

## Sendai Conference 2019

### Welcome address



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The inaugural Sendai Conference was held in July, 2011 only 4 months after the Great East Japan Earthquake hit the Tohoku region and since then we have held the meetings seven times. We are pleased to announce that Sendai Conference 2019 will be held in June 29 (Saturday), 2019.

Sendai Conference has invited leading experts in the field of MS, NMOSD and related disorders from across the globe and provided a forum to present the cutting-edge information of the immune-mediated CNS diseases and discuss the relevant issues in English for Japanese neurologists and researchers who have a keen interest in the diseases, especially young clinicians and scientists. As in the past, we are planning invited lectures by distinguished domestic and international speakers, oral and poster presentations by young Japanese researchers and sponsored seminars in this conference.

After deliberations in last year's council meeting, we established Japan Multiple Sclerosis Network (JMSN) and Professor Ichiro Nakashima (Tohoku Medical and Pharmaceutical University) was elected as the chair of the Board of JMSN. JMSN is a non-profit organization for planning and organizing Sendai Conference and for the transparent financial management.

We expect that Sendai Conference will serve as a trigger to stimulate more Japanese neurologists and scientists to present their latest findings in international meetings and to promote research collaborations.

We look forward to welcoming you in Sendai this summer.