

Satoko Matoba has been working as a chief of Applied Animal Reproduction Technology Team, Animal Production Science Division, National Livestock Breeding Center head-office (NLBC), Japan since 2020. Satoko received a BS in animal science from Kitasato University, Japan, and had initiated having an interest for in vitro embryo production and embryo transfer in cattle. After graduation, she joined the Division of Research, Development and Application of Bovine Reproduction for Accelerated Genetic Improvement in NLBC as a first holder of national licenses for embryo transfer, including in vitro embryo production in cattle, and had worked Beef and Dairy Cattle Stations and the head-office in NLBC. Then, she had a chance of working in Institute of Livestock and Grassland Science, National Agriculture and Food Research Organization (NARO), Japan from 2012 to 2020. Her work was funded by NLBC for research in University College Dublin (UCD), Ireland, from 2008 to 2010 and received PhD of animal science focused on the bovine oocyte developmental competence under the supervision of Professors Pat Lonergan and Trudee Fair from UCD in 2013.

Satoko is now focusing on research and education of applied reproduction, for the development OPU-IVP procedure including improvement of OPU devices, oocyte developmental competence and kinetics, genomic evaluation by blastomeres in calf and cow. She has supervised a numerous of domestic and international trainees such as local governmental researchers, students, researchers from developing countries supported by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in the field of bovine reproduction.

Her first attendance of the IETS annual meeting is in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil in 2001. After that, she participated in Portland, Oregon, in 2004; Kyoto (her hometown), Japan, in 2007; and San Diego, California, from 2009 to the present, except for the COVID-19 pandemic period. During those years, she contributed as an abstract reviewer and a section editor, and importantly served as a trustee of the IETS Foundation Board for 2015-2020 including a chair of the poster competition. She has also sometimes joined the meetings of the Data Retrieval Committee and the partner societies as a representative of the Japanese Embryo Technology Society (JETS).

She has been active members of the JETS and the Hokkaido Bovine Embryo Technology Society, Japan (HBETS) (both are the partner societies of the IETS) for many years, serving as the board member of the JETS since 2017. She has been also a member of the Society for Reproduction and Development (SRD), served as a council member and also a member of the organizing committee for the 20th International Congress on Animal Reproduction (ICAR 2026, Obihiro, Japan).

She has great interests to contribute as a board member of IETS with her research interests and educational experiences obtained at scientific societies consisted of basic researchers, governmental applied scientists, and practitioners in particularly Japan and Asia, including through ex-trainee.