Following the 60th Annual Meeting in Hakodate last year, a pitch contest for young researchers co-sponsored by the Biophysical Society of Japan will be held at the 61st Annual Meeting in Nagoya this year. The aim of this contest is to create more opportunities for interaction and collaboration between academia and industry, as researchers who want to contribute their research findings to society will present their research and ideas to sponsoring companies. Building on last year's "Biophysical Society Pitch Contest", the 61st Annual Meeting will seek participation from Biophysical Society-sponsored companies and will conduct a pitch contest project in collaboration with poster presentations.

Details of the special project, 2nd Pitch Contest, are as follows:

Date and Time: November 14th (Tue), held during the morning symposium

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The flow of the pitch contest (scheduled) is as follows:

- Researchers will pitch their research appeal to the industrial sector in a short presentation format lasting 90 seconds (approximately 50 people, by advance registration)

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- Participating companies who have applied in advance will attend the poster presentations of the presenters along with their pitch, and discussions will be held on the spot. Based on the results of both, each participating company will decide which researcher to award their company prizes to.

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- Each company prize will be announced and presented at the closing ceremony of the annual meeting.

Researchers who are interested in releasing their research findings in some form to society and companies seeking opportunities to collaborate with researchers are encouraged to participate. Although presentations will generally be made in Japanese, English is also acceptable. Details of the recruitment and plan will be announced on the Biophysical Society website and other sources as soon as they are decided.

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