discussion

Liu Chen chaired the meeting and welcomed all the members.

1. Report on AAPPS-DPP2025
 - Kikuchi reported that AAPPS-DPP2025 attendance exceeded 800 participants.
 - Kikuchi expressed his appreciation to I-HAC members for recommending female plenary speakers. There were 10 female plenary speakers out of a total of 36.
 - Kikuchi reported that there will be a joint EPS-AAPPS session at next year's EPS Plasma Physics Division (PPD) conference.
 - Kikuchi noted that AAPPS-DPP currently has only one female member on the board of directors and mentioned that it would be very helpful if I-HAC could recommend one more strong, influential female candidate from China, Korea, or Japan.

- Kikuchi reported on the discussions in the GA and BoD meetings regarding hybrid conferences. While hybrid meetings have both advantages and disadvantages, for large conferences most BoD members support holding fully in-person meetings. In-person-only meetings can also help participants secure travel funding.
- Kikuchi asked I-HAC members to provide advice on how to further improve DPP activities.

2. Discussion

- Chang Hee Nam expressed concern about the long daily schedule of the conference (8:30am – 7:00pm). He also suggested that plenary speakers should be encouraged to give good introductory overviews for the audience.
- Kikuchi responded that he provided guidelines to plenary speakers, but each program committee (PC) chair should also remind them to include sufficient introductory material.
- Regarding the daily schedule, Shiratani noted that some international conferences start at 8:00 am and end as late as 11:00pm.
- I-HAC chair (Liu Chen) proposed that he would like to reach a consensus on whether the 8:30 am - 7:00pm schedule is appropriate.
- Rawat suggested allocating more time for parallel sessions by reducing the number of plenary talks in the morning.
- Pat Diamond raised the concern that the allotted time for individual talks has been decreasing.
- Sylvie Jacquemot pointed out that the intervals between talks could be shortened if presentation slides are pre-uploaded.
- Kikuchi mentioned that sessions tend to attract more audience if the conference venue is located close to the hotel.
- Rawat emphasized the need for child-care support if the daily schedule is extended.
- Kikuchi replied that at the Fukuoka conference venue, only health care and emergency services are available; there is no dedicated room for children.
- Shiratani noted that there had been no requests for child-care services. He added that, if requested, it would have been possible to hire child-care persons.
- Wonho Choe replied that he would convey this issue to the AAPPs-DPP2026 LOC.
- Kikuchi proposed that, if I-HAC recommends it and participants agree, it would be better to reduce the number of plenary talks.
- Wonho Choe supported reducing the number of plenary talks and allocating more time for parallel sessions.
- Kikuchi commented that quality control becomes difficult once plenary speakers are nominated by the program committee.
- Pat Diamond pointed out that reducing the number of plenary talks has the risk of losing plenary speakers from outside the major subfields of plasma physics.
- Kikuchi noted that strong plenary candidates, such as Nobel Prize winners, attract more audience, and asked whether recommendations from the Program Committee alone are sufficient.
- Liu Chen proposed to confirm that they have reached a consensus on the 8:30am–7:00pm daily schedule.

- Pisin Chen responded that the schedule would be acceptable if the hotel is near the conference venue, and added that maximizing the number of presentations helps young participants obtain funding.
- Participants, including online participants, agreed to adopt the 8:30am-7:00pm daily schedule.
- Kikuchi reported that there will be two AAPPS-DPP conferences in 2027: one in Harbin, China in September, and another in Hyderabad, India in December. The reason for holding two conferences is that it may be difficult for many Chinese participants to obtain visas for India. He asked whether I-HAC members have any suggestions.
- Amita Das responded that visa issues should be manageable if they start the process six months before the meeting. She requested active participation in AAPPS-DPP2027 in Hyderabad, to be held on 7–11 December 2027.
- Sylvie Jacquemot noted that the IAEA Fusion Energy Conference is scheduled to be held in Korea in October 2027.
- Kikuchi mentioned that holding an AAPPS-DPP conference in India is an important goal, and that the BoD decision to have two conferences in 2027 is a compromise solution.
- There was no strong objection to holding two AAPPS-DPP conferences in 2027.
- Kikuchi reported that the impact factor of Reviews of Modern Plasma Physics (RMPP) is 4.5. He stressed that to increase this value, they need high-quality review articles and recommendations of good authors.
- Liu Chen asked I-HAC members for any ideas or advice.
- Pisin Chen commented that editors should be more active in inviting good reviewers.
- Hoshino proposed creating opportunities for public lectures aimed at general audiences.
- Kikuchi replied that Koga had given a public lecture in Malaysia last year, and Shibata had given a public lecture at the Chengdu conference. He asked the organizers of AAPPS-DPP 2026 to consider including public lectures.
- Baonian Wan noted that in APS there are review talks similar to keynotes, and that such talks could be combined with publication in RMPP.
- Kikuchi mentioned that he expects I-HAC to recommend very strong plenary speakers.
- Liu Chen suggested having a keynote lecture at AAPPS-DPP2026 and inviting the lecturer to write a review article.
- Chang Hee Nam commented that they look forward to AAPPS-DPP2026 and active participation of DPP members.

Since no more items were left to discuss, Liu Chen concluded the I-HAC meeting.

Recorder: Ryoji Matsumoto (Executive Officer)