

## Greetings

The Sendai Conference was first held in Sendai in 2011 to provide an opportunity for young researchers to present their research in English, while listening to the latest research reports on multiple sclerosis and neuromyelitis optica and interacting with overseas experts. Although there have been some cancellations along the way due to sponsor reasons and the COVID-19 pandemic, this will be the 11th time the event has been held. Initially hosted by the Tohoku University Department of Neurology, the event will be hosted by the Japan Multiple Sclerosis Network (NPO) from 2019, and we have been working to optimize our engagement with pharmaceutical companies. Due to recent restrictions in the industry and other factors, our organization is facing serious financial difficulties, and we have been forced to operate differently in several respects in order to keep the cost of the event down. Specifically, the travel grant will be discontinued, online registration will be discontinued (on-site only), and the reception will be simplified. Nevertheless, we have invited selected experts from overseas to attend this Sendai Conference 2024. Although it may be a burden for many young Japanese participants to present in English, we believe that presentations and discussions in English will become indispensable in the coming global era. This is a unique opportunity for young doctors to interact with experts in Sendai, especially for those who will be competing with the world in the future. We welcome participants from outside Japan. Travel expenses will be borne by the participants, but the registration fee will be waived for participants from outside Japan. We hope to see you in Sendai.

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