

## *Editorial*

This is the 31st edition of the Photon Factory (PF) Activity Report, and covers scientific activities for the Japanese fiscal year 2013 (April 2013 to March 2014). The report is divided into two parts. PART A summarizes scientific highlights achieved by users, newly developed experimental facilities including beamlines and experimental apparatuses, topical in-house research activities, research and development of storage rings and an energy recovery linac based future light source, reports of public events, and an outline of the organization of the PF. PART B presents a number of users' short reports and a list of research proposals.

For the past several editions we have promoted the electronic distribution of the PF Activity Report. Accordingly, the List of Awards, Theses and Publications in the Appendices of PART A and the entire contents of PART B are published on the PF's website at <http://pfwww.kek.jp/publications/acrpubl.html>.

In this volume we made several changes to the process of editing users' reports. One major change is that we decided to accept reports throughout the year and upload them one by one on the website after a quick check by our staff. We hope that this new editing policy will promote faster distribution of research results to the broad scientific community.

Finally, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of those who have contributed to this volume.

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