

IPRC CELEBRATES 10 YEARS!

To celebrate completion of 10 years of research achievements, the IPRC held a special anniversary version of its annual symposium on May 5 and 6, 2008, at the East-West Center. The symposium opened with a welcome by Interim Director **Kevin Hamilton**, followed by a message from the Consul General of Japan **Toshio Kunikata** delivered by Consul **Yukie Kawai**, and remarks by JAMSTEC Executive Director **Kiyoshi Suyehiro**, NASA Program Manager **Eric Lindstrom**, and UH Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education **Gary Ostrander**.

Professor **Toshio Yamagata** from the University of Tokyo then spoke on “IPRC viewed from its prehistory— Success produces new challenges.” Yamagata was a major force in the founding of the IPRC and has been a steadfast supporter through its lifetime. For the opening of the second day of the symposium, University of Maryland Professor **Antonio Busalacchi**, long-time chair of the IPRC Scientific Advisory Committee, gave his retrospective on IPRC accomplishments and the impact that IPRC science has made on climate research.

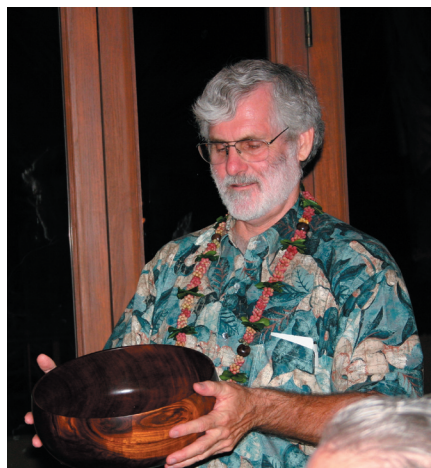


(Front) Kiyoshi Suyehiro, Jay McCreary, Toshio Yamagata, Eric Lindstrom, Lorenz Magaard; (back) H. Annamalai, Jim Potemra, Antonio Busalacchi, Kevin Hamilton, and Brian Taylor.

For the remainder of the symposium, IPRC scientists presented highlights of their research, many with a historical perspective showing the advances they had made over their years at the IPRC in understanding a particular aspect of the climate system.

In honor of Jay McCreary’s years of leadership and Toshio Yamagata’s 60th birthday, a reception and dinner at the Halekulani Hotel ended the first day of the symposium.

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Dinner celebration: Antonio Busalacchi giving a toast, Jay McCreary receiving a koa bowl and Toshio Yamagata a koa paddle from the IPRC.



IPRC Holds Open House for 10-Year Celebration!



The International Pacific Research Center held an Open House for the public, on May 9, 2008, in conjunction with its 10-year celebration of scientific achievements. Nearly forty homeschooled students and their parents came to see demonstrations of the Magic Planet, a smaller version of the NOAA Science On a Sphere.

Leon Geschwind, who gives Science On a Sphere demonstrations at the Bishop Museum, conducted the Magic Planet sessions at the IPRC. He gave a presentation on the solar system, showing spacecraft images of the planets and their moons, and he displayed animations from models of climate-change projections, including one that shows how much of Waikiki could be under water with a 3-foot sea level rise.

The students ranged in age from kindergarten to college. They, as well as their parents, were fascinated by the images displayed on the Magic Planet and asked many questions about the animations.

