

**IRUG15 Conference & Workshop
Tokyo, Japan
26 - 29 September 2023!**



The [Tokyo University of the Arts](#) (Geidai), [Tokyo National Research Institute for Cultural Properties](#) (Tobunken), and Infrared and Raman Users Group ([IRUG](#)) are excited to confirm the **15th IRUG International Conference (and Workshop on Reflectance Infrared Spectroscopy)** on **26 - 29 September 2023, in Tokyo, Japan.**

We are delighted to announce that **Dr. James A. de Haseth** will be presenting a keynote lecture covering aspects of the theory and challenges of reflectance mode infrared spectroscopy. Dr. de Haseth is an Emeritus Professor of Chemistry at the University of Georgia and co-author of the classic reference *Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrometry*.

The IRUG15 conference will be held from Tuesday morning to Friday afternoon, 26 - 29 September, interspersed by the **workshop**, focusing on **reflectance infrared data acquisition, processing, and interpretation**, on Wednesday, **27 September**. **Dr. Marcello Picollo**, Senior Researcher, IFAC-CNR, Italy, will lead the workshop, Workshop participants will be limited to 15 by application (see Workshop Registration Form). Delegates not attending the workshop will be free to explore the delights of the great city of Tokyo on that day.

Visits to the studios and laboratories at Geidai and Tobunken and local museums, such as the Tokyo National Museum and Museum of Western Art will be offered to delegates as part of the conference activities. Logistical information, hotel suggestions, etc., will be posted shortly.

It would not be possible to organize IRUG15 without modest attendance fees. These have been set at **US\$200** (early bird **US\$150**) for professionals and **US\$50** (**US\$40** early bird) for full-time students, and an additional **US\$50** for attending the workshop. If the registration fee is a serious barrier to your attendance, please write us, and we will investigate if a discount or remission may be applied in your circumstance. Attendance at the conference will be limited to 100 delegates and the workshop will be limited to 15 participants.

If you would like to present a paper or poster at the conference or are just keen to attend, please drop us a line at IRUG15@ml.geidai.ac.jp and complete the registration. Papers and posters are invited on **all aspects of IR and Raman spectroscopies and their application to the study of cultural heritage**. Submissions on **reflectance mode** or **ATR** techniques, and work on **Asian cultural heritage**, are particularly encouraged. Abstracts (preferably in Word, of up to 1000 words or so) should be sent to us at the IRUG15 email.

The **abstract submission deadline has been extended to 15 April**, just 4 weeks away!

Given the impact of the financial crisis on many cultural heritage institutions, we will be accepting a small number of papers for virtual presentation (with a live Q&A session with all speakers, whether physically or virtually present, following the presentations).

We look forward to welcoming you to the conference in September!

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