

# HIRAKU-Global International Symposium

Developing Researchers to Drive Globally Impactful Research

Monday, January 19th, 2026 | 13:00 – 16:45 JST | Language: English  
TKP Garden City Premium Hiroshimaeki Kitaguchi Hall 3B | Hiroshima, Japan

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

### MARY A. VOYTEK

Ames Research Center, NASA, USA  
Acting Exobiology Branch Chief

### TSUKAMURA HIROKO

Graduate School of Bioagricultural Sciences  
Nagoya University, Japan  
Emeritus Professor/Specially Appointed Professor

## INVITED SPEAKERS

### UMEMURA TOMOTAKA

Hiroshima University  
Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences  
1<sup>st</sup> Cohort HIRAKU-Global Researcher

### HASE EIJI

Tokushima University  
Institute of Post-LED Photonics (PLED)  
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### JEREMY P. BRADSHAW

University of Bath, UK  
HIRAKU-Global Advisory Board Member

### ALASTAIR G. MCEWAN

University of Queensland, Australia  
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## REGISTRATION

Registration Form: <https://tinyurl.com/HGSympoReg>  
Event Website: <https://tinyurl.com/HGIntlSympo>  
Deadline: January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @ 23:59 JST  
Registration Fee: Free



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## ABSTRACT

The HIRAKU-Global International Symposium will feature senior HIRAKU-Global Researchers and Alumni whose research has begun to directly impact society, with a focus on how they have been shaped by their international collaborations. The symposium will also highlight the experiences of more established world-renowned researchers who have had a major hand in developing researchers in Japan and abroad. We hope that HIRAKU-Global becomes the gold standard of how to support developing researchers and look forward to sharing the great things that have been happening in the Chugoku-Shikoku region with the rest of the world

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Proteo-Science Center  
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