

Project Leader's Corner

First Edition of IFERC Newsletter

It is our pleasure to inform that IFERC Project Team (IFERC PT) opened our official web site on 12 August (URL: <http://www.iferc.org>). The purpose of this web site is to announce IFERC activities to researchers in the fusion field so that they can obtain up-to-date information on IFERC Project and take part in this project timely.

While the period of the IFERC Project is from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2011, this year, 2011, will be the last year of the preparatory works. Completing almost all the essential works such as installation of the supercomputer in CSC, preparation of licensing and key-equipments for radioisotopes and beryllium in DEMO R&D by the end of 2011, we will start more practical researches from 2012. This shift from preparatory research works to more actual ones is brought by the continuous and intensive collaborative efforts among not only EU-IA (implementing Agency), JA-IA and IFERC PT but also EU and JA fusion societies. Thanks to the efforts, IAs and IFERC PT could overcome the difficulties in preparation caused by the terrible disaster of the large earthquake and severe accidents of the nuclear power plants in Japan and kept the IFERC activities in high level.

This is the first step of the IFERC web site and the contents will be enriched step by step. We hope this site becomes useful for announcing up-to-date IFERC activities to researchers in the fusion field, and also wish this site makes IFERC Project more activated.

