**Preface** 

## The 44th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society for Biomedical Mass Spectrometry

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The 44th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society for Biomedical Mass Spectrometry (JSBMS) was held on September 12 and 13, 2018, at the WINC Aichi, Nagoya, Japan. The program comprised 1 plenary lecture, 1 special lecture, 3 symposia with 15 presentations, 77 poster presentations, 1 technology forum with 7 presentations, and 1 luncheon seminar. We had an exciting plenary lecture by Prof. Xinrong ZHANG (Tsinghua University) entitled "Method Development for Single-Cell Metabolic Analysis".

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The 45th Annual Meeting and the 1st International Symposium of JSBMS and MSACL (Mass Spectrometry & Applications to the Clinical Lab) will be held on September 18 and 19, 2020, organized by Professor Masaya IKEGAWA (Doshisha University). I am looking forward to seeing you in Kyoto and exchanging the information of medical mass spectrometry.

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