

International Field Conference and Workshop on
Tephrochronology, Volcanism and Human Activity

Active Tephra in Kyushu, 2010

Kirishima (Kagoshima Prefecture), South Kyushu, JAPAN, May 10-17, 2010

Dear colleagues,

The inter-congress meeting of the INQUA International Focus Group on Tephrochronology and Volcanism (INTAV) will be held in Kirishima City, Kagoshima Prefecture, South Kyushu, JAPAN, May 10-17, 2010. This international field conference and workshop maintains the long tradition of very successful inter-INQUA tephra meetings held previously by SCOTAV (including in the USA, New Zealand, France and Canada) over the past 18 years. The next inter-congress meeting, entitled "Active Tephra in Kyushu, 2010" facilitates not only an opportunity for the presentation and discussion of the latest advances in tephra studies, but also provides an exceptional insight into the interactive history of volcanism, human activity and palaeoenvironment, and Kyushu Island is an ideal location for this purpose. The conference venue, the small city of Kirishima, lies adjacent to a beautiful national park and is known for its active volcanoes, volcanic lakes, and hot springs. The currently active volcano of Sakurajima is nearby. The organizing committee warmly invites colleagues and friends around the world to join us and attend the field conference and workshop in May, 2010.

Persons interested in attending the symposium are kindly asked to fill in the FIRST CIRCULAR REPLY form and return it before September 30, 2009, to the chairman via email (intav-jp@ris.ac.jp), fax (+81-48-539-1640), or via normal mailing address:

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Detailed information about travel options, accommodation, registration, and submission of abstracts will be provided in the **SECOND CIRCULAR**, which will be available in August 2009.

Preliminary arrangements for the field conference and workshop

1. Schedule

May 10, 2010:	Registration, papers
May 11, 2010:	Papers, half-day excursion
May 12, 2010:	One-day excursion
May 13, 2010:	One-day excursion
May 14, 2010:	Workshops, papers, and closing ceremony



2. Post-conference excursion (May 15-17, 2010)

We are planning a 3-day post-conference field excursion. Details are still under consideration but a wide range of volcanic landscapes and deposits, including rhyolitic, andesitic and basaltic tephra, will be seen along with exceptional archaeological, palaeoenvironmental and cultural features relating to Kyushu's long history. The tentative excursion route is as follows: Kirishima City in Kagoshima, Kakuto Basin (Middle Pleistocene caldera), Hitoyoshi Basin, Aso Caldera, Unzen in Shimabara Peninsula, Nagasaki, Fukuoka.

3. Access to the meeting will be straightforward with major airports at Kagoshima and Fukuoka, and train and bus services are also available throughout Kyushu Island and other parts of Japan. Kirishima City is adjacent to the main Kagoshima airport and is on the main railway system.

Organizing committee

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