

Asian Chemical Biology Initiative 2026 Chiang Mai Meeting

Meeting Venue

Kantary Hills Hotel Chiang Mai
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Friday, January 30, 2026

- 18:30 Arrive anytime on January 30 & Enjoy free time
Departure for Dinner Networking
Please get together at the hotel lobby and walk to the dinner venue
- 19:00 **Dinner Networking @ KIEW-KAI-KA (ACBI Members Only)**
The Michelin-starred Northern Thai Seafood restaurant that Chiangmai University professors highly recommend. About a 10-minute walk from the hotel.
<https://www.chiangmaicitylife.com/citylife-places/kiew-kai-ka/>
- 21:00 End of Day 1

Saturday, January 31, 2026

- 8:00 **Welcome to ACBI Chiang Mai Meeting (Uesugi, Kyoto)**
(Venue: Doi Nang Room, First Floor)

The goal of the scientific session is to stimulate collaboration among participants. The scientific sessions are completely closed under a confidential agreement. Presentations will be kept strictly confidential, and abstracts will not be provided. Please give a presentation focusing on ONE particular ongoing or unpublished research project in your research group. Please avoid showcasing multiple past achievements. No need to acknowledge the organizers at the beginning of the presentation. Please leave at least 1 min for Q&A.

Scientific Session 1 (Doi Nang Room, First Floor)

Chairs: Ho Jeong Kwon (Yonsei), Micha Fridman (Tel Aviv), Midori Arai (Keio)

- 8:12 Young-Tae Chang (POSTECH)
8:24 Kazuya Kikuchi (Osaka)
8:36 Takeaki Ozawa (Tokyo)
8:48 Jun-Seok Lee (Seoul)
9:00 Yuval Ebenstein (Tel Aviv)
9:12 Xin Zhang (Westlake)
9:24 Tasuku Hirayama (Gifu)
9:36 Dan Yang (Westlake)
9:48 Jay Chanat Aonbangkhen (Chulalongkorn)
10:00 Doron Shabat (Tel Aviv)
10:12 Bengang Xing (PolyU)
10:24 Fan Zhang (Fudan)

10:36-11:00 **Coffee Break**

Scientific Session 2 (Venue: Doi Nang Room, First Floor)

Chairs: Sandeep Verma (IIT), Dan Yang (Westlake), Jay Chanut Aonbangkhen (Chulalongkorn)

11:00 Shi-Zhong Luo (BUCT)
 11:12 Youhei Sohma (Wakayama Med)
 11:24 Yuki Goto (Kyoto)
 11:36 Ja-Hyoung Ryu (UNIST)
 11:48 Hideaki Kakeya (Kyoto)
 12:00 Chayasith Tao Uttamapinant (VISTEC)
 12:12 Eylon Yavin (Hebrew)
 12:24 Midori Arai (Keio)
 12:36 Go Hirai (Kyushu)
 12:48 Yan-Mei Li (Tsinghua)

13:00-14:00 **Networking Lunch** (ACBI Members Only)
 Special Thai Lunch @ Party Room

Scientific Session 3 (Venue: Doi Nang Room, First Floor)

Chairs: Hyun-Suk Lim (POSTECH), Minoru Yoshida (RIKEN)

14:00 Ming-Wei Wang (SIDSSE)
 14:12 Dehua Yang (CAS)
 14:24 Sun Choi (Ewha)
 14:36 Govindaraju Thimmaiah (JNCASR)
 14:48 Sandeep Verma (IIT)

15:00-15:30 **Coffee Break**
Please individually discuss any potential collaborations during this coffee break

Scientific Session 4 (Venue: Doi Nang Room, First Floor)

Chairs: Mikiko Sodeoka (RIKEN), Yan-Mei Li (Tsinghua)

15:30 Qian Zhao (PolyU)
 15:42 Masaki Kita (Nagoya)
 15:54 Fumi Nagatsugi (Tohoku)
 16:06 Jiranan Chotitumnavee (Mahidol)
 16:18 Masaya Imoto (Juntendo)

16:30 **Free Time and End of Day 2**
We encourage you to explore Chiang Mai's charming old town before dinner. The dinner venue is located on the other side of the old town, reachable on foot or by taxi. Please enjoy your free time and be sure to arrive at the networking dinner on time.

