

# CURRENT UNDERSTANDINGS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR ALS

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## Monday, November 22

12:00 p.m.	Registration	入場無料
1:15 p.m.	Welcome and Introduction Hitoshi Takahashi (Niigata University, Japan)	多数ご参加ください

### Session 1: What Do We Learn from the Pathology?

1:30 p.m.	<i>Neuropathology of ALS: essential features and emerging profiles</i> Imaharu Nakano (Jichi Medical University, Japan)
2:15 p.m.	<i>Current knowledge of inclusion bodies in ALS</i> Koichi Okamoto (Gunma University Graduate School of Medicine, Japan)
3:00 p.m.	<i>Considering the cellular function from the three-dimensional morphology of cell organelles</i> Tatsuo Ushiki and Daisuke Koga (Niigata University, Japan)
3:45 p.m.	<b>Coffee Break (Poster presentation)</b>
5:00 p.m.	<b>Keynote Lecture</b> <i>Transgenic rat models of ALS and FTLD</i> Xugang Xia (Thomas Jefferson University Medical College, USA)
5:45 p.m.	Q & A

## Tuesday, November 23

### Session 2: Current Understanding and Future Direction for Molecular Pathogenesis

8:30 a.m.	<b>Keynote Lecture</b> <i>The basis for selective neuronal vulnerability in ALS: mechanisms and therapy for ALS</i> Don Cleveland (University of California, San Diego Medical Center, USA)
9:15 a.m.	Q & A
9:30 a.m.	<i>Discovery of optineurin mutations in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis</i> Hideshi Kawakami (Hiroshima University, Japan)
10:15 a.m.	<i>Inefficient GluA2 RNA editing as a cause of slow death of motor neurons</i> Shin Kwak (University of Tokyo, Japan)
11:00 a.m.	<b>Coffee Break (Poster presentation)</b>
11:30 a.m.	<i>Molecular neurobiology of TLS/FUS</i> Toru Takumi (Hiroshima University, Japan)
12:15 p.m.	<i>A role of glial cells in familial and sporadic ALS</i> Koji Yamanaka (RIKEN BSI, Japan)
1:00 p.m.	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Osamu Onodera (Niigata University, Japan)

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