Dr. Yoshiki Horikawa was awarded the Poster Award at the 25th Cellulase Society of Japan

On 15 October 2011, Dr. Yoshiki Horikawa was awarded the Poster Award at the 25th Cellulase Society of Japan for his poster presentation "Developing the pretreatment of cellulose for overcoming the ceiling of its enzymatic saccharification" in Tsuchiura, Japan.

Assistant Professor Suyako Tazuru was awarded the Paper Award for young scientist of Japan Society for Scientific Studies of Cultural Properties

Dr. Suiyako Tazuru was awarded Paper Award for young scientist of Japan Society for Scientific Studies of Cultural Properties for her Japanese article "Wood identification of wooden cultural properties using synchrotron radiation X-ray tomography (SR X-ray µCT)" published on *Kokogaku to Shizen-kagaku* (*Archeology and Natural Science*) **62**, p.1-11 (2011), coauthored with Junji Sugiyama and Katsuhiko Koze.

Dr. Rie Takada was awarded the Poster Prize at the 25th Conference of Cellulase Research Association

Dr. Rie Takada (Laboratory of Biomass Conversion) was awarded the Poster prize for her paper titled "Binding analysis of cellulose on lignin and cellulase" coauthored with Dr. Koichi Yoshioka and Prof. Takashi Watanabe at the 25th Conference of Cellulase Research Association held in Inashiki, Ibaraki, Japan on 15th October 2011.

Dr. Ms. Misao YOKOYAMA was awarded the Poster award at the 62th Japan wood research society Conference

Dr. Ms. Misao YOKOYAMA was awarded the poster award for her engaged study of "Evaluation of wood aging by using aged wood from Japanese historical buildings X: Aging effect on the wood cell wall" at the 62th Japan wood research society Conference, in March 2012.

Associate Professor Kenji Umemura was awarded the Ichikawa Prize by Wood Technological Association of Japan

On 12th October 2011, Associate Professor Kenji Umemura was awarded the Ichikawa Prize for his research entitled "Development of wood adhesion technology using citric acid" at the 29the Annual Meeting of Wood Technological Association of Japan.

Dr. Miyuki Matsuo was awarded the Poster Award at International Symposium of the Wood Culture and Science Kyoto 2011

On 8th August 2011, Dr. Miyuki Matsuo was awarded the Poster Award for her poster presentation entitled "Color changes in wood, paper and their components during natural aging and heat treatment: evaluation and application" at International Symposium of the Wood Culture and Science Kyoto 2011.

Mr. Akihito Nagahama was awarded IEEE MTT-S Kansai Chapter Best Young Presentation Award

Mr. Akihito Nagahama (Graduate School of Engineering) was awarded IEEE MTT-S (Microwave Theory and Techniques Society) Kansai Chapter Best Young Presentation Award for his paper titled "Study on a Microwave Power Transmission System for a Mars Observation Airplane" at the 4th Kansai Microwave Meeting for Young Engineers held in Kansai University, Osaka, on June 25, 2011.

Mr. Hajime Fukuhara was awarded the IEEE Kansai Section Student Award 2012

Mr. Hajime Fukuhara (Graduate School of Engineering) was awarded the IEEE Kansai Section Student Award for his paper titled "Toward a waveform receiver on a chip dedicated to plasma wave instrument onboard scientific spacecraft" at the IEEE Aerospace Conference held in Montana, USA, March 2011.

Mr. Yasumasa Ashida was awarded the Student paper Award in the Japan Society for Aeronautical and space sciences

Mr. Yasumasa Ashida (Graduate School of Engineering) was awarded the student paper award for his paper titled "Study on the numerical model for estimating the thrust of the magnetic sail" at the Japan Society for Aeronautical and space sciences held in Ehime, Japan, November 2011.