19:00 **Networking Dinner @ La Terrasse (ACBI Members Only)**
 A French-owned house-style restaurant on the other side of the old town. La Terrasse has been Chiang Mai's favorite spot for authentic French cuisine. Chef Jean welcomes you to enjoy rustic breads, charcuterie, grilled meats, seafood, fine cheeses, and wines in a relaxed setting. Beloved by locals, expatriates, and visitors alike, it's the perfect place to unwind after a conference day. Bon appétit!
<https://www.laterrasse-chiangmai.com/menu>

Sunday, February 1, 2026

The goal of the Thai session is to establish a mutually beneficial and long-lasting relationship between ACBI and Thailand's scientific community.

Thai Session (Venue: Doi Nang Room, First Floor)

Chair: Takeaki Ozawa (Tokyo)

8:00 TBA
8:05 TBA
8:10 TBA

Scientific Session 5 (Venue: Doi Nang Room, First Floor)

Chairs: Bengang Xing (PolyU), Takayoshi Suzuki (Osaka)

8:20 Ho Jeong Kwon (Yonsei)
8:32 Minoru Yoshida (RIKEN)
8:44 Ganesh Pandian Namasivayam (Kyoto)
8:56 Liyun Zhang (Nankai)
9:08 Shinya Hagihara (RIKEN)
9:20 Micha Fridman (Tel Aviv)
9:32 Zou Peng (Peking)
9:44 Akio Ojida (Kyushu)
9:56 Xiaoguang Lei (Peking)

10:08-10:30 **Coffee Break**

Scientific Session 6 (Venue: Doi Nang Room, First Floor)

Chairs: Eylon Yavin (Hebrew), Jun-Seok Lee (Seoul)

10:30 Mikiko Sodeoka (RIKEN)
10:42 Amir Goldbourt (Tel Aviv)
10:54 Takayoshi Suzuki (Osaka)
11:06 Fumika Yakushiji (Nagasaki)
11:18 Hyun-Suk Lim (POSTECH)
11:30 Hiroyuki Nakamura (Science Tokyo)
11:42 YongXiang Chen (Tsinghua)
11:54 Jing Yu (Tsinghua)
12:06 Motonari Uesugi (Kyoto)

Student Registration & Lunch (Party Room)

12:15-13:15 Networking Lunch (Complimentary for Local Students and Professors)

Tutorials for Chemical Biology (Venue: Doi Luang Room, Second Floor)

13:30 Introduction to Chemical Biology (M. Uesugi, Kyoto U)
13:40 Bioimaging 1 (Y. Chang, POSTECH)
13:50 Bioimaging 2 (T. Ozawa, U Tokyo)
14:00 Chemical Genetics (X. Lei, Peking U)
14:10 Study Chemical Biology Abroad (Pattaporn, Khon Kaen U)

Interview of Local Student Candidates (Venue: Doi Luang Room, Second Floor)*PI & Students*

14:30	Interview Session 1
14:45	Interview Session 2
15:00	Interview Session 3
15:15	Interview Session 4

15:30-16:00 **Coffee Break**

16:00	Interview Session 5
16:15	Interview Session 6
16:30	Interview Session 7
16:45	Interview Session 8

17:00 **End of Day 3**

Departure or Free time

The meeting venue is located in Chiang Mai's lively Nimman area, known for its trendy cafés, international restaurants, boutique shops, and vibrant nightlife. Around the venue, you'll find many dining options to suit all tastes. On Sunday evening, the famous Old Town Night Market is also worth a visit. If you are not joining the Chiang Mai University visit on Monday, you can catch a night returning flight.

Monday, February 2, 2026**9:00-11:00 Visit to Chiang Mai University**

Please meet at the hotel lobby at 9:00 AM to walk together to the College of Pharmacy, Chiang Mai University. Hotel checkout time is 12:00 noon. We will return to the hotel by 11:00 AM, giving you enough time to check out before heading to the airport for afternoon flights.

Registration Fees

- Meeting Attendees from ACBI, Israel, and Thailand: USD 300/person
- Accompanying Persons: USD 150/person
- Free invitation for Thai Session speakers

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