

## Governor Nominee

### Kazuhiro Kikuchi, PhD (Japan)



Kazuhiro Kikuchi is a research leader at the Institute of Agrobiological Sciences, National Agriculture and Food Research Organization (NARO), in Tsukuba, Japan. He graduated with an MS from Azabu University in 1989 and had a position as a researcher at the National Institute of Agrobiological Resources, in the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. His research themes have been cryopreservation of genetic resources (gametes and embryos) under the National Genebank Project and in vitro production (IVP) of pig embryos with Takashi (Taku) Nagai for more than 30 years. Kikuchi's greatest accomplishment has been piglet production after transfer of IVP embryos with Naomi Kashiwazaki in 2002, which enabled other advances, such as somatic nuclear transfer, intracytoplasmic injections, and gonadal tissue xenotransplantation in his recent publications with others. His first attendance of an IETS annual meeting was at Bournemouth, United Kingdom, in 1992. Since then, he has made many friends and been impressed with the IETS meetings. Kikuchi has previously been a section editor for the abstract books. As an IETS governor, he would like to bring his power in Asia to the society. He has many Asian friends and colleagues in many countries including Korea, China, Taiwan, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, Philippines, Indonesia, and Australia. Use of embryo technology is important in Asia today and will be more important in the future. He would promote IETS internationally with his close worldwide friends.

Kikuchi received his PhD degree from the University of Tokyo in 1999 and received the Scientific Award from the Japanese Society of Animal Reproduction (the Society for Reproduction and Development) in 2003. His other activities include the following: visiting professor at The United Graduate School of Veterinary Science, Yamaguchi University; director of the Society for Reproduction and Development; director of the Japanese Society of Animal Science; editor-in-chief of the *Animal Science Journal*; editor of the *Journal of Reproduction and Development*; editorial board member of *Theriogenology*; and editorial board member of *Reproduction in Domestic Animals*